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HOW TO PLAY

JOUST

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Joust is a game based in part off of chess. In Joust two knights face each other at opposing ends of a normal chess board. Each player makes a move in standard knight fashion (2 spaces either left or right while 1 up or down, or 1 space either left or right while 2 up or down). As a knight is moved to a new location on the board the previous location is removed from the board and is no longer a valid position for either knight to move to. As the game continues there are fewer and fewer locations on the board to move to and the first knight which can not make a valid move loses. Ofcourse there is the possibility for a knight to actually capture (land on) the opposing knight in which case the opposing knight loses.

In Joust it is important who moves first and who moves second because player 1's strategy is different than player 2's strategy. While player 1 is trying to maneuver player 2 into a position where player 2 no longer has any moves player 2 is trying to maneuver player 1 into a position to be captured. Only player 2 has the advantage to capture player 1. Which is not to say that it is impossible for player 1 to capture player 2, but rather player 2 has the advantage when it comes to capturing. Player 1 on the other hand has the advantage of pushing player 2 into a corner where player 2 has no more valid moves. Again, this is not to say that player 2 couldn't win by forcing player 1 to a position where player 1 would ultimately run out of moves. Player 1 just has the advantage when maneuvering player 2 into a dead end location. So it could be said that player 2 is good at capturing while player 1 is good at dead-ending his/her opponent. You are encouraged to design your own strategies apart from the basic advantages given by who goes first and who goes second. It is much like chess where white is considered the offense and black the defense. Many a chess match has been won by black being aggressive and white being defensive. So although Player 1 and Player 2 have their advantages this is not the end-all to know-all about Joust. There are limitless strategies.

This rather simply designed game has the characteristics of all simple but challenging games. It is very addictive and pitting your wits up against a suitable opponent offers no greater sense of victory. Joust sets this game in a nice graphical backdrop emphasizing those pieces which are no longer available to move to because you can see a spinning chasm eagerly awaiting the stumbling knight to fall to his death. Watching the computer play itself is the best way to learn the basics of the game. Playing the computer is a great way to sharpen your skills and to test out new strategies. But, to become a master at Joust you must find other human minds to compete against. Good luck.

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