

THE RULE OF THE SIX STEPS TO ANALYZE POSITIONS

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1) POSITIONAL ANALYSIS

- The Method suggested by the World Champion Anatoly Karpov can be used:
 - 1) Position of the King
 - 2) Material
 - 3) Threats (for the two sides)
 - 4) Open Lines (Queen, Rook, Bishop)
 - 5) Structure of Pawns (Islands, Weakness)
 - 6) Space Advantage (Domain Center)
 - 7) Development Advantage (Initiative)

2) PREPARATION OF THE PLAN

- After properly assessing the position, we must establish the corresponding relationships and links, establishing priorities, using the known patterns (**intuition**) and set a plan to follow, in each case should know the typical games of each Openings and Defenses.

3) CHOICE OF CANDIDATES MOVES

- This method proposed by Alexander Kotov in his book "Think like a Grand Master" takes into account the previous steps and *establishes the search for 2-3 plays that have a direct relationship with the elaborated Plan*, must be flexible in positions where there are unique plays or positions with short, medium and long-term plans.

4) CALCULATION OF CANDIDATES MOVES

It is key to consider all the possible threats in the position as well as the Resources both defensive and counterattack of our opponent , *the depth of the calculation depends on the type of position*, it is essential to reach a conclusion at the end of each position as well as not repeat the same line many times because it generates confusion and insecurity.

5) CHOICE OF THE MOVE AND MAKE IT ON THE BOARD

- *After having calculated the best resources for both players you must choose the best move, the one that we think generates the most practical problems, our style of play influences as well as other factors such as the Tournament Type, the Round, in any case it is necessary to properly manage the Clock*

6) FEEDBACK

- *After making our move we must remain calm and learn to use efficiently the time of the opponent, establishing new assessments, reviewing general details of the Plan and return to Step 1 after our Rival makes his move on the Board where we must review previously established.*