

Ultima (Baroque Chess)

Players 2

Length 30–180 minutes

Equipment one standard piecepack

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Description

Ultima is chess variant invented by Robert Abbot and published in Recreational Mathematics Magazine in August 1962 under the name Baroque chess.

Setup

Ultima is played on a 8 by 8 board made with 16 tile backs. Have each player sit across from each other and give each player all the pieces of two suits (i.e. “astronomical” versus “power” suits or “dark” versus “light” suits) and place them as in Figure ??.

External Links

- boardgamegeek.com/boardgame/25343
- www.chessvariants.com/other.dir/ultima.html
- en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baroque_chess

Credits

Game design: Traditional, adapted by Trevor L. Davis

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Figure 1: Ultima starting diagram