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Overview

Golf is a challenging solitaire card game. The playing area is divided into three main regions: the seven stacks of cards located at the top of the playing area, the deck located in the bottom-left corner of the playing area, and the discard pile located to the right of the deck. The object of the game is to play all the cards from the top stacks down to the discard pile.

When the game begins, the top card in the deck is faceup on the discard pile. You can play any card from the top of a stack down to the discard pile if its rank is either one higher or one lower than the rank of the top card on the discard pile. For example, you can play a 10 onto a 9, or a 4 onto a 5. There are two exceptions to this rule: only a 2 can be played onto an Ace, and no card can be played onto a King.

The top card of the deck may also be played to the discard pile. The number of cards remaining in the deck is indicated by the counter in the lower-left corner of the playing area.

Play ends when all cards in the top seven stacks have been moved to the discard pile or when the deck is exhausted.

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Playing the Game

The object of Golf is to move all the cards from the top seven stacks to the discard pile. The following section explains how to play the game.

To Start a New Game:

- From the Game menu, choose New, or press F2.

To Move a Card from the Stacks:

- Point to the card, and click the left mouse button.

To Turn Over the Top Card in the Deck:

- Point to the deck, and click the left mouse button.

Note: You can also turn over the top card in the deck by clicking the right mouse button anywhere in the playing area.

To Back Up a Move:

- From the Game menu, choose Backup, or press the BACKSPACE key.

Related Topics

- ◆ [Rules of the Game](#)
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Rules of the Game

Golf Rules:

- Golf has three game areas:
- The deck in the lower-left corner of the playing area.
- Seven stacks of five cards each at the top of the playing area.
- The discard pile at the bottom of the playing area.
- The game begins with the first card in the deck faceup on the discard pile.
- You can move the top card from any of the seven stacks to the discard pile if it is either one higher or one lower in rank than the top card on the discard pile.
Note: There are two exceptions to this rule. You cannot move any cards to the discard pile if the top card is a King. You can only move a 2 to the discard pile if the top card is an Ace.
- You can turn over the top card in the deck and move it to the top of the discard pile.
- The game is over when all cards from the top seven stacks have been played or when there are no cards remaining in the deck and no cards can be moved from the stacks to the discard pile.

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Scoring

Golf scoring is simple. Your score is the number of cards remaining in the stacks at the end of the game.

Golf keeps a record of all previous game scores. To display the record, choose Record from the Game menu.

Game Menu Commands

New

Starts a new game of Golf.

You can start a new game at any time, even in the middle of a game.

Backup

Backs up one move.

You can continue to back up until you reach the beginning of the game.

Record

Displays the scores from previous games.

Exit

Exits Golf.

You can exit at any time, even in the middle of a game.

Options Menu Commands

Deck

Changes the design on your pack of cards.

- ◆ To change the card design, select one of the cards in the Deck dialog box, and then choose OK.

Messages

Displays an error message when you attempt an illegal move. A check mark beside the command name indicates the command is active.

How to Play

This section contains information about how to play Golf.

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Commands

This section contains information about the menu commands in Golf.

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Strategy and Hints

This section contains helpful hints for playing Golf successfully.

- Look for long, consecutive card runs so you can get rid of many cards quickly.
- Realize that you can only move a King onto a Queen. Think ahead and try to keep the Queens free for each King in the stack, or you will not be able to discard all the Kings.
- Realize that you can only move an Ace onto a 2. Think ahead and try to keep the 2's free for each Ace in the stack, or you will not be able to discard all the Aces.

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Rank

The **rank** of a card is its listed value. The rank of the 2 of Spades is two, the rank of the King of Hearts is King. Here is the order of rank: Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Jack, Queen, King.