

Choosing an opening

- ▶ How much time do you have for learning openings?
- ▶ How much do you like doing that?
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- ▶ What's your rating?
- ▶ What do you want it to be?
- ▶ What's your chess personality?
- ▶ Who is your favourite player?

Réti's Rules

- ▶ "A knowledge of tactics is the foundation of positional play. This is a rule which has stood its test in chess history and one which we cannot impress forcibly enough upon the young chess player. A beginner should avoid Queen's Gambit and French Defence and play open games instead! While he may not win as many games at first, he will in the long run be amply compensated by acquiring a thorough knowledge of the game" Masters of the Chessboard
- ▶ "We perceive after a careful consideration of the evolution of the chess mind that such evolution has gone on, in general, in a way quite similar to that in which it goes on with the individual chess player, only with the latter more rapidly." Modern Ideas in Chess

