

CHESS NOTATION SYMBOLS

(Informator, ECO, etc.)

x	Captures
+	Check
# (or) mate	Checkmate
!	Good move
!!	Fantastic move
?	Error
??	Blunder (sometimes called an “oops” move.)
!?	Interesting
?!	Dubious
>	Better is ...
<	Worse is ...
+/-	White has a clear advantage
-/+	Black has a clear advantage
+-	White has a winning position
-+	Black has a winning position
=	Position is equal (Also used for promotion, i.e., 49.h8=Q)
∞	Position is unclear
Δ	With the threat of ...
~	Any move
TN	Theoretical Novelty (A new move in an opening)
Z	Zugswang (A position in which any move will result in a loss of game, material, or position. Term is most commonly applied to endgame positions.)
Ch.	Championship
Izt.	Interzonal Tournament
corres.	correspondence
n.d.	no date
N.N.	No Name (the player is unknown)
Ol.	Olympiad
Zt.	Zonal Tournament

Notes

Any name in all capital letters, such as 2 BITS AND A HAIRCUT, signify a computer.

Names in quotation marks (e.g. "Lolli-pop") signify an Internet name.

All other names denote human players.