



Kilkenny's Cats

2 to 4 players

15 min

Reasoned chance

19th century

Ireland

This game would represent the war between England and Ireland. Kilkenny County would have given its name to the game. "Kilkenny's Cats" is also one of the most famous Irish teams in Hurling, a kind of field hockey. The game of Kilkenny's cats was reissued in 1987 by the CEMEA.

Material

1 board of 204 boxes, with 32 boxes of « Cat » et 8 boxes of « Mouse », 32 pawns of four different colors, 1 dice.

Game's goal

Be the first player to reach the two "Mouse" boxes in front of his side.

Progress

- **In the beginning**

Players choose a color and place all their cats in the starting locations.

- **Moves**

In turn, the player rolls the dice and advances one of his cats according to the number indicated by the dice. Displacements can be done in any direction (horizontally, vertically or diagonally).

It is forbidden to jump over cats, be it his own or those of his opponents.

- **Cat's catch**

If a cat arrives on an already occupied space, there is a catch. The cat that has just arrived takes the place of the other cat. The captured cat is permanently eliminated from the game.

- **Mouse's boxes**

The "Mouse" boxes are only arrival boxes. It is strictly forbidden to go through these boxes.

- **End of the game**

The first player who occupies his two squares "Mouse" wins the game immediately.