

THE 5 BASIC ELEMENTS OF CHESS

DYNAMIC ELEMENTS:

King-Safety
Time
Space

STATIC ELEMENTS:

Pawn-Structure
Material

DYNAMIC ELEMENTS do change with an equal exchange of pieces.

STATIC ELEMENTS stay the same with an equal exchange of pieces.

RULES FOR EXCHANGING PIECES:

Therefore, if you are ahead in a Dynamic Element, do not trade pieces.

However, if you are behind in a Dynamic Element do trade pieces.

RULES FOR EXCHANGING PIECES:

Therefore, if you are ahead in a Static Element do trade pieces.

However, if you are behind in a Static Element do not trade pieces.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE AHEAD IN BOTH DYNAMIC AND STATIC ELEMENTS:

If you have a big advantage in a Dynamic Element but only a small advantage in a Static Element, then do not trade pieces.

However, if you have only a small advantage in a Dynamic Element but a big advantage in a Static Element, then do trade pieces. -----

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE BEHIND IN BOTH DYNAMIC AND STATIC ELEMENTS:

If you have a big disadvantage in a Dynamic Element, but only a small disadvantage in a Static Element, then do trade pieces.

However, if you have only a small disadvantage in a Dynamic Element, but a big disadvantage in a Static Element, then do not trade pieces.