

Tips for Good Recording of Chess Moves

Do these and you won't mess up (as much!)

1. *Always* make your move, push the clock button, and write *with your dominant hand* (the hand you normally write with).
2. *Always* put down your pen/pencil after recording a move.
3. When your opponent moves, *always* record your opponent's move (and put down your pencil) *before* making your own move.
4. Print neatly (no cursive) and remember: Uppercase (capital) letters are only for pieces, lowercase letters for pawns, files, or squares.
5. Captures *never* start or end with "X." It's *always* in the middle. Piece captures begin with K, Q, R, N, or B (i.e. RxQd8), pawn captures begin with the pawn's name or square (i.e. exd5 or e4xd5).
6. When two pieces of the same type can move to the same square you must tell them apart (i.e. Rad1 or Rfd1).
7. *Never erase!* Simply draw a thin line through the mistake and begin again. Skip a line (or two) if you have to. If you have missed several moves go to the correct line and continue recording. Fix the errors *after* the game.