

Mini-Shuuro Roster Sheet

Mini-Shuuro (i.e. Shuuro played on a single quadrant of the board, with only two plinths and 200 points of pieces to buy), is proving more popular than we first imagined. This seems to be because mini-Shuuro is really quick and easy, while still presenting an interesting challenge to the players. A good chess player compared it to solving an ever-changing chess puzzle.

Because of this popularity, however, we have received a considerable amount of feedback about mini-Shuuro. Everyone seems to agree that the game can be ruined if one of the two players buys huge amount of pawns. The problem with this is that the army roster in Shuuro has been written to be balanced for the full game board and 800 points. In mini-Shuuro, however, pawns are devastatingly powerful because the board is so small and with a single initial double move they are instantly catapulted two-thirds of the way to promotion!

Therefore, I have decided to give some more thought to our mini-variant, and have come up with an alternative roster sheet (below), which should balance things out for mini-Shuuro and solve the pawns problem. Please let me know on our Facebook groups if you think the new chart works.

Thanks for the feedback

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Piece	Cost in points	Maximum in army
King (mandatory)	0 points	1
Queens	110 points each	1
Rooks	70 points each	2
Bishops	40 points each	3
Knights	40 points each	3
Pawns	10 points each	4



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King	1	0 pts	1	0
Queens	0-1	110 pts		
Rooks	0-2	70 pts		
Bishops	0-3	40 pts		
Knights	0-3	40 pts		
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