

Bolo Ball Toss – Game Instructions



OBJECT: Be the first to score 100 points

PLAYERS: 2 players or two teams with 2 players on each team

SETUP: Score pole should be placed upright as vertical as possible and held securely so that it won't wobble. The scoring limbs start with the longest at the bottom with the shortest at the 40 point level.

Players start with their back to the pole and take 4 large steps in opposite directions away from the pole then turn and face the pole. In this manner tall players will not have an advantage over shorter players. Players should mark the line and play from that distance with their front foot always behind the line. After each game the opponents should change sides.

Each player gets one set of bolo balls. The youngest player has the first toss on the first game, and the youngest player has the second toss on the second game, and so on.

A **SET** is defined as one instance where each player has made their tosses. At the end of the set the points are calculated and added to the total score.

PLAY: From the marked line (4 steps from the score pole) the first player tosses their bolo balls toward the pole in an attempt to land the bolo balls on the limbs and score points. If the bolo touches the pole or the score limbs on the pole in any way- score or no score - that toss is closed and the opponent may toss their bolo set. After both players bolo balls are closed, the score is calculated and added to the total for each player.

If during a toss the bolo set totally misses the score pole that toss remains open and the opponent tosses that bolo set in an attempt to score. After both bolo sets have either scored or touched the score pole that set is closed and points awarded.

Only when both bolo sets are closed is the score calculated and added to the totals.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

If the bolo set lands on the ground and encircles the pole, even without touching the pole in anyway – so long as the pole is encircled with the balls being past the edge of the pole, that player is awarded 5 points.

A player who removes his bolo set from the pole immediately after their toss will lose the points they scored with that toss. The bolo sets must remain on the pole until both sets are closed because one toss will often knock an opponent's bolo set off or change the score.

If one ball lands on one limb and the other ball actually touches a lower score limb, the player will be awarded the sum of both score limbs.

In cases where the score of both players exceed 100 points when the scores are added, the player with the highest total score is the winner. If the score is tied, another set is played until one player has a higher total score and wins.

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