

Youth Games

Presidents Tag

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Game:

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Type of Game:

Noisy, outdoor game

May play indoors (gymnasium) , but must clear area of all objects.

Supplies:

Blindfolds for half of the group

Plastic "ball pit" balls (100 for about \$20 at Target)

Rules:

This is an elimination game

Players pick (or are assigned) partners

Teams of 2 decide which will be the "President" and which will be the "Secret Service"

The President is blindfolded and protected by the Secret Service

Ball Pit balls are scattered over the playing area

Secret Service agents lead their Presidents around calling out where the balls are

Presidents pick up the plastic balls and try to throw and hit another team's President

Secret Service agents may never pick up, hold, or throw a ball for the President

Secret Service agents **may** 'take a bullet' to protect their President

Secret Service agents **never die** and may swat away unlimited attacks

If a President is hit by a ball, they are assassinated and both teammates are eliminated

The game is over when one team is left standing

Play at least two rounds so partners can trade roles

Notes:

A referee is a good accountability option for a game normally played on the honor system

Some eliminated kids will be tempted to throw a stray ball at a president still playing

Monitor effectiveness of blindfolds throughout game play

Ongoing commentary helps keep energy up, especially for those blindfolded or out waiting

-i.e. call out eliminations, close calls, acrobatic moves, and good instincts

Adaptations:

Boundaries can be added or moved in closer to crowd the game play

Presidents can have multiple lives

Blindfolds can be taken off

Secret Service agents are given only one life - this is a fast game with major bragging rights

Note: Blindfolded Secret Service agents are virtually worthless, but make good human shields