

Youth Games

Trash Can Game

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Game:

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Type:

Noisy, Outdoor Game (may play indoors, but outdoors is best)

Supplies:

32 gallon trash can

Rules:

This is an elimination game

Players hold hands in a circle facing a trash can placed in the middle

Via a countdown each round begins as players try to pull everyone else towards the trash can while avoiding touching it themselves

If any player touches the can with any part of their body or clothes, they are out

If any two players quit holding hands, both players are out

If any player lets go of both their hands, all three players involved are out

When someone gets out, the round is immediately over

To start a new round the circle is spread back where it started with the can in the middle

The final round of the game occurs with two players pulling or manipulating one another until one person touches the trash can

Notes:

This game requires a large open area

It can be played on concrete but preferably on grass due to tripping/falling (which may occur)

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

Creative moves are allowed but should be given the opportunity to be discovered through play instead of given as hints at the start. Examples: *moving another player's wrist, kicking another player's shoe, or pushing another player's body into the can, etc*

The single greatest catalyst to this game is laughter

-i.e. if someone falls into the trashcan and gets stuck – this game is as funny as it is competitive

Use caution when playing this game, as it involves a lot of pulling and pushing movements.

Adaptations:

An additional trash can may be added for larger groups or advanced players

It can be split into genders or played coed

The game can be declared to be over when a minimum number of players is left (Ex: 2-5)