

## Youth Games

*4 on a Couch*

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### **Game:**

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### **Type of Game:**

Indoor Game for Junior High Youth or Older (Play with the adaptation for younger children)

### **Supplies:**

Scratch paper

Pen

A chair for every player, plus one extra

### **Rules:**

This game is best with 10-40 players

All player names are written on individual slips of paper

Girls and Boys sit every other person in a circle facing each other

A "couch" is designated as 4 particular seats directly next to each other in the circle

- If you have an actual couch, that is great!

2 girls and 2 boys should be sitting (every other person) on the couch

There is 1 extra empty chair somewhere else in the circle

All the name slips are shuffled and handed out at random to all players

- most likely, players will receive a name other than their own
- if a player receives their own name, that is okay

No players are to show their name slips to any other players

The game starts as the person sitting left of the empty chair calls out someone's name

- whoever has that name written on the slip in their hand then moves to that empty seat

The player sits in the empty seat and switches name slips with the person who called them

- now the whole group knows what name slip is in the first caller's hand

The object of the game is to get all of one gender on the couch

- for example: if a boy sits directly left of the couch and the spot next to him opens up, that boy wants to call a name that shows on a slip of paper which another boy is holding so that he moves that boy to the open seat on the couch.

If all boys sit on the couch, the boys win and the game is over. The same is true if there are 4 girls sitting on the couch.

### **Notes:**

Names are called and switched several times throughout the game

This can be a challenging game and is suggested for Jr. High kids or older

Players should keep from folding name slips during the game to keep them from wearing out

### **Adaptations:**

To play faster games or with younger ages, the name slips do not switch hands