

BOLO TOSS



(also known as Ladder Golf, Bolo Golf, Hillbilly Horseshoes, Golf Ball Toss, BlongoBall, Dandy Golf, Lasso Golf, and many other names)

HISTORY

The history of Bolo Toss is difficult to trace because of the variety of names by which it is known, but it may have originated at RV parks. Another theory says that it was invented in Polynesia by natives who tied coconuts together and aimed at leaning trees. The name comes from the Spanish word "boleadora", which were weapons used by South American gauchos (cowboys). They are much larger and heavier versions of the bolos, and were used to catch animals. It can be played in any area, typically outdoors. No professional teams exist. I chose Bolo Toss because my brother recently played it and suggested it to me.

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RULES

Stand 15 feet (about 5 paces) from the ladder.

Players take turns, throwing all three of their bolos each turn.

Bolos must be thrown individually.

Points are only counted for bolos that remain on the ladder at the end of the turn. (i.e., bolos that fall off or are knocked off do not count.)

First to exactly 21 points wins. If you go over 21 points, that turn doesn't count.

Opponents may not distract a player during their turn.

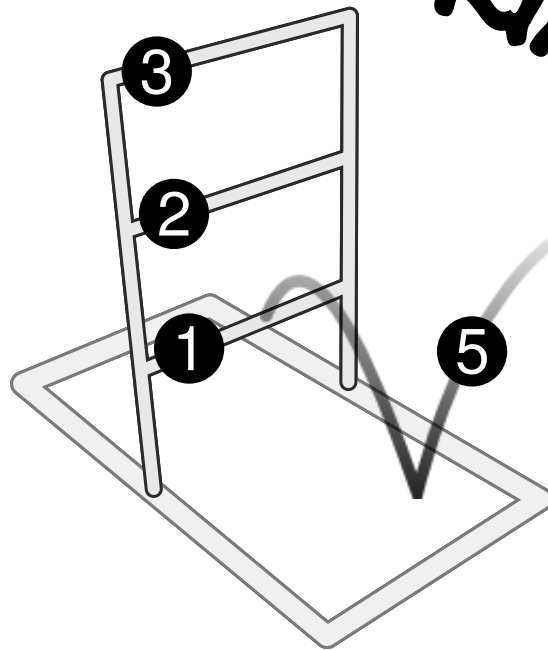
VARIATIONS

With two ladders, play back and forth between them.

Leave the balls on the ladder, and you can knock others' off. Those points are subtracted from their score.

If all three balls in a turn are on the same ladder rung or one is on each of the three rungs, the player scores a bonus point

SCORING



EQUIPMENT

1 Ladder

3 Bolos per player

RELATED LINKS

Dandy Golf

<http://www.teamdandy.com/projects/dandygolf/>

How To Play Bolo Toss & Ladder Golf Backyard Lawn Games

<http://thefuntimeguide.com/2005/10/bolotossladders.php>

Ladder Ball

http://en.allexperts.com/e/l/la/ladder_ball.htm

Ladder Golf Official Rules

<http://www.laddergolf.com/ladder-golf-official-rules.php>

The Bola or Boleadora

<http://www.flight-toys.com/bolas.htm>