

Carnival Tossing Stations

What you need: Homemade carnival games made from plastic cups, plastic bottles, egg cartons, chart paper, foam tiles, etc. A variety of objects that can be thrown or tossed – beanbags, soft-covered balls, marbles, stuffed animals, socks, etc.

FMS Skill: Overhand throw, underhand throw

Tactical Focus: Adjusting release point based on results of previous throws, varying technique and strength based on object being thrown

How to play:

1. Create a bunch of different target games like you would see at a Carnival
2. Create the rules for each game – how many throws do you get, are different targets worth different points, how do you win
3. Create a rotation, so that you know where to go next
4. Decide if all the players go from station-to-station together or to one station each
5. If you are at separate stations, you will need to record your results to see who wins



Image 1 - Knockdown

Here are some examples:

Knockdown – Use socks to knock down all of the cups. Try to do it in as few throws as possible. (See Image 1)

Tic Tac Toe – Create a grid of three rows and three columns. Two players compete, trying to toss objects onto the grid in an attempt to get three in a row horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Option 1: Once an object is in a square, it is claimed, and no other objects can land in that square. Option 2: You can throw your object into a square that is already occupied, claiming that square for you and removing your opponent. (See Image 2)

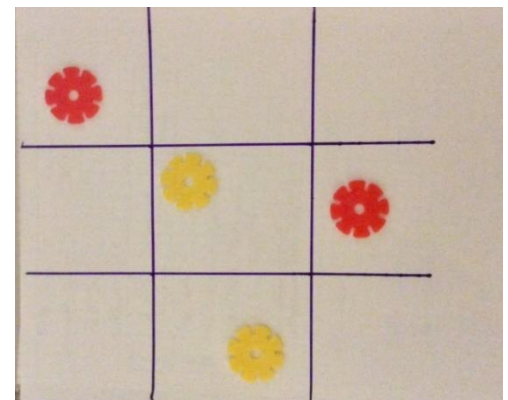


Image 2 - A Tic Tac Toe grid

Ring Toss – Use plastic bottles to create targets for this game. You will also need to find something for rings that will go around the neck of the bottles (i.e., shower curtain rings, napkin holders, hair elastics). (See Image 3)

Egg Carton Toss – Paint or colour some of the inside of an egg carton. Assign a different point value for each colour. Find objects that are small enough (i.e., marbles, table tennis ball, small toys) to land successfully in the egg carton. (See Image 4)

You can find all kinds of examples for other homemade carnival games on the Internet. Get your parents to help you search. Pick ones that make sense based on the things that you have at home. Most of the games that you will kind are target games, but not all of them. Choose ones that are definitely Target Games.

Another option: Have players earn points or coupons based on how they do at each station. For example, you earn 5 coupons for getting all the cups down on one throw at Knockdown. If it takes two throws, you get three coupons. Whoever collects the most coupons in a certain amount of time is the winner. You could also have a prize booth and players can turn in their coupons for their choice of prize.



Image 3 - This Ring Toss game is made from a shower curtain ring and a drying rack for mittens and tuques.



Image 4 - A basic egg carton toss game.