

BALL IN THE BUCKET

Instructions

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Equipment

This game comes with the following hire equipment:

- 1 wooden Ball in the Bucket board
- 3 metal buckets
- 6 tennis balls contained in a red & white striped bag
- 1 wooden kick board
- 1 double guy rope with 2 metal pegs

Safety First



Caution

The wooden Ball in the Bucket board is hinged and can trap fingers unless care is taken when opening or closing. Please ensure that the board is fully opened to the extent of the rope stays to ensure that it is set up correctly and will not fall over. In windy weather the guy rope should be used to anchor the board to the ground.

Please be aware of people in the vicinity when using the equipment.

Please act responsibly for your own safety and the safety of others.

About Traditional Fete Games

Ball in the Bucket is a traditional English fete game. In England village fetes are traditional public festivals, held outdoors. They usually include entertainment and the sale of goods and refreshments. Other games often found at village fetes include the Coconut Shy, Bat the Rat, Stand the Bottle and Tug o' War.

The English word "fete" derives from the Latin "festus", meaning "holiday" or "party".

Set up Instructions

- The wooden Ball in the Bucket board should be placed on as level a surface as possible.
- Fully open the hinged back support to ensure that the board is stable.
- In windy weather attach the guy rope to the cleat on the back of the board and secure the rope to the ground using the pegs.
- Insert each of the 3 metal buckets into the 3 holes in the board.
- Place the wooden kick board an appropriate distance from the board to act as the throwing line.

How to Play

Aim of the Game

- The aim of the game is to throw any one of the balls into any one of the buckets and ensure that the ball remains in the bucket.

General Rules

- Each player has three balls.
- Players must ensure that at least one of their balls lands and stays in any one of the buckets.
- Players must keep their feet behind the wooden kick board.
- A ball is not usually allowed to touch the ground before it lands in the bucket, but this rule can be relaxed for children if thought appropriate.

Variation

- This game is usually played as informal entertainment but it can be a competitive game in which making a ball remain in a bucket wins a prize.

Pack up Instructions

1. Please remove excess water and surface dirt from the equipment before packing away.
2. Please use the equipment list on the first page to check that all the equipment is returned.
3. Please tell us if there is any damage to any of the equipment or if any parts have been lost.