

Staff Directions

Name of Game	"Snowball Rescue"
Scout craft Skill(s)	Ring buoy rescue throw, knot tying
Area Needed	Large smooth flat surface, concrete preferred if outside, gym floor if inside.
Supplies provided by staff	Lots of balls, 25 per patrol playing at same time. One "Homer" style bucket per patrol. One "Homer" bucket lid with center cut out to form a ring buoy. 100' large diameter Rope or garden hose for outside circle, or chalk to mark floor. PVC square for inside circle. For each patrol a 16' 10" small diameter retrieval rope for attaching to ring for retrieval. The retrieval rope is cut into 4 equal lengths and must be tied together after game start whistle to form a longer retrieval rope.
Patrol Supplied items	none
Scoring	Timed event, count of balls retrieved equals score, double count for colored balls, if used.
Setup	<p>A circle is laid out on the flat smooth surface (A one hundred foot rope, hose, or chalk used for a 15 foot radius circle). A 4' 6" square made from 1/2 PVC pipe and 4 elbows is laid out in the center of the large circle and taped to the floor with duct tape. A piece of berber carpet is taped to the inside of the square to raise the inside slightly. Dividers are placed around the circle to separate the patrols (see diagram). 25 balls per patrol is placed inside the square. A small number, 1 or 2 per patrol, colored balls may be used also. Colored balls score extra points, so the number of colored balls is determine by the number of patrols.</p> <p>A staff member rings a bell every 5 minutes to notify patrols to switch to a new thrower/line tender.</p>
Directions (to be given in written form to patrol leader) See next page.	<p>The game has started when you start reading these instructions. This is a timed team event.</p> <p>One person will be the thrower/line tender. The thrower position must rotate to all members of the patrol. Rotate on the bell signal. All other patrol members will be snowball retrievers.</p> <p>All patrol members must stay within the assigned area while the game is in play. Only the ring and rope can touch the ground outside your assigned patrol area.</p> <p>Tie the four pieces of rope end to end. A bowline knot is preferred since it won't slip and is easy to untie. Once a single rope is created tie one end to the provided rescue ring. A wrist loop is recommended for the other end so you won't lose your ring & rope.</p> <p>Once you have constructed your ring buoy & line you may toss the ring at snowballs anywhere in the circle to capture and drag to your patrol area for the snowball retrievers to reach and collect by hand and place in your bucket. Colored balls (not white) count extra. All balls within reach from inside your assigned patrol area are fair game.</p> <p>Touching the ground inside the circle or outside your patrol area with anything other than the ring and rope is a 5 ball penalty. Staff is watching! If your line gets tangled with another patrol's line you must work out getting it untangled without stepping outside your patrol area. If you do step outside you forfeit 5 snowballs.</p> <p>When the second whistle blows the game is over. If all snowballs are retrieved before the second whistle, give your patrol yell so staff can note the time. Untie all line segments and rope from ring. Have a staff member record your snowball count.</p>
Scoring	Snowball count, double count for colored snowballs. Deduct 5 if patrol loses line and must touch or go outside assigned area (inside large diameter rope circle or into another patrols assigned area). If count of balls is a tie, team with shortest time to clear field of balls wins!

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