

Outdoor Group Games for Adults

Use a clear playing area, give people seated options, and move indoors or stop if weather, surface, or comfort changes.

Host guide / Letter / 4–24 adults; use stations for larger groups / 10–30 minutes; choose one to three games

Read the guide privately first if this activity has hidden answers. Print single-sided at Actual size / 100%. Cut only sheets marked CARDS. Keep answer keys with the host.

What you need

- Soft beanbags or rolled socks, chalk or tape, and lightweight paper markers.
- Optional soft bocce-style balls or plastic rings; avoid hard or heavy equipment.
- Water, shade, chairs, and a weather-appropriate indoor backup.

How to run it

1. Choose an outdoor area with permission, a level surface, clear boundaries, and a nearby place to sit. Avoid vehicle lanes, water edges, slopes, and areas where people pass through.
2. Check weather, heat, wind, lighting, and local rules. Cancel or move indoors if the ground is slippery, visibility is poor, or the group is uncomfortable.
3. Explain the activity, where participants should stand, how to take turns, and how a person can play seated, observe, or pass.
4. Set out only the needed soft or lightweight materials. Keep walkways and the area around targets clear. Do not require sprinting, blindfolds, throwing toward people, or contact.
5. Play one short round and stop at the agreed time. Invite a brief check-in about whether to continue, switch, or end.
6. Collect equipment, check the play area, and leave the outdoor space as found. Do not leave chalk or markers where they could create a hazard.

Check the space and weather first

Walk the area before participants arrive. Look for uneven ground, traffic, roots, holes, nearby water, slopes, overhead branches, and other groups. Mark a small boundary with cones or chalk; do not block public routes. Use soft objects and keep throws low and away from people.

Set a clear stop condition for heat, rain, wind, cold, or discomfort. Provide water and shade, and let anyone move to a seated or indoor role without explanation. If the space becomes unsafe, end the activity rather than improvising a more difficult version.

Offer choices for movement and sensory access

A participant can play seated, keep score, place a token, give directions, or observe. No activity requires running, hand contact, shouting, or camera use. Use high-contrast markers and call out turns so people can follow the game.

Avoid selecting teams in a way that publicly singles people out. Keep comparisons friendly and optional. Do not interpret a game's score as evidence of fitness, leadership, teamwork, or job skill.

Plan a short route and backup

Choose one to three games and prepare only their materials. Tell participants where to meet, how long each round lasts, and where the indoor alternative is. Keep outdoor games short enough for people to leave or sit out between rounds.

For large groups, use several stations with a host at each one. Do not run multiple throwing games beside one another; separate target areas and keep bystanders behind a visible boundary.

Printable host script

"We will play a short optional outdoor game. Please use the marked area and stay behind the throw line. You can play seated, help with the setup, keep score, observe, or pass. We will stop if the surface or weather changes."

At the end, say: "Thanks for joining. We will return the materials and check the space before we leave."

Choose among eight game cards

The cards use soft tossing, rolling, simple grids, visual observation, and collaborative drawing. Each card includes a no-run or seated alternative. If the group cannot use the specific surface or equipment safely, skip that card and use the indoor option instead.

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<p>R_OUTDOOR-001 / Outdoor group game</p> <p>Soft target toss</p>	<p>R_OUTDOOR-002 / Outdoor group game</p> <p>Bocce-style roll</p>
<p>R_OUTDOOR-003 / Outdoor group game</p> <p>Giant tic-tac-toe</p>	<p>R_OUTDOOR-004 / Outdoor group game</p> <p>Collaborative chalk map</p>
<p>R_OUTDOOR-005 / Outdoor group game</p> <p>Look-only pattern hunt</p>	<p>R_OUTDOOR-006 / Outdoor group game</p> <p>Cloud or tree shape story</p>

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<p>R_OUTDOOR-007 / Outdoor group game</p> <p>Paper ring target</p>	<p>R_OUTDOOR-008 / Outdoor group game</p> <p>Outdoor word path</p>
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Host answer key

Keep this section separate from player cards. Accept equivalent wording where the meaning matches.

01. Group: 3–8. Materials: 3 soft beanbags per group and one broad bucket or taped floor target. Place the target 2 m (about 6.5 ft) from a line. Each volunteer tosses underhand from behind the line; retrieve only after all throws stop. Play one round of three tosses.

Use rolled socks or let seated players place a marker by hand. Keep the target away from walkways and people.

02. Group: 4–8. Materials: 1 soft target ball and 4 pairs of soft balls. On a level clear patch, roll the target ball a short distance. Teams take turns rolling one ball at a time from the same line, aiming to stop near the target. After everyone has rolled, compare distances only if desired; reset and play again.

Use foam balls and a shorter distance. Seated participants can roll from a stable chair; no one should run to retrieve a ball.

03. Group: 4–10. Materials: chalk or tape for a 3-by-3 grid and 10 flat markers. Divide into two voluntary teams or play cooperatively. Take turns placing one marker in a square; first to line up three in a row completes the round.

Draw the grid near seated players and let them point while a partner places the marker. Use large shapes, not color alone.

04. Group: 3–8. Materials: sidewalk chalk and a large flat area where marking is allowed. Draw a fictional park outline and let each volunteer add one public feature such as a bench, path, or garden. After one turn each, invite the group to describe a short route between two features.

No walking route is required. Participants can dictate a feature, draw seated on a clipboard, or observe. Do not mark private property.

05. Group: 3–10. Materials: a list of five visual patterns, such as a circle, a pair, a repeating line, a bright color, and a shadow. Give the group five minutes to notice examples in the public play area without touching or collecting anything. Share one observation or pass.

Keep eyes on the play zone; do not photograph strangers or enter private space. A seated participant can identify patterns from one chosen spot.

06. Group: 3–8. Materials: none. Sit or stand where there is a comfortable view. Each volunteer may name a shape they see in a cloud, treetop, or distant outline, then add one sentence to a fictional story. Keep it imaginative and avoid claiming that anyone else must see the same shape.

Use a printed shape card or imagined scene if weather or visibility makes looking up uncomfortable. Never stare at the sun.

07. Group: 3–8. Materials: 6 paper rings and 3 lightweight bottles or cones. Set targets on a flat surface at least 1 m from the line. Players take turns tossing rings underhand toward the targets; retrieve only after the round. No contact or competitive score is needed.

Use a table-height target for seated play. Replace hard targets with soft cones and stop if wind makes rings unsafe.

08. Group: 4–12. Materials: 8 paper cards with large neutral words such as “shade,” “path,” “pause,” “view,” “bench,” “breeze,” “water,” and “rest.” Place them on a table or on the ground within reach. The group arranges them into a fictional route or short phrase, then reads it together.

No participant needs to walk between cards. Use a tabletop or let people dictate the order; collect the cards immediately after play.

Hosting questions

Do these outdoor games require running?

No. The cards use low-impact turns and include seated or lower-movement options.

What if the weather changes?

Stop or move to the planned indoor backup if the ground, heat, wind, cold, or visibility becomes uncomfortable or unsafe.

Can these work in a public park?

Use an area where group activity is permitted, keep public paths clear, and avoid photographing or involving people who are not playing.

Should we keep a leaderboard?

Scoring is optional. The games can be played cooperatively and should not be used to assess workplace skills.

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