

# LADDER GOLF

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Ladder Golf is played with 2 or more players or teams. Each player has 3 golf ball bolas. A bola is 2 golf balls attached by a rope. The object of game is to wrap your bolas around the steps of the ladder. The ladder consists of 3 steps; a top, middle and a bottom step.

**Playing the Game:** Prior to game play a line must be set 5 paces from ladder. This is called the toss line. The official toss line is 15 feet away but most players measure 5 paces from game ladder to set toss line. This allows for a closer toss line for children's games. Ladder Golf is played in rounds; each round consists of all players tossing 3 bolas. A coin toss is used to decide which player or team toss first. The first player must toss all 3 bolas before next player is able to toss their bolas. Bolas can be tossed in anyway player chooses, as long as they're tossed individually (they can be bounced off the ground). The winner of the round earns the first toss in next round. Games are played to an exact point total of 21. In order to win, a player must be the only one to score exactly 21 points after completion of a round.

If a player goes over the exact 21 point total, that player's points for that round do not count. For example: A player with 18 points needs 3 points to get exact score of 21 in order to win. If that player has 5 points hanging on ladder after all players have tossed all bolas, none of those points count and player will enter next round with 18 points again, needing 3 points to win.

In case of a tie, players that tie will play as many overtime rounds as needed until one player ends a complete round 2 points ahead of other player. The 2 point rule only applies in overtime rounds. During regular play any player can win as long as that player is the only one to score an exact total of 21 points.

**Etiquette of Game:** Basic etiquette states that contestants should make as many remarks, sounds or movements as possible (to the side or behind bola-tossing opponent) during play in order to distract opponents during play. Touching or hindering sight of player during tossing is never allowed. In the course of play no contestant is to walk to the ladder prior to completion of current round of play.

**Scoring:** After all teams have tossed all their bolas, scoring is determined by bolas still hanging from steps. Players can knock-off bolas during course of the game, in fact knocking-off other players bolas is encouraged and a good way to play defensively. Bolas knocked off during play do not count as points. Only bolas left hanging after all bolas are tossed are counted as points.

**Points:** Points are determined by which step your bola wraps around. The top step is worth 3 points, the middle step is worth 2 points, and the bottom step is only worth 1 point. Players can score an optional bonus of 1 point by hanging all 3 bolas from the same step or by hanging a bola on all 3 (1-2-3) steps in one round. The highest amount of points available per player is 10. This is accomplished by hanging all 3 bolas on the top (3 point) step.

**Team Play:** Four players can play Ladder Golf by alternating play each round. Players simply alternate turns with teammates. With multiple ladders 2 players on opposite teams would be on one side and the other 2 opposing players would be at other game ladder. One side would toss all bolas and the other team would toss them back. Same rules apply.

### **Glossary of Terms:**

**Bolas:** A Bola consists of 2 golf balls attached together with a piece of rope. Golf Balls are spaced 18" apart.

**Ladder:** The ladder is the structure that consists of 3 steps each spaced 10 inches apart.

**Steps:** Each ladder has 3 steps. The top step is worth 3 points, the middle 2 and the bottom 1 point.

**Toss Line:** Line that players toss from. Officially is set to 15 feet. For backyard games 5 paces works fine.

### **Ladder Golf Includes:**

- \* 2 Game Ladders
- \* 4 Ladder Bases with 4 Thumb Screws
- \* 3 White Bolas
- \* 3 Green Bolas
- \* 1 Set of Official Rules

**Ladder Golf Assembly:** Your ladder needs to be assembled prior to playing. Begin by fastening the 2 uprights to the 2 bases with supplied thumb-screws. Do not over tighten thumb-screws on bases or use any tools to tighten them.

**Ladder Golf Warnings:** Safety is important in all games: Remember to play safe, have fun and go for the ten point toss!

- \* DO NOT swing bolas unless tossing at ladder during normal game play. Injury to self or others may occur if bolas used improperly.
- \* The bolas provided with Ladder Golf game are connected using special anchors that, under normal game play, will provide a lifetime of use. DO NOT pull excessively on bolas (tug-of-war) as abuse of bolas may cause rope to pull away from ball.
- \* Do not attempt to wrap bolas around body parts. Supervise children during game play. Kids can do crazy things with toys.
- \* DO NOT stand on ladder steps. They are for normal game play only. Any misuse of ladder may result in injury or damage to ladder.

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