

The Golden Rule.

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"**THE GOLDEN RULE**" IS AN AMERICAN RE-ADAPTATION OF THE BRITISH GAME SHOW "*GOLDEN BALLS*." *GOLDEN BALLS* IS THE MOST INTERESTING GAME SHOW TO EVER EXIST, BASED AROUND SHEER LUCK, GREED, DECEIT, AND HUMANITY. THOUSANDS OF BRITISH POUNDS ARE ON THE LINE AS AVERAGE STRANGERS GAIN EACH OTHERS TRUST ONLY TO BACK STAB ONE ANOTHER OR TO SPLIT A LARGE CASH SUM. A MODERN AMERICAN FRAMING OF THE PRISONER'S DILEMMA.

(Golden Balls was an hour-long broadcast television show that aired from 2006 to 2009 - The Golden Rule will be a half hour and made for streaming to an American audience.)

THE ORIGINAL *GOLDEN BALLS* WAS HOSTED BY THE QUICK-WITTED JASPER CARROT, FAMILIAR WITH THE GAMES RULES HE WOULD GUIDE CONTESTANTS THROUGH A RATHER LENGTHY GAME. IN THE MODERN ADAPTATION OF *THE GOLDEN RULE* - EVERYTHING WILL BE HOSTED AND HANDLED BY TABLETS AND SCREENS ON TIMERS TO ENSURE THAT THE GAME MOVES QUICKLY, THIS ROBOT WILL OFTEN FEATURE ANIMATED VIDEOS - VOICED BY A HUMAN.

In a white, small, and empty room, there is a long table with four seats connected. Each contestant is seated with a tablet in front of them and a visible television screen in their site. The contestants are told to introduce themselves. They are told nothing about this game until the game begins, except that they will be competing for money.

THE LIGHTS DIM, THE ROOM TURNS FROM BRIGHT WHITE TO A DIM GREY, GOLD LIGHTS TURN THE ROOM GOLD:

HOST - PRE-MADE VIDEO:
Everything is golden - welcome to the game show that not only tests your luck, but tests your poker face, and your character.

Camera shows the Golden Balls being mixed around in a massive pot.

HOST - ANIMATED VIDEO:

As you see there are 16 balls in circulation within our mixing chamber. Today's pot is worth \$50,000 - and will grow or decrease as you play.

12 of the balls distributed to the contestants will show a cash amount, you want to keep the cash amounts high because that is the money some OR one of you will end up taking home. 4 of the balls are worth \$0 these are called "Gotcha balls." You want to get as many of the "Gotcha Balls" out of the game as possible.

Golden balls roll from the mixing chamber to each contestant sitting with a screen in front of them, four balls begin to roll out to each contestant, their screens display the message.

ROUND 1:

CONTESTANT SCREENS DISPLAY:

Display the first two balls, facing the other contestants, then open the second two balls and have them face yourself. The goal is to eliminate the most *Gotcha Balls* as possible and keep the highest amount of money in circulation. If you have a bad hand, it might be time to develop a poker face. If you have a good hand, be honest and be smart. Time is on the clock, you now have 148 seconds to decide who makes it to the second round. Go.

Contestants have 148 seconds to talk among themselves, lying and working together. The screen then gives each player 20 seconds to vote for whoever has the most "Gotcha Balls" or whoever has the least money or whoever they want.

LIGHTS TRANSITION
FROM GOLD TO RED
DURING VOTING:

The screens begin to display votes, and one of the four contestants is eliminated from the game. The contestant who

is eliminated is forced to show the amounts on their balls, THE OTHER CONTESTANTS DO NOT SHOW THEIR BALLS (unlike the British version), retaining an opportunity to lie.

CONTESTANTS SCREENS DISPLAY:

The votes have been cast and
(insert name here) has been
eliminated. (insert name here)
you're leaving with \$1 for every
round you played.

LIGHTS COME UP,
ROOM GOES FROM RED
TO WHITE AGAIN:

The contestant voted off is interviewed after elimination.

All of the eliminated contestants balls are thrown away.

All of the remaining contestants balls roll back into the mixer. Going from 16 balls to 12 balls.

(If a "Gotcha Ball" is removed from the game, a Golden Ball with a large sum of money enters the game.)

(If someone lies about having a "Gotcha Ball" and stays in the game, another Gotcha Ball is added.)

(No matter what the amount of balls must go from 12 to 15, so three new balls must be added overall.)

CONTESTANTS SCREEN DISPLAY:

(insert name here)'s balls have been removed from the game, 3 new balls have been added based on karma. You should understand the game now, display the first two balls and keep the second three to yourself.

The total amount of money is recalculated and told to the contestants.

ROUND 2:

Balls roll out to contestants, they display two and keep three. There can be anywhere from 2 to 8 Gotcha Balls in play depending on the last round.

Contestants screen display:
There are 148 seconds on the clock, who makes it past this round? Talk it out.

LIGHTS GO FROM
WHITE TO GOLD
AGAIN:

The contestants talk, then after 2 minutes they are given 30 seconds to vote.

LIGHTS GO FROM GOLD
TO RED:

Votes are counted then displayed, the person who is voted off receives \$2 - one for every round the played in, then are interviewed off screen.

The balls of the person eliminated are discarded and the 10 remaining balls are revealed.

LIGHTS GO FROM RED
TO WHITE:

ROUND 3:

The two remaining contestants are asked to move from the 4-person table to a two person table. At this table there are two seats and a table with their ten balls and two empty spots for two new balls.

LIGHTS GO FROM
WHITE TO GOLD:

Positioned where a host would be standing on the far side of the table, facing the camera, is a screen attached to a 7.5 foot tall box on a rotating plate. Inside is a "surprise host" for the final round - it could be a contestants mother, celebrity guest, or someone who was previously voted out in the game. They are holding two brand new balls that they hand picked out. These two new balls will be added in the two empty spots.

SCREEN ATTACHED TO THE BOX WILL
DISPLAY:

Notice how there are two empty
holes on table before you, those
holes will be filled by our host
for the final round.

ROOM GOES FROM
WHITE TO BLACK -
COMPLETELY DARK:

Guest host is revealed and the two new balls are put into
place. The Guest Host is wearing two fanny packs, one on
each side of his body, one green and one gold.

GUEST HOST IS
REVEALED, LIGHT
GOES FROM BLACK TO
GOLD:

Guest HOST is revealed and banter ensues.

GUEST HOST:
For now, all I need you to do, is
pick what balls will make it to
the final round. Out of these
twelve balls - based off of
complete luck - try to get the
highest amount of money possible.
You may select 6 balls.

The contestants select 3 balls each, handing them to the
guest host - the guest host announces and shows off the
quantity of each ball - whether they be "Gotcha Balls" or
thousands of dollars.

THE ROOM SPLITS
FROM GOLD TO GOLD
AND GREEN ON EACH
SIDE OF THE SET:

SPLIT OR STEAL:

The final sum of money is revealed, but the game is not
over.

GUEST HOST:
You two have made it this far,
there is (cash sum amount) dollars
on the line.

Guest Host Reaches into green fanny pack, grabs split or
steal balls then hands them to one contestant. Reaches into

gold fanny pack, grabs split or steal balls then hands them to the other contestant.

GUEST HOST: (CONT'D)

I have just handed you both two balls, one with the word "split" and the other with the word "steal." Look at the balls and find out which ball is which, do not show each other. When I am done talking you will both be given a full 96 second to discuss and make a choice. If you both decide to "SPLIT" then each of you will walk away with half the money. If you both decide to "STEAL" neither of you gets the money. However, if one of you decides to STEAL and the other person decides to SPLIT, whoever steals takes all of the money. Time starts now.

THE LIGHTS DIM:

They are given 96 seconds to discuss what to do, then are asked to reveal what they have chosen. Whatever the final two contestants decide is what happens. The cameras roll.

Shortly after the decision, the guest host box spins back around. The screen displays the results along with an image of the winner and their winnings.

END.

THE PRODUCTION WOULD LIKELY NEED TO BE DONE IN BULK, IT SEEMS AS IF THE MAJOR ISSUE WITH PRODUCING A SHOW OF THIS NATURE IS THAT PEOPLE CATCH ON AND FIND WAYS TO HACK IT. THE NEW ADDITIONS SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO THROW ANYONE OFF THE BEAT AND PATH; BUT TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE, A PRODUCTION SCHEDULE SHOULD INVOLVE PRODUCING AND BANKING THE FIRST TWO SEASONS. THIS HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE A SUCCESSFUL STREAMING GAME SHOW, BINGE-ABLE, INTERESTING, AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING.