



Thanks for purchasing OnTop Pro. I hope you will find this game strikes a perfect balance between a fun recreational activity and a friendly competitive environment. This is great for the outdoors (camping, barbeque, tailgating, etc...), but also great fun playing indoors in a basement, bar, or any area where you have 12-15 feet of unobstructed space. Please visit our website @ theontopshop.com for more information, or Instagram @ontopballtoss

OnTop Pro Teams:

- Each team consists of 1 or 2 players.
- Each team plays with a set of 3 like colored balls (6 balls, total).

OnTop Pro Official Match Play:

- A flip of a coin decides who starts the match (loser starts the match by tossing first).
- Points are awarded, at the end of each round, to **ONLY the player OnTop** (Except for the Juice Box Method & “Error to the Thrown” Method).
- No points are awarded for balls that travel between the bars into the tower.
- The Official distance between game units is 15 feet. Place towers with logo’s facing each other. (This distance can be modified based on skill level of participants in friendly competition, such as 10-12 feet)
- The Official throw line is an imaginary line that runs along the front of the base.
- Official match play allows for players to toss either underhand (think slow pitch softball), or overhand (think darts or a free throw).
- Team’s alternate tosses until all 6 balls are tossed. **The team “OnTop” at the end of the round is awarded points, based on the method of play, and tosses first the next round** (or half round). If no balls were tossed into the tower, the last team OnTop goes first in the next round.
 - **Tournament Play:** If no balls were tossed into the tower during the round, **the team that tossed last, tosses first in the next round.**
- First player/team to reach 20 wins the match. When a player/team exceeds 20 points it is called a “Screamer” (or Bust). The player with the Screamer subtracts the number of points scored in the round from their score entering the round. For example, if the player had 18 entering the round and scored 4 points in the round, their new score would be 14 Points (18-4). The Screamer tosses first the next round. The Screamer does not apply to Positional Points, Winner Take All, Juice Box, and Poker Methods of Play. Matches to 20 do not apply to the following methods of play: Round Play, OnTop Baseball, OnTop Football, OnTop Golf, OnTop Bowling, Addition by Subtraction, and OnTop 6.

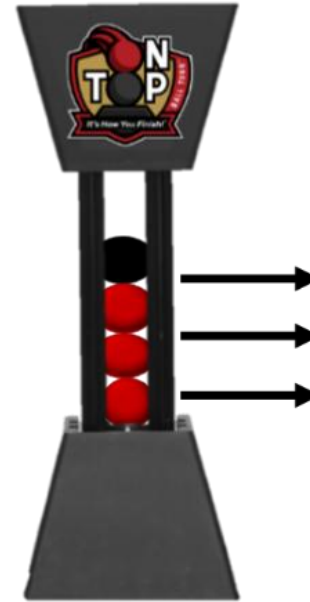
PROPER WAY TO REMOVE BALL FROM GAME TOWER



UP THRU TOP



NOT
THRU STRUTS

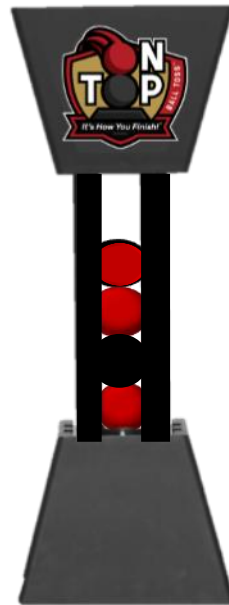


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OnTop Traditional Method of Play

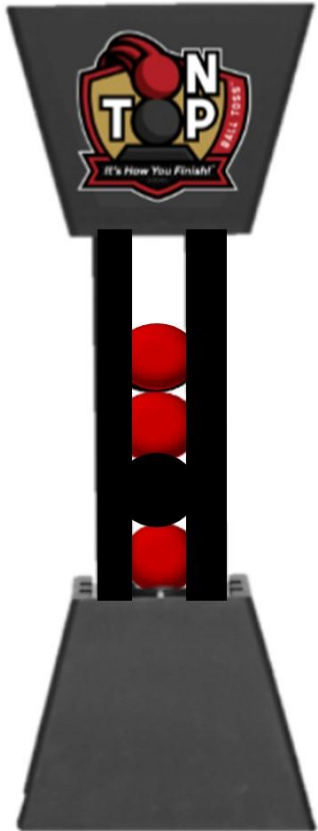


End Of Round Scoring:

THE PLAYER WITH THE TOP BALL WINS THE ROUND AND THE POINTS

- THE TOP BALL IS WORTH 2 POINTS AND EVERY ADDITIONAL BALL OF THE WINNING PLAYER IS WORTH 2 POINTS, REGARDLESS OF POSITION WITHIN THE TOWER.
- THE OTHER TEAM DOES NOT EARN POINTS AS A RESULT OF BEING CANCELED BY THE TOP BALL.

◇ SCORING EXAMPLE ILLUSTRATION: RED WOULD EARN 6 POINTS FOR HAVING THE TOP BALL AND THE 2 RED BALLS BENEATH IT. ALL BLACK BALLS ARE CANCELED BY RED'S TOP BALL.



ONTOP STOP Method of Play

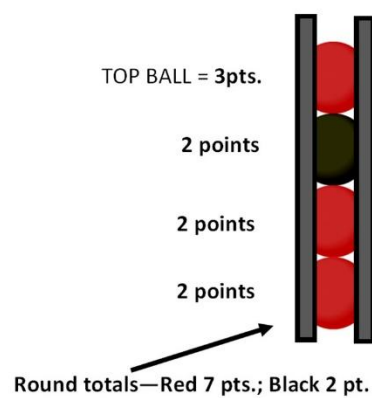
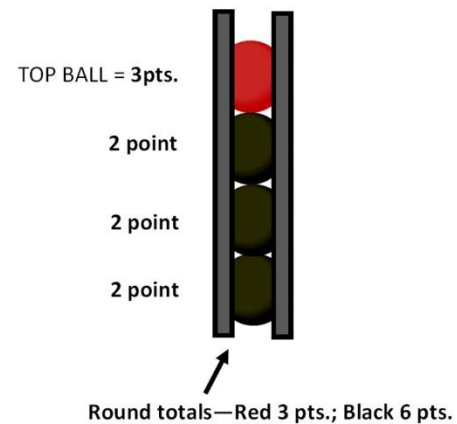
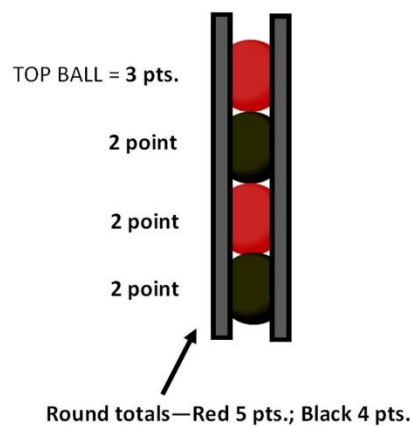
1. THE PLAYER WITH THE TOP BALL WINS THE ROUND AND THE POINTS

- ⇒ **THE TOP BALL IS WORTH 2 POINTS AND EVERY SUCCESSIVE LIKE COLORED BALL IS WORTH 2 POINTS.**
- ⇒ **THE LOSING PLAYER DOES NOT EARN POINTS BUT “STOPS” ANY ADDITIONAL POINTS FOR BALLS BELOW THEIR BALL.**
- ◇ **SCORING EXAMPLE ILLUSTRATION: RED WOULD EARN 4 POINTS FOR HAVING THE TOP BALL AND A SUCCESSIVE BALL BENEATH IT. THE BLACK BALL PREVENTED RED FROM SCORING AN ADDITIONAL 2 POINTS.**

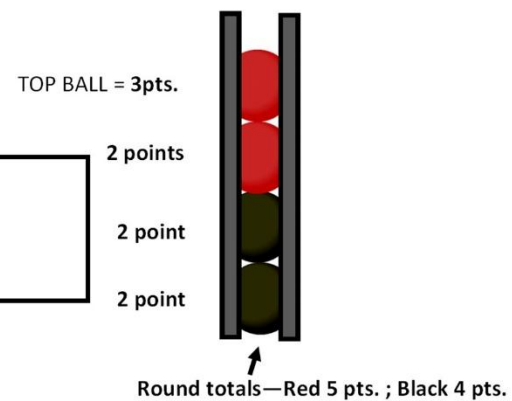


OnTop “Non-Traditional” Method of Play

(AKA The Juice Box Method—where all participants can score)



Ball on top at end of round are worth 3 points
◇ All other balls in tower are worth 2 point each



For the **NOVICE** Player



OnTop "Error To The Thrown"

OnTop Ball Toss "Error To The Thrown" Scoring Method

When playing the Error to The Thrown Scoring Method, the Screamer (Bust) Rule does not apply.



End of Round Scoring Example:

Blue is awarded 2 points for the ball in the tower (on top) plus 1 point for the ball closest to the tower, for a **total of 3 points**. Red is awarded no points.



End of Round Scoring Example:

Blue is awarded 2 points for the ball on top in the tower, plus 2 point for the other blue ball in the tower, for a **total of 4 points**. Red is awarded no points. The reason no points are awarded for closest to the tower is because the red ball is in the tower (essentially, closer than any blue ball outside the tower)

"Error to the Thrown" Scoring

2pts. : Ball On Top in Tower (wins round)

2 pt. : Each additional like colored ball in the tower belonging to the top ball.

1 pt. : For each ball closest to the tower, provided an opponents ball is not in the tower.

Note:

In order to win the match, a team must finish "OnTop" in the final round (closest to the tower points do not count towards point total).



End of Round Scoring Example:

Blue is awarded 1 point for each blue ball closest to the tower, for a **total of 2 points**.

NOTE: The Red Ball in front of the Tower is not point eligible because the ball must pass the front plane of the tower's base in order to qualify for points.

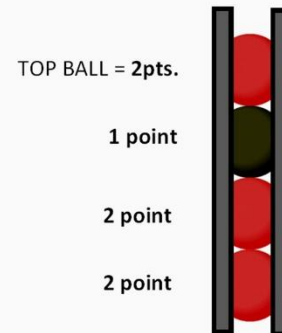


End of Round Scoring Example:

Blue is awarded 2 points for the ball on top in the tower, 2 points for the blue ball underneath it, plus 1 point for the blue ball closest to the tower, for a **total of 5 points**.



OnTop Ball Toss Winner Take All Scoring Method



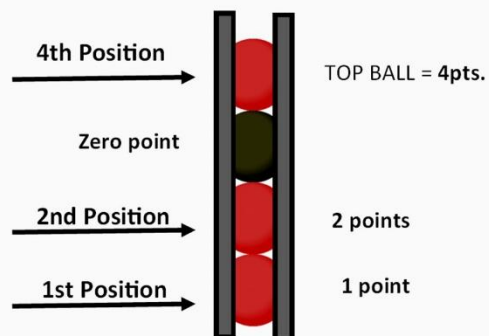
End of Round Scoring:

Red takes the round by finishing on top. **A total of 7 points** (2 pts. for each red ball & 1 pt. for each opponents ball).

Black scores Zero Points for failing to finish "OnTop"



OnTop Ball Toss Positional Points Scoring Method



End of Round Scoring:

Red takes the round for finishing on top.

A total of 7 points awarded to the Red Team. Black scores zero points.

(4 pts. for the ball on top in the 4th position; 2pts. for the red ball in the 2nd position; and 1 pt. for the red ball in the 1st position).

Player Blue

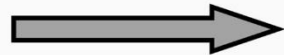


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Wherever the balls come to rest at the end of the round, becomes the launch point for the next round.

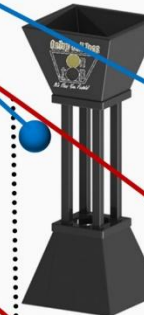
The only exceptions are the balls that come to rest in front of the tower, and those that go in the tower. For these balls, the normal throw line becomes the launch point.



OnTop Ball Toss Scramble Method



The first ball tossed in the next round is the furthest from the tower BY the player/team on top the previous round. From there, teams alternate tosses from furthest to closest to the tower.



Blue
1st toss

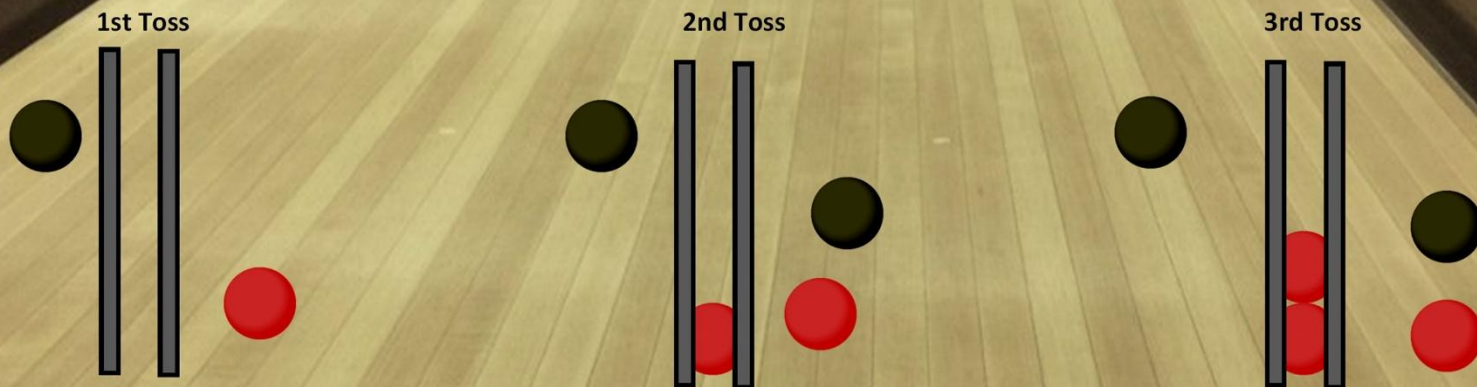
Red
1st toss





OnTop Ball Toss Tenth Frame Scoring Method

Team	1st Toss	2nd Toss	3rd Toss
Red	--	X	X
Black	--	--	



Much like the 10th Frame in Bowling, a player must make their 1st and/or 2nd toss in the Tower to be eligible to toss their 3rd ball. If they miss both their 1st and 2nd, they cannot toss their 3rd. Combine the 10th Frame method with the Traditional Method when assigning Points. 1st team to 16 wins.



TOSSES	FRAMES 1-9				
Made	None (3 rd toss forfeited)	1 st Toss only	2 nd Toss only	2 balls	3 Balls
Missed	1 st & 2 nd	2 nd & 3 rd	1 st & 3 rd	One	None
Results	Open	Open	Open	Spare	Strike
Scoring	Frame 5 0 —	Frame 6 5 —	Frame 7 0 5	Frame 8 5	Frame 9



Toss	Made Missed			FRAME 10	
	1	2	3	Score It	
P O	—	—	*	0	—
O U	* 3 rd toss forfeited				
S T		—	—		0 0
S C	—		—	0	0
I O	—			0	
B M		—			0
L E			—		
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Quick Scoring Summary for Frames 1 - 9

- Miss your first 2 balls, forfeit your 3rd (Score 0 & an open frame —)
- Make only the 1st toss (score it a 5 on the first ball & an open frame —)
- Make only the 2nd toss (score it a 0 on the 1st ball & 5 on the 2nd)
- Make 2 of 3 tosses (score it a spare, with the first ball worth 5 &)
- Make all 3 balls (Score it a Strike)

Quick Scoring Summary for Frame 10

- Miss your first 2 balls, forfeit your 3rd (Score 0 & an open frame —)
- All other balls made are treated as a Spare or Strike (see Chart)

Suggestions:

- ⇒ We suggest players complete a frame before other players, just like in Bowling, rather than alternate tosses.
- ⇒ We suggest players stand on opposite sides (near opposing towers), rather on the same end. In this way, 4 players can easily play a bowling match, with 2 players at each tower, tossing their set of balls to complete their frame, and the other 2 players returning (tossing) the balls back to complete their frame.
- ⇒ We suggest downloading a Bowling Scorecard App to your phone for easy scoring, rather than filling out a scorecard manually.



OnTop Bowling



OnTop Golf

- ✓ Played with 1 or 2 Game Towers, positioned 12-15 feet apart.
- ✓ 3 balls per player (or team)
- ✓ Coin flip decides which player tees off first (loser goes first).
- ✓ Players alternate tosses until all 6 balls have been tossed.

Hole Outcome	3 Balls	2 Balls	1 Ball	No Balls
OnTop	-3 (Dbl.Eagle)	-2 (Eagle)	-1 (Birdie)	
Not OnTop	0 (Par)	0 (Par)	0 (Par)	+1 (Bogie)

- ✓ The player with their ball "ON TOP" wins the hole, and scored according to how many balls in the tower.
- ✓ Players receive a bogey if they fail to make a ball in the tower during the hole.
- ✓ The player "ON TOP" the previous round tosses first the next round.
- ✓ The match is played to 9 Holes or 18 Holes. If the match is tied after regulation, extra holes are played until the tie is broken.



Red Team

Blue Team

OnTop 6 Scoring Method

Teams Stand at Opposite Towers . Red Team tosses all six balls to Blue's Tower, starting with the 3 Blue Balls first, and then tossing the three Red Balls.

Scoring:

In order to register points a team must toss at least one of their own colored balls in the tower. If not, no points are awarded or subtracted.

-1 Pt. opponent deduction for each ball made, & +1 Pt. for every team ball made.

End of Half Round Scoring

Red : Plus 1 (Top Ball)

Blue: Minus 2 (2 Blue Balls)

Objective

First Team to +6 Wins, or First Team to -6 Loses

End of Round Scoring

Score is unchanged because the Blue Team failed to top with a Blue Ball
(Red holds onto their 1 point advantage from the previous round because the Blue Team missed all 3 Blue Balls, despite making all 3 Red)

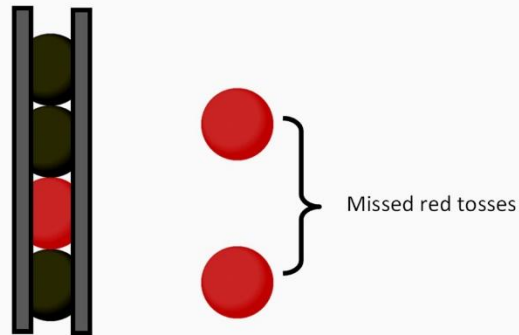
NOTE:

Match cannot end in the Half Round. Each Team must have equal turns.

OnTop 6



OnTop Ball Toss Addition By Subtraction Scoring Method



Each Team starts with an agreed upon Even Numbered Point Total (e.g. 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 etc.)

Scoring is like the Traditional Method except:

- ⇒ At the end of the round, points are subtracted from the losing team's Point Balance & added to the winning teams balance.
- ⇒ 2 Points are deducted for every ball the losing team missed (losing team is the team NOT on top at the end of the round).
- ⇒ First Team with a Point Balance of Zero loses.

(Note: Adding the two scores together should always equal the combined Point total at the start of the match.)

Scoring Summary from Example Above

Black Team wins round because they finished on top &, because they made all 3 black balls, take 6 points from the red team (2 pts. for each black ball made in the tower).

Black also takes 4 point from Red's point balance for every ball red missed. So, if each Team started the game with a Point Balance of 10, the Score would be Black 20, Red 0 and the game would be over.

OnTop Pro Baseball

- Teams decide before play begins how many innings will be played in the game, and who is home team.
- Each round is treated as the top half, or bottom half of the inning, with the visiting team batting in the top half, and the home team batting in the bottom half of the inning.
- The only team who can score during an inning (round) is the team at bat.
- In OnTop Baseball, each missed ball is treated as a strikeout. The team at bat tosses their balls in succession, until they put their first ball in play (in the tower).
- After their 1st ball is made, the team in the field (defense), tries to throw them out by tossing their first ball OnTop of their opponent. If they miss, the ball in the tower is treated as a base hit.
- The defensive team only tosses a ball if there is an offensive ball in the tower. For example, if the offensive team misses their first toss, the defense does not toss a ball because it's an out. Once an offensive ball is made, the defense will toss one ball to try to get them out.
- Play continues until the team at bat (offense) has 3 outs, or all 6 balls have been tossed.

EXAMPLE

(Top of the Inning)

- 1st ball missed – 1 Out
- 2nd ball made
 - Defense tosses, and make ball – 2 Outs
- 3rd ball missed – 3rd Out
 - SCORE IS 0-0 (GO TO THE BOTTOM OF THE INNING)

(Bottom of the Inning)

- 1st ball made
 - Defense tosses but miss – Base Hit
- 2nd ball made
 - Defenses tosses their 2nd ball and makes throw – Double Play (2 outs)
- 3rd ball made
 - Defense misses with their final toss – RUN SCORES
 - SCORE 0-1 (GO TO THE TOP OF THE INNING)

(Top of the next Inning)

- Team at bat misses all 3 tosses (Struck out the side. Go to the Bottom of the 2nd with the score still 0-1)

Scoring

(Only awarded if offensive player finishes OnTop):

1 ball On Top: Home Run (1 run)

2 consecutive balls: 2 Run Home Run

3 consecutive balls: Grand Slam (3 Run Home Run + 1 run bonus)

If the score is tied after regulation (agreed upon innings), the game goes into extra innings.

OnTop Pro Bonus Ball

- The bonus ball method can be combined with any one of the previously mentioned methods, except for OnTop Golf, OnTop Baseball, and OnTop Football.
- During the course of a match, each team can choose to toss the Bonus Ball **as their last ball within the round** of their choosing.
- **Teams can only toss it once per match.**
- Before the Toss, the **player must announce it as a “Bonus Ball”**.
- If this Bonus Ball is OnTop at the conclusion of the round, the winning teams point total becomes equal to their opponents. For example, if the score is 18 to 6, and the team with 6 points successfully tosses the Bonus Ball OnTop, the score becomes 18 to 18.
- But if they fail to put the Bonus Ball in the tower, their point total returns to 0. They cannot throw the Bonus Ball again for the remainder of the match.
- However, if a team’s Bonus Ball is thrown into the tower, and their opponent ends the round On Top, the opponent automatically wins the match. For example, if the score is 18 to 6, in a match being played to 21, and the team with 6 successfully tosses the Bonus Ball in the tower, BUT the other team ends the round On Top, they automatically win the match.

ZIPPER (SUDDEN DEATH)

(Does not apply to Round Play, OnTop Golf, OnTop Bowling, OnTop Baseball, OnTop Football, OnTop 6, or Addition through Subtraction)

- After 2 consecutive rounds of neither team being awarded points due to the SCREAMER RULE (BUST), a final round is played with the team OnTop at the end of this round declared the winner.
 - Example: Team Y has **14 Points** & Team Z has **14 Points**, in a match to 16. In the next round Team Y prevents Team Z from winning, but in the process has too many points to win themselves. In the second round, Team Z prevents Team Y from winning, but also in the process has too many points to win. Team Y and Team Z would then go to Sudden Death where the team finishing OnTop in the next round would be declared the winner.

RUDZ RULE Instant Win

Once the balls become pliable from gameplay, it is possible (but very uncommon) for a tossed ball to come to rest on the top rim of the tower. If this happens, and the ball is still perched on the top rim at the conclusion of the round, the player/team automatically wins the match. This is known as the “RUDZ Rule”, named after a gentleman who played at a beer festival. He earned zero points throughout the match when, in the final round, tossed a ball that settled on the top rim.

“Alternatives to the Alternate” Methods?

As if 15 methods were not enough, we have included some variations to add value and variety to the OnTop experience. Check them out ...

16. OnTop Bocce Ball

- Play traditional Bocce Ball, using the OnTop Balls as bocce balls. Use a golf ball in place of the Pallina ball. Score according to Bocce Ball

17. OnTop Opponent Grab

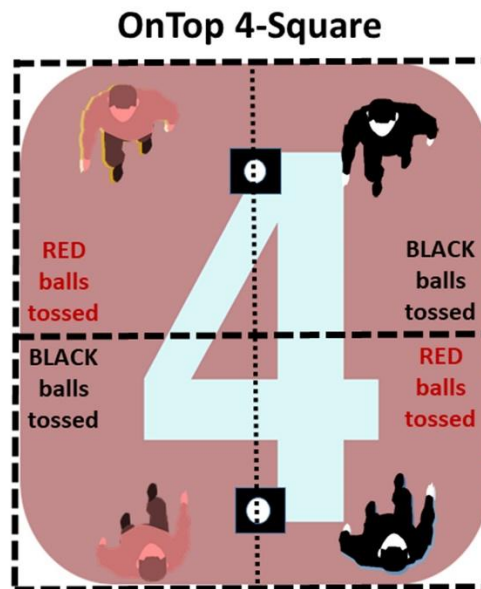
- Teams can combine most every method of play with the Opponent Grab option. The Opponent Grab option gets 3 of 4 players involved during each toss.
- Rules for Opponent Grab
 - A toss must pass the tower completely for the Opponent Grab to be utilized. (If the Grab took place over the top of the tower, or in front of the tower, it's considered a foul and results with the ball placed in the tower as though the player made the toss).
 - The player from the opposing team can Grab (catch) balls missed by the other team as it passes the tower. If they catch it, they must hold onto it until the round is over.
 - However, the teammate of the player tossing the errant ball can swat the ball away (CANNOT CATCH IT), preventing the opponent from grabbing it.
 - Scoring is as follows:
 - Every ball grabbed by a player is worth a 1 point deduction from their opponents score, provided the player held onto the ball the entire round. For example, if they caught an errant ball but dropped it in an attempt to catch or swat another toss, the original catch is nullified.
 - (As an alternative to Opponent Grab method, teams can flip the objective, where a player tries to catch their team balls and swat away opponents. In the alternative, a team would be awarded 1 point for every “grab” of their own balls.)

18. OnTop Center of Attention

- An OnTop tower is placed in the center of the playing area, with players equidistant from the center.
- The match is played in the same manner as the “normal” way, except the tower is centered. With this arrangement, you can have several teams playing at once, either as individuals or teams of 2. (If you have more than 2 teams, more balls will be needed)
- Turns would be taken by going clockwise, with the round starting with the player winning the previous round going first.
- If more than 2 teams are playing, it’s quite possible the chamber can fill up with balls before the round is complete. If this happens, the round ends when the chamber is full (last visible ball, or portion of ball), even if there are balls left to toss. The player (ball) on top at this point is considered the winner of the round.

19. OnTop 4-Square

- 4-Square is combined with another OnTop Method of Play.
- 4 Players compete against each other
- After a completed round, players rotate 1 square so that they have a different opponent for the next round.
- With each rotation, players will toss the ball color for that square
- The winning ball color from the previous round is tossed 1st in the next round.
- Score is kept separately for each player
- Screamer rule applies if the method being combined allows for it (for example, it would not apply with OnTop Golf).



Combine with 2nd Method



OnTop 4-Square

20. OnTop Take the Tower



The diagram illustrates the setup for the 'OnTop Take The Tower' game on a grassy field. A central game tower is positioned between two end lines. The distance from the tower to the left end line is 15 feet, and to the right end line is 12 feet. Dashed lines mark distances of 3, 6, 9, and 12 feet from each end line. On the left end line, there are three black balls. On the right end line, there are three red balls. The game tower has a sign on top that reads 'ON TOP'.

OnTop "Take The Tower"

It's How You Finish!

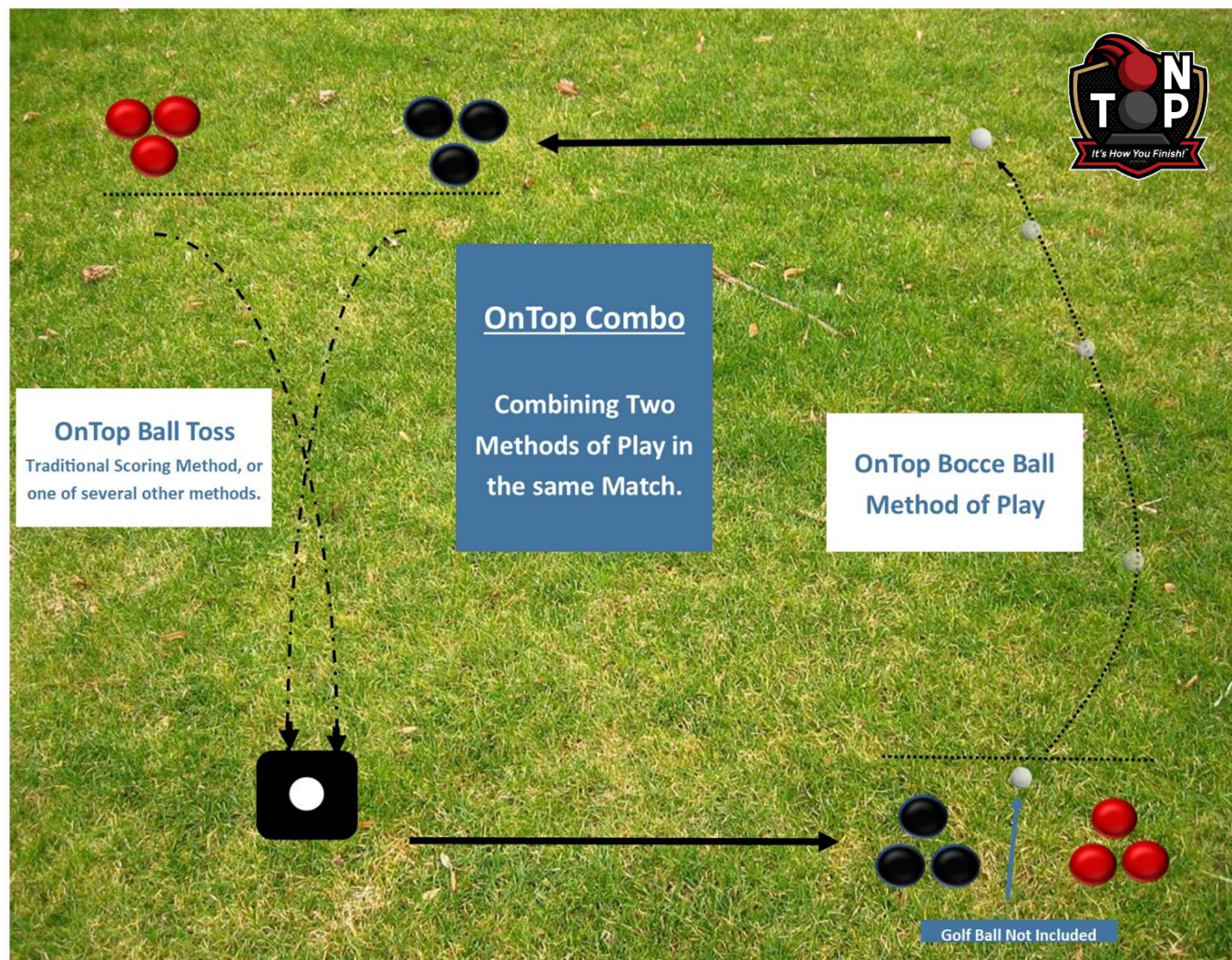
A. The Black & Red player/team alternate tosses until all balls have been tossed.

B. Tosses continue, back and forth, until a "Ball on Top for the Round" has been decided.

C. The player/team on top at the end of the round, moves the tower 3' closer to their end line.

D. Rounds continue until a player (or team) takes possession of the game tower by crossing the end line.

23. OnTop Combo (Not really a method, but....)



These illustrated OnTop methods are just examples. You can combine any 2 of your choosing.

OnTop Match Terminology (1 of 3)

(The majority of the OnTop Terminology is loosely based on mountain climbing jargon)

Barn Door

- When Team A is allowed to stay alive in the match, and eventually win because the “Barn Door” has been left open by Team B’s Screamer (Bust), Team A is said to have “**Barn Doored**” Team B.

Closer

- The **Closer** is when the player/team tossing last in the round successfully tosses their last ball in the tower.

Finish

- To **Finish** is to win the round by having your ball in the top position after all balls have been tossed.

Finisher

- **The Finisher** is the winner of the match.

Follow

- The player/team tossing second in a round is the **Follow**. Except in the first round, this is the player/team that did not finish on top in the last round. In the first round the Follow will be the player/team who won the coin flip.

Hangdog

- **Hangdog** is a term that applies to a player (in team situations) who relies on their teammate to score most, if not all team points. The “more productive” player is said to be going **Solo**.

In The Pitch

- A team is “**In The Pitch**” if it’s possible for them to win the match by finishing on top the next round. For example, if Team A & Team B are playing the Traditional Method, and Team A is leading 10-08, then Team A is considered “In The Pitch” since they are within 6 points of winning the match, with the potential of scoring up to 6 points per round.

Lead

- The first Player/Team to toss in a round is the **Lead**. Other than the first round, this is the player/team finishing on top in the previous round. In the first round it would be the loser of the coin toss.

OnTop Match Terminology (2 of 3)

Pick 6

- **Pick 6** is when the team tosses a Single Rope (defined below), only to be topped by their opponent's final toss of the round. It's called a Pick 6 because it represents a 6 point swing when playing the Traditional Method (2 points to the opponent for the top ball, plus being denied the 4 points for making all three of their balls).

Rope

Half Rope

A **Half Rope** is where a team tosses all of their balls in the tower, but they are not consecutive.

Single Rope

A **Single Rope** is where a team tosses all of their balls in the tower, and they are consecutive.

Twin Rope

A **Twin Rope** is when all balls from both teams are tossed into the tower during the round.

Rudz Rule

- If, at the end of the round, a ball is perched on the top lip of the trapezoid, it's an **Instant Win** per the **Rudz Rule**. It's named after Mr. Rudz, who was the first to have done it at a Beerfest.

Screamer

- A "**Screamer**" is when a team finishes on top at the end of the round, but they exceed the allowed point total needed to win the match. The Screamer does not collect any points for finishing on top, and subtracts the points scored in the round from the points they had prior to the round. For example, if they had 14 points going into a round and needed 1 points to win, but scored 4 points, their new score would be 10 (14-4).

OnTop Match Terminology (3 of 3)

Solo

- The counterpart to **Hangdog**, where a player cannot rely on his teammate for points (Hangdog), and must go “**Solo**” - not by choice, but due to ineptitude.

Wedge

- A **Wedge** (or **Wedgie**) is when the team with the first toss of the round (**The Lead**) takes the points, despite the advantage enjoyed by their opponent (**The Follow**) from having the final toss of the round. “The Lead gave the Follow a Wedgie by finishing on top!”

Whipper

- When Team A is “In The Pitch”, and Team B has yet to score (at least 12-0), Team A is declared “**The Whipper**” (aka The Finisher, or winner of the match). Like the well known Skunk Rule, without the stench.

Zipper

- **The Zipper** is Sudden Death, for the purpose of deciding a winner (as in “Let’s Zip it up!”). The Zipper round takes place after two consecutive rounds are played that end in a Screamer (Bust), where if not for the Screamer, either team would have won the match. It’s important to note that this only comes into play if both teams could have won the match, based on the balls in the tower, if not for the Screamer. The Zipper round represents the final round, where the player whose ball is on top at the end of the round is declared the Finisher (winner). If both teams fail to toss any balls in the tower in the Zipper Round, they can either play another Zipper Round, or apply the OnTop “Error to the Thrown” method and declare the team ball closest to the tower the Finisher, or winner of the match (refer to “Error to the Thrown” method for conditions).

OnTop Ball Toss—It’s How You Finish!

OnTop is one of the most unique games you will ever play. It’s the perfect game for those who are ultra competitive looking for a relaxing, chill activity while enjoying their favorite beverage & some spirited competition—but, at the same time, OnTop is very inclusive, where every player has a “Puncher’s Chance” to finish On Top! Be sure you bring your A-Game! There are no “Slop Points” awarded with OnTop! You’re either On Top, or you’re not!

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Caring for your game unit & other suggestions:

1. **The towers should not be left outdoors.**
2. The towers have rubber feet at the base to minimize movement. However, on slick surfaces such as hardwood or smooth concrete, and on uneven surfaces such as asphalt, the towers tend to “scoot”. If you find that there is too much movement during gameplay, **I recommend placing the towers on a mat with a rubberized backing, like a door mat.**
3. The proper placement of the OnTop Towers is 12-15 feet apart, with the OnTop Logo side facing each other.
4. **Do not pull balls through the bars.** This shortens the life of the ball by stressing the covering & stitching. Either pull the ball stop pin in the base, or guide the balls out of the top of the tower.
5. Over time, the metal bars may become loose (for towers with metal struts). If so, use the hex wrenches included with your game towers to retighten the struts to the chassis plates. Be sure to orient the struts so that the strut wall is flush with the ball hole.

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