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LCMs® HANDBALL

What is handball?

Popular in schoolyard playgrounds across Australia, handball can be played almost anywhere – all you need is some free space and a ball.

A traditional court consists of four squares drawn with chalk on a flat, hard surface. However, the size of each square and the number of squares can change depending on the space available and the amount of players.

There are 4 common rankings within the game – King, Queen, Jack and Dunce – and the aim is to knock out your opponents on your way to becoming the King.

With few rules, minimal equipment, and little setup required, handball is the perfect activity to play with your family and friends, anywhere, anytime.

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GENERAL PLAY:

- All return shots must bounce in the returning player's square before going into someone else's (and only bounce once!)
- Players must hit the ball before it bounces twice!
- If the ball hits the inside lines of the court, the last person to touch the ball is 'out'
- The ball can touch the lines on the outer edges of the court
- Players can only hit the ball with their hands
- Catching or holding the ball is not allowed

A player can be ruled 'out' for anything below

- Failing to hit the ball into another square
- Hitting the ball when it is not their turn
- Letting the ball drop twice in their own square
- Holding or catching the ball
- Hitting the ball on the full into another player's square

When a player is 'out', they leave the court, with the remaining players moving up to the higher-ranking square, and a new player rejoins the court in the lowest ranking square.

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Rules

Nearly every handball game will have its own local rules, handed down over the generations. We've discovered many different versions of the rules, and listed some of the most common rules below.

SERVING:

- The game begins with the King, who may serve to anyone in the other courts.
- A serve must bounce in the King's square first before going into someone else's.

RETURNING

- The receiving player must hit the ball before it bounces twice in their square.
- After they hit it, it must bounce only once in their court before going in to someone else's court.