

Game ideas

The basics:

At Bubble Bash, we keep our prices low by providing the equipment and leaving the rest up to you. With just a little Do-It-Yourself initiative, you'll save yourself a ton - and still have fun! This means you'll need to find your own suitable playing field and supply your own referees. We've found it's so much fun to watch these bubble ball games that you'll have lots of volunteers to referee your games. You can also use the rotation method where your referees are simply players taking a break while others get into the game.

About the playing field:

Your playing field should be free of any hazards to the players or the equipment. A soccer or football field with painted lines is great, but you can play right in your own backyard too. You can also improvise with common household items to delineate the playing field for various games. For example, you can use a garden hose to mark a goal line, boundary lines, the center of your playing field, a backing line, or to form a circle. 100 feet of garden hose will make a circle approximately 32 feet across. Disposable drinking cups (Solo cups) placed on the ground make excellent cones or corner markers too. With a little imagination, your field will rival a World Cup pitch...we did say imagination, right? You can also play indoors on a basketball court. That's a great way to beat the weather. You can play just like a regular soccer game or you can play one of these other games...

Half-field/single-goal soccer and "taking it back":

A full-length soccer field with a goal at each end allows a team to take possession and advance the ball down the field to attempt a goal. Since both teams are sharing the same goal in a half-field game, the ball should be "taken back" after each change of possession. If your team gains possession, pass or dribble the ball behind the "backing" line before advancing toward the goal. This is called "taking it back."

King of the ring:

There are no teams in this game. To start, all players are positioned on the outside perimeter of a circle. The game starts with the referee's signal. After that, it's a free-for-all. The goal of the game is to eliminate your opponents by forcing them out of the circle. Once a player has been eliminated, they may not return to the game. The last player inside the circle is the king (or queen) of the ring. Mix things up by varying the number of players - more is not always better. You can also use alternate rules where players are eliminated if their bubble touches the ground.

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Two teams face off against each other, the goal is to knock down all the opposing team's players. If a player's bubble touches the ground, that player is automatically eliminated and must leave the playing field. Points are given according to the number of players still standing on the winning team. Teams can be allowed to briefly huddle and formulate strategies before the start of each round. Alternate rules can be adopted to change the starting positions of each team or even individual players.

Secret Service:

Two teams face off against each other. Before starting the game, each team must select a president. The objective is to take down the president of the opposing side. The game ends when either president's bubble touches the ground. The rest of the players can fall and get back up as many times as they want. They should also try to protect their own president! Teams can be allowed to briefly huddle and formulate strategies before the start of each round. Alternate rules can be adopted to relocate the starting positions of each team or even individual players. You can also limit the size of the playing field.

Battle Royale:

Each team lines up on their respective starting line and every player is given a number from 1 to 5 by the referees. When everyone is ready, the referee shouts a number to start the first battle. The player from each team associated with that number then enters the battle. The battle is over when a player's bubble has touched the ground. Each battle is worth one point.

Depending on the number of players you have and the size of your playing field, some of these games can be played with more than 2 teams at once.

Another way to have some fun is to set up a race course to be shared. A key feature of the course can be a slalom area identified by cones. Using a down-and-back route with just the right amount of spacing between cones will make things exciting and entertaining.