Rock, Paper, Scurry

Choose wisely, or run for your life!

Overview

- ★ # of Participants: **Any**
- ★ Where to Play: **Indoors/Outdoors**
- ★ Age of Participants: **Elementary/Middle School / High School**
- ★ Approximate Time to Play: **10-20 minutes**
- ★ Materials: **Nothing!**

Summary

- ★ In a large space, teams will square off against each other in a game of rock, paper, scissors
- ★ Two teams will meet in the middle of the gym waiting to throw their sign (teams must decide on the same sign to throw).
- ★ On “rock, paper, scissors, throw” players throw their signs.
- ★ The winning team will chase and try to tag the losing team, who are trying to “escape” to their team’s safe zone.
- ★ If tagged, players will have to join the other team. If safe, they stay on their team.
- ★ Play continues until one team is eliminated.

How to Play

In a large space, like a gym, divide your group into two teams. In this special game of rock, paper, scissors, each team will secretly decide whether their team wants to throw rock, paper, or scissors. The entire team is going to throw the same thing, so make sure everyone’s on the same page.

Once both sides are ready, everyone approaches the half-court line and stands toe-to-toe. On your call of “Rock, Paper, Scissors, shoot!” they’re going to play a normal game of rock-paper-scissors with the person in front of them, but the twist is that whoever loses that round will need to try to “escape” from the winner. In our space, “escaping” means managing to make it to the back wall on your side of the gym. If the runner successfully can get to the safe area without being tagged, then they have survived the round and stay on the same team. But, if the chaser catches up with them and tags them, then the runner must change teams.

This is why it’s important for everyone to know what their team has decided to throw. If a player is confused and throws something different, they risk confusing the other team. To counteract this, if a player throws something different than their team and it causes confusion, that player must switch teams.

What’s most fun about this game is that when players are lined up, everyone is nervous and skittish because they don’t know if they will need to run or not. Every round you might see both players run away from each other, or the loser chase the winner, or even both teams colliding into each other. As the game progresses teams will become more and more lopsided which makes for some funny moments! Once a team is eliminated, the game is over.

Watch the
Video Explanation Here!