



# Swingball® Rules

## 1. HOW THE GAME IS PLAYED:

SWINGBALL® may be played either as a simple fun game, i.e. casual play, or competitively as summarised in this paragraph. The detailed rules follow. The game should be played according to the rules, observing fair play and a sporting spirit.

**1.1 SUMMARY - CASUAL PLAY:** Should the players wish to play for fun or simply practice, the LOOSE-LOOP® may be positioned in the FREE WHEEL GROOVES® above or below the TURBO SLEEVE® where it is trapped and the ball may then be played around the pole without any vertical movement up or down the pole.

**1.2 SUMMARY - COMPETITIVE PLAY:** A game is played by two players. One player (the server) starts the game by serving with the LOOSE-LOOP of the trace placed around the centre of the TURBO SLEEVE on the pole and may only play the ball from right to left, which drives the LOOSE-LOOP of the tether UPWARDS around the TURBO SLEEVE, for the duration of each game. The other player (the receiver) plays only down the TURBO SLEEVE in the opposite direction. The object is to win a game by driving the LOOSE-LOOP off the top or bottom of the TURBO SLEEVE. After each game, service changes. The players may play the ball whenever possible and do not have to wait for their opponents to play a shot before hitting it again. (NOTE: Players may, however, agree that they will hit the ball alternately and it is recommended that beginners play this way. If this is agreed, a player must wait for his opponent to play the ball before hitting the ball again.)

## DETAILED COMPETITIVE RULES - Rules 2-16

**2. OBJECT: TO WIN A GAME BY DRIVING THE LOOSE-LOOP OFF THE TOP OR BOTTOM OF THE TURBO SLEEVE:** The object is to win a game by playing shots at the ball so as to drive the LOOSE-LOOP of the tether around the TURBO SLEEVE against the opposite efforts of one's opponents off either the top or bottom of the TURBO SLEEVE and into a FREE WHEEL GROOVE.

**3. DIRECTION OF PLAY:** The server may only serve or play the ball from right to left, i.e. the LOOSE-LOOP is driven upwards around the TURBO SLEEVE towards the top FREE WHEEL GROOVE. The receiver may only play from left to right, i.e. the LOOSE-LOOP is driven downwards around the TURBO SLEEVE towards the bottom FREE WHEEL GROOVE.

**Penalty:** Loss of game for playing in the wrong direction.

**4. ELECTION OF SERVER:** The election of server for the initial game shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

## 5. SERVICE, START AND PLAY OF GAME:

**5.1** The server may start the game by serving from any spot he chooses and during the game the players may move wherever they wish around the pole. Players must, however, at all times stand outside the arc of travel of the ball and tether.

**5.2** The LOOSE-LOOP of the trace must be placed around the centre of the TURBO SLEEVE. When the receiver is ready, the server shall serve by playing the ball in a smooth horizontal arc from right to left around the pole to the receiver.

**5.3 Penalty:** Should any player infringe this rule, the opponent, before the ball is played after the infringement, may call for the game to be restarted.

**6. COMPLETION OF EACH GAME:** A game is completed the moment either player causes the LOOSE-LOOP either:

**6.1** to rise above the TURBO SLEEVE and become trapped in the top FREE WHEEL GROOVE (i.e. the server wins), or

**6.2** to drop below the TURBO SLEEVE and become trapped in the bottom FREE WHEEL GROOVE (which runs around the pole immediately above the SKIRT (i.e. the receiver wins)).

**7. CHANGE OF SERVICE AND DIRECTION OF PLAY:** After each game the players shall change service and direction of play.

## 8. SHOTS: (i.e. 'playing' the ball by striking or hitting it with a bat.)

**8.1 Definition:** A player may only hit the ball or cord with the bat or hand or wrist holding the bat - contact with a player's forearm or any other part of the body or clothes is illegal. Any legal contact with the ball or cord shall be considered a shot. A player does not have to succeed in reversing the direction of the ball (i.e. a glancing touch is still contact and therefore a shot).

**Penalty:** Loss of game, if claimed by opponent.

### 8.2 'Pole Shot' (fault)

**Penalty:** If any player causes the ball to directly strike the pole, (i.e. not after the cord has wrapped around the pole), the opponent shall win the game.

**8.3 Timing of Shots:** A player is not obliged to hit the ball immediately.

**8.4 Attempted Shot or Miss:** An attempted shot or serve which does not make contact with the ball or cord does not count as a shot or serve.

## 9. TANGLES:

**9.1 Pole Tangle:** (no fault). There is no fault should the tether become entangled on or wrapped around the pole or the TURBO HEAD assembly. Should a pole tangle occur, the game shall immediately stop and the tangle be unraveled. The player who unravels the tangle shall restart the game by serving from the position occupied by that player when the tangle occurred.

**9.2 Bat, Hand or Wrist Tangle: (fault).**

**Penalty:** Loss of game, if the opponent claims a fault. (A tangle includes any momentary wrapping or snagging of the ball or cord on the bat, or any part of the body.)

**10. SET:** The player who first scores two games wins a set, except that the set must also be won by a margin of at least two games and, if necessary, play will continue until this margin is achieved.

**11. MATCH:** A match shall consist of a number of sets, the winner being the first player to win two sets, or by agreement, three sets.

**12. STANDARD HANDICAP:** If both players agree beforehand to adopt 'STANDARD HANDICAP', the loser of any given game shall be entitled to have the next game started with the LOOSE-LOOP placed one complete revolution around the TURBO SLEEVE closer to the end to which the loser will be hitting than in the previous game.

**13. INTERFERENCE:** No player may obstruct, interfere with, verbally distract, or put off his opponent, or abuse the good spirit of the game in any way.

**Penalty:** Loss of game.

**14. UMPIRE:** The umpire's decision shall be final.

**15. DOUBLES:** This is a very exciting fun game. Two pairs of players take up positions on opposite sides of the pole. Each team has only one bat. The rules apply as for singles but each player plays alternately (as in table tennis) and the bats shall be exchanged amongst the partners between shots.

**16. COMPONENTS:** Only genuine unmodified SWINGBALL® components which comply with current factory specifications shall be used. In particular, strung racquets may not be used!

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⚠ WARNING!  
Choking Hazard - Small parts.  
Not for children under 3 years.



**GB**  
**WARNING!** Please retain this information for future reference. Please remove packaging before giving to a child. **WARNING!** Not suitable for children under 36 months. Small parts. Choking hazard. Long cord. Strangulation hazard. Adult supervision recommended. Adult assembly required. This product will last longer if not exposed to direct sunlight for prolonged periods. Store indoors when not in use. Empty water from base to avoid it going stagnant. It is recommended that strung rackets are not used. For safety reasons, players must never position themselves inside the arc of travel of the ball.

**NL**  
**WAARSCHUWING!** Niet geschikt voor kinderen onder 36 maanden. Kleine onderdelen. Verstikkingsgevaar. Lange koorden. Wurgingsgevaar. Kleur en inhoud kunnen afwijken van de foto's. Bewaar deze informatie om later te kunnen raadplegen. Verwijder de verpakking voor u het product aan uw kind geeft. Toezicht van een volwassene aanbevolen. Montage door een volwassene vereist. Dit product gaat langer mee als het niet gedurende langere periodes aan direct zonlicht wordt blootgesteld. Bewaar het product binnen als het niet in gebruik is. Verwijder het water van de bodem om stilstand te voorkomen. Aanbevolen wordt om geen met snaren bespannen rackets te gebruiken. Om veiligheidsredenen mogen spelers nooit in het bereik van de bal gaan staan.

**FR**  
**ATTENTION !** Non adapté aux enfants de moins de 36 mois. Petites pièces. Risque d'étouffement. Longues cordes. Risque d'étranglement. La couleur et les pièces peuvent différer de celles indiquées sur les photographies. Veuillez conserver ces informations pour toute future référence. Retirez l'emballage avant de donner ce produit à un enfant. Surveillance d'un adulte recommandée. L'installation doit être effectuée par un adulte. Ce produit durera plus longtemps s'il n'est pas directement exposé aux rayons du soleil pendant de longues périodes. À conserver à l'intérieur lorsqu'il n'est pas en utilisation. Videz l'eau de la base pour éviter qu'elle ne stagne. Il est conseillé de ne pas utiliser de raquettes cordées. Pour des raisons de sécurité, les joueurs ne doivent jamais se placer sur la trajectoire de rotation de la balle.

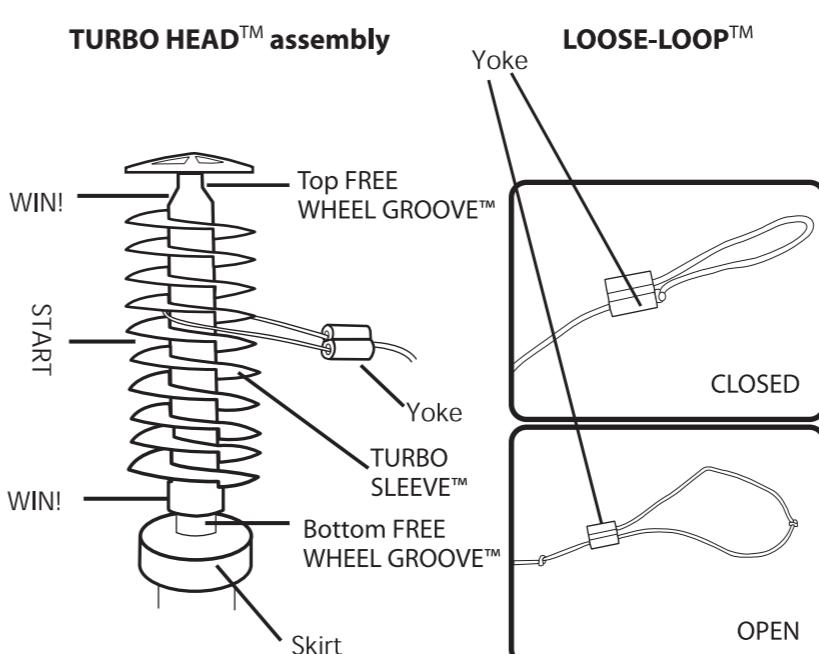
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**PT**  
**AVISO!** Não adequado para crianças com idade inferior a 36 meses. Peças pequenas. Perigo de sufocação. Cabos compridos. Perigo de estrangulamento. A cor e o conteúdo podem diferir dos elementos apresentados nas imagens. Guardar estas informações para futuras consultas. Remover todos os elementos de embalagem antes de entregar o brinquedo a uma criança. Recomenda-se que a sua utilização seja supervisionada por um adulto. É necessária montagem por parte de um adulto. Este produto durará mais se não estiver diretamente exposto à luz solar por longos períodos. Guardar num espaço interior quando não estiver a ser utilizado. Drenar a água da base para evitar que fique estagnada. Não é recomendado o uso de raquetas de corda. Por motivos de segurança, os jogadores nunca se devem colocar dentro do arco de passagem da bola.

**ES**  
**ADVERTENCIA:** No apto para niños menores de 36 meses. Piezas pequeñas. Peligro de asfixia por atragantamiento. Cordones largos. Peligro de estrangulación. El color y el contenido pueden ser distintos de los de las fotografías. Guardar esta información para poder consultarla en un futuro. Retirar todo el material de embalaje antes de dar el producto al niño. Se recomienda la supervisión de un adulto. Debe ensamblarlo un adulto. El producto durará más si no se expone a la luz directa del sol durante períodos prolongados. Guardar fuera de la intemperie cuando no se vaya a utilizar. Vaciar el agua de la base para evitar que se estanke. No se recomienda utilizar raquetas encordadas. Por razones de seguridad, los jugadores nunca deben colocarse dentro del arco de trayectoria de la pelota.

**IT**  
**ATTENZIONE!** Non adatto a bambini di età inferiore ai 36 mesi. Rischio di soffocamento dovuto alla presenza di piccole parti. Dotato di un cavo lungo che aumenta il rischio di strangolamento. Il colore e gli accessori potrebbero differire da quelli raffigurati nelle immagini. Ritenere queste informazioni per futura consultazione. Eliminare gli imballi prima di dare il giocattolo al bambino. È preferibile che l'utilizzo avvenga sotto la sorveglianza di un adulto. Il giocattolo deve essere montato da un adulto. Per garantire un uso prolungato del prodotto, evitare di esporre alla luce diretta del sole per lunghi periodi di tempo. Conservare in un ambiente chiuso quando non è in uso. Svuotare la base per evitare che l'acqua diventi stagnante. Si raccomanda di non utilizzare racchette incordate. Per ragioni di sicurezza, i giocatori non devono posizionarsi all'interno del raggio di movimento della palla.

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