

TITLE

La Billarda

TITLE IN ENGLISH

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OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THE GAME WAS/IS PLAYED

Spain, Italy (Lippa), Portugal (Jogo da bilharda)

ORIGIN:

The “Billarda” is a traditional game in Canary Islands. It is not well known, it is supposed to have arrived to the islands with the colonization from the Iberian peninsula, where we can find a lot of variations of this game, also with different names such as : verdalla, birdalla, bellarda, gordalla, palitogue, cachimbumba, etc.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

4

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

4

MATERIAL AND BUILDING INSTRUCTIONS

Some pieces of chalk, two long sticks about 70-80 cm long, usually and a small stick about 15-16 cm long, which is called the “billarda”. On the pitch you make several holes, about 60 cm wide and 8-12 meters away one from the other. These holes have to be surrounded by a row of pebbles of 20-30 cm high, in order not to allow the “billarda” to come out when it falls inside.

SETTING:

Outdoor, in an open area.

DESCRIPTION OF THE GAME:

There are four players, two for each team. First, a circumference about 60 cm in diameter is made on the floor and a cross that starts from the circle and faces the space where the billiards will be thrown. Then one of the players of each team, at a distance of about 5 m, throws the billiard to the cross to define which is the 1st team to play. The player who placed one of the billiard nipples closest to the point of intersection of the arms of the cross plays first.

In one goal there will be a defender with the long stick and another player with the small one, the “billarda”, while there will be another player without anything and another player with the long stick in the other goal. It is about to hit “ the billarda” that is thrown by the opponent player and if it is hit with the stick, the batters will run into the holes to get the points agreed on beforehand.

The game is played on the opposite side when the billarda has fallen in the hole of the opposite goal, the number of points to get and the end of the game will be decided by the players.

RULES:

The player located in front of the circumference throws the billiards in the air and with the biggest stick hits it with violence as far as possible.

In the space where the billiards goes, there is a player from the opposing team who tries to catch the billiards in the air, killing the move there, when he succeeds. If you are unable to catch it in the air, pick up the billiard from the ground by throwing it as close to the circle as possible, while the player standing next to the circle tries to hit the billiard with the stick by throwing it away. Then the player who threw the billiard next to the circle, takes it and tries to throw it into it.

If the billiards fall into the circle, the game ends and the players change positions. If the billiard falls outside the circle, the player hits the stick with one stick making it jump and then catches it in the air by throwing it as far as possible, having the right to 4 hits. If the billiard was half crossed in the circle the player has the right to hit only 2 times, the team that first scores 54 points wins. The points are counted by one third, which means that each three measures of the largest stick is worth 1 point.

LEARNING OUTCOMES | COMPETENECES TO BE DEVELOPED THROUGH THE GAME:

Psychomotor abilities: accuracy, body coordination, agility, balance, aiming skills, coordination, speed, spacial perception, hand-eye coordination.

Social skills: Social interaction, competitiveness.

Intellectual abilities: strategy, decision making, problem solving, observation, concentrarion.

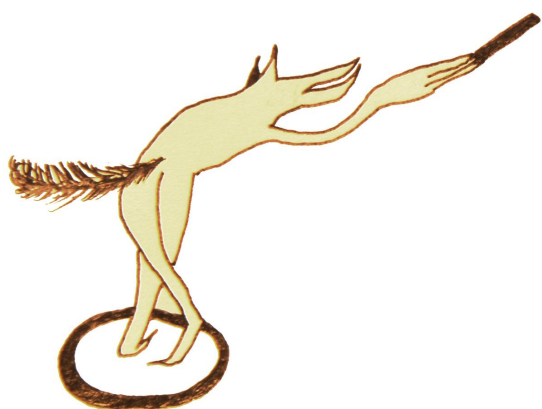
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