

Yaamaq – Rock Game

Set Up:

- Dig two shallow holes twenty to thirty feet apart.
- Stand a stake in the center of each hole.
- Bury the bottom of the stake, leaving a shallow depression around it. The depression should be about two hands wide.
- Collect smooth rocks about the size of your hand.
- You can play inside using cones and bean bags.

Play:

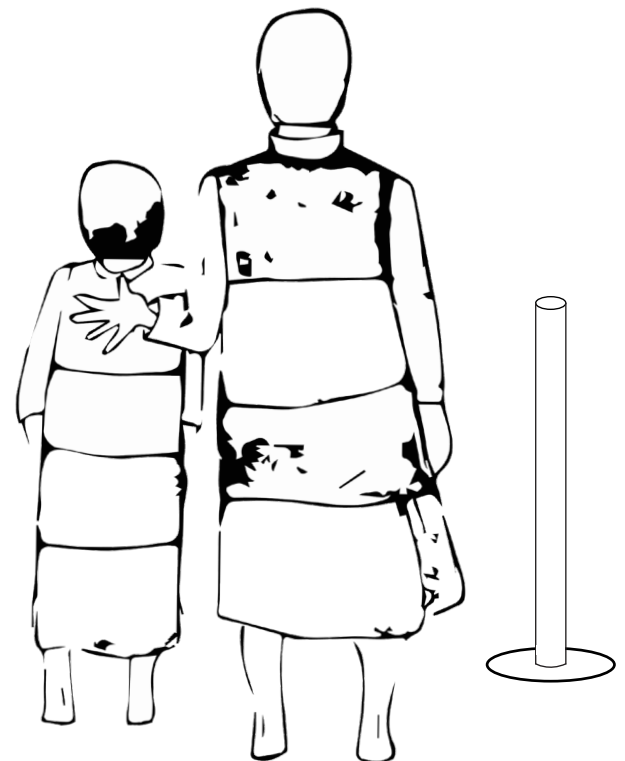
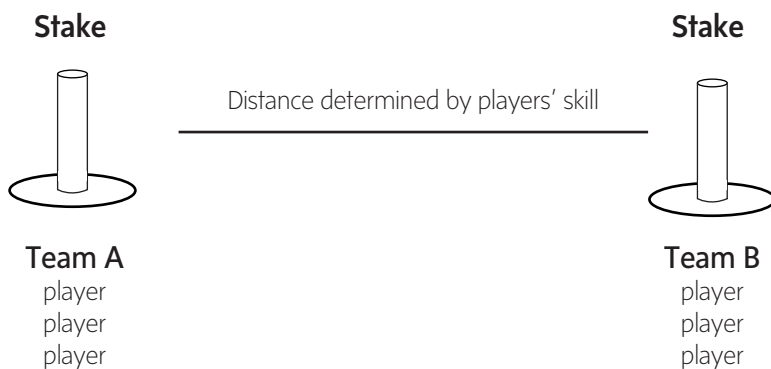
- Line up behind one stake and toss your rock at the other stake.
- Take turns throwing your rocks at the stakes to earn points.

Score:

- Earn two points for hitting the stake. You may not bounce your rock into the stake.
- Earn one point for throwing the rock that lands closest to the stake without hitting it.
- The first player or team to reach 16 points wins the match.
- The first player or team to win two matches wins the game.



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The rules and instructions shared here were passed down through generations by numerous Alutiiq community members. Other communities may have different variations of these games.

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