



# Octo-ball

**6-12 players**

Equipment: 1 or more soft balls

## Rules of Play

- 1) Players start inside the Octo-ball pit touching the sides.
- 2) One player throws the ball up in the air towards the middle. Players yell “**Oc-**” on the first bounce, “**-to**” on the second bounce, and “**-ball**” on the third bounce. The ball is in play after the third bounce and players are free to move away from the sides.
- 3) Players who are out must leave the Octo- ball pit immediately.
- 4) Players can hit the ball with one hand but cannot pick it up and throw it.
- 5) If the ball touches a player anywhere on or below the knee, that player is out.
- 6) A player cannot touch the ball two times in a row – the ball must first touch another player or the pit wall or it is called a “double touch” and that player is out.
- 7) Players may not kick the ball since this means touching the ball below the knee.
- 8) If the ball is hit out of the pit, then the last player to touch the ball is out.
- 9) The last player in is the winner and gets to start the next game.

## Game Variations

### Domination Octo-Ball

Gameplay is as per the normal rules except that when a player gets “out”, any player who was previously gotten out by that player can re-enter the pit.

### Mayhem Octo-Ball

Use up to 4 balls for this game (different coloured balls work best).

### Team Octo-Ball

Split players into 2 teams. Teams stay on opposite sides of the pit and play until one team is eliminated. Getting each opponent out allows a teammate to re-enter.

### Defender Octo-Ball

Each player picks a wall panel to defend from being hit by the others, like a goalkeeper would. Keep score by number of hits and high score loses.