Ladder Golf

Playing the Game:

Prior to game play a line must be set 5 paces from the ladder. This is the called the toss line.

The object of ladder golf is to toss the bolas in an underhanded fashion while trying to wrap the bolas around the steps of the ladder. The ladder consists of 3 steps or tiers: Top, middle, and bottom.

Rounds:

Ladder Golf is played in rounds, each round consists of all players tossing 3 bolas. A coin toss is used to decide which player or team will toss first (We will use Rock/Paper/Scissors). The first player must toss all 3 bolas before the next player is able to toss his or her bolas. Bolas can be tossed in an underhand throw, they are tossed individually and can be bounced off the ground. The winner of the round earns the first toss in the next round.

After all teams have tossed their bolas, the score is determined by the amount of bolas hanging from the rungs. Players can knock off other bolas or place their bolas on the same rung to cancel out the opponents score. Only bolas that are left hanging on the rungs, without the existence of your competitor's bola, are counted as points. Games are played to an exact point total of 21.

If both teams happen to tie at 21 points in the same round, a playoff tiebreak occurs and a win by 2 scenario is enabled. If a player goes over 21, that player or team's score goes back to 13.

If a player goes over the exact point total, that players points for that round do not count.

For example: A player with 18 points needs 3 points to get the exact score of 21 in order to win. If that player has 5 points hanging on the ladder after all the players have tossed all strands, none of those points count and the player will enter the next round with 18 points again needing 3 points to win.

Ladder Ball Points

Points are determined by which rung your bolas land on. The top rung is worth 3 points, middle rung is 2 points, and bottom rung is worth 1 point. Players can score additional bonus points by landing all 3 bolas on the same rung or on each rung (1-2-3). The highest possible score in a single round is 10.

Hat Trick: A hat trick occurs when the player lands all three bolas on a single rung without any of your opponent's bolas on the same rung. When a hat trick occurs, an additional point is given. For example, a player lands all three of the bolas on the bottom rung. That is 3 points total, also earning the bonus 1 point for 4 total points in the round.

**Example: If you toss 3 of your bolas on the top rung, yet your opponent tosses 1 of their bolas on the top rung, you only get credit for 6 points. But, if you land all 3 bolas on the top rung without your opponent's bolas on the top rung, you receive 9 points, plus 1 bonus point for a total of 10.

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-Birdie: A birdie occurs when a player lands their respective bolas on each rung and the opponent does not also land on any of the rungs. The player who achieves a birdie gets 6 points for landing their bola on each rung (3+2+1), plus 1 bonus point for a total of 7 points.

-Zelda!: A Zelda occurs when you beat your opponent 21-0. **Team Play:** Four players can play Lawn Golf and ladder ball by alternating with teammates each round. Extra bolas may be needed so four players

Etiquette of the Game:

Basic etiquette of Ladder Golf states that contestants should make as many remarks, sounds or movements as possible during play in order to distract the opponent's during play. Touching the player during tossing is never allowed.

In the course of play no contestant is to walk to the ladder prior to completion of the current round of play.

Glossary of Terms:

Bolas: A Bola consists of 2 golf balls attached together with a piece of nylon rope. Golf Balls are spaced 13" apart.

Ladder: The ladder is the structure that consists of 3 steps each spaced 13 inches apart.

Steps or Rungs: Each ladder has 3 steps. The top step is worth 3 points, the middle 2 and the bottom 1 point.

Toss Line: The line that the players tosses from. Officially is set to 15 feet. For backyard games 5 paces works fine.

Safety Is Important In All Games:

- DO NOT swing the bolas unless tossing them at the ladder during normal game play. Injury to yourself or others may occur if bolas are used improperly.
- The bolas provided are connected using special anchors that, under normal game play, will provide a lifetime of use. DO NOT pull excessively on the bolas (tug-of-war) as abuse of the bolas may cause the anchors to pull away from the ball.
- Do not attempt to wrap bolas around body parts.
- DO NOT stand on the steps of the ladder
- DO NOT throw more than one bola at a time.
- You break it, you buy it!