

Partner Putting Challenge

Objective: To develop putting skills

Facility: Open area (gymnasium or multi-purpose room) with carpet, if possible

Level: Ages 8 and up

Time: 8-15 minutes

Equipment: One putter per person
One poly spot per person
One golf ball per pair of players

Organization: The players form pairs and stand approximately 10-20 feet apart (distance can be adjusted for skill level and challenge) with a poly spot on the floor in front of them. Each player has a putter and one of the players has a ball.

Directions:

1. Players try to put the ball so that it lands on or touches the opponent's poly spot.
2. Players take turns hitting the golf ball back and forth to each other. The ball can be hit from the poly spot, to the side of it, or behind the poly spot but may not be placed ahead of it.
3. If a shot touches the opposing player's poly spot but doesn't stay on it, the putter earns one point.
4. A putter earns two points when the ball comes to rest on the opposing player's poly spot.
5. A set number of rounds can be played and scores totaled to determine a winner.

Variation: Players can have two chances to hit the poly spot. Wherever the first attempt stops, the player putts the ball from that location, attempting to hit the poly spot. The player can earn either one or two more points by touching the spot on the second putt or landing the ball on the spot. If the first putt touches the spot but rolls away, that is worth one point. If the second putt stops on the poly spot, it is worth two points, for a total of three for that turn. If the first putt stops on the poly spot, the player can return the ball to the starting area and hit a second putt, making it possible to score another one or two points.

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