
CHALLENGE CARD

Meteor Shower

Equipment

- Five tennis balls
- Five bases or poly spots
- One scooter

Starting Position

The astronaut and the rocket launcher must be behind the starting line. The rest of the teammates stand on bases or poly spots while holding a tennis ball (meteor) and facing the astronaut.

Our Challenge

The astronaut must be pushed by the rocket launcher and make it to the finish line with just one push. While traveling toward the finish line, the astronaut must collect (catch) five tennis balls (meteors) tossed by the teammates on the bases or poly spots. The astronaut must carry all five balls across the finish line.

Rules and Sacrifices

1. The rocket launcher must remain behind the starting line.
2. The astronaut must not touch the floor with any body part, and the scooter must remain three-fourths of the width of the area (15 feet [4.5 meters]) away from the throwers. You can use cones to show where the boundary is or just estimate.
3. The astronaut must catch the balls with his or her hands.
4. If the astronaut fails to catch all five meteors or any of the other rules are broken, players rotate and attempt the challenge again. The rocket launcher becomes the new astronaut, and the astronaut goes to the last base. Each teammate on a base moves one base closer to the starting line. The base closest to the start becomes the new rocket launcher.
5. The astronaut must travel to the finish line with just one push. If he or she doesn't reach the finish line, the team must try again, even if the astronaut has caught all the meteors.
6. Group members cannot use last names or put-downs.

ORGANIZER CARD

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Questions

1. What does the astronaut have to do?
2. Does the astronaut have to make it to the finish line in one or two pushes?
3. What happens if the team cannot get all five balls to the finish line in one push?
4. Who becomes the new rocket launcher if the team must rotate?