

# Malta Community Center Party Games Ideas

## Olympic Challenge

Supplies: Open space, depends on activities you choose to play

The Game Plan is to Host a Variety of Challenges and award points for 1st (5 pts.), 2nd (3 pts.) and 3rd (1 pt.) place for each event. Choose a variety of events and try to use real Olympic Games if possible to stay with the theme. We also advise you try to mix up the style of the games so that the same person doesn't win everything.

Challenge Ideas:

Race from one end of the yard and back (100 meter dash), Standing long jump (Long jump), Toss a foam ball or bean bag shot put style and mark distances (Shot put), create an obstacle course as an event and then get creative with have the players throw something through a target or hit a target before moving on (time each contestant in this event), shoot basketballs from several spots and record how many attempts it takes to make all the shots, the person with the fewest attempts wins 1st place. Now that you have the idea you can mix in other Olympic challenges and even trivia or Olympic word games to make it more entertaining.

Once you have finished your events tally up the points and award your medals!

## Toss Across

Supplies needed: Bean bags

Play toss across just like you would a water balloon toss game. Start out by pairing up all of the children. Give each pair of children one bean bag. Have all of the children line up and face one another. Now tell them to take two steps back. When you say, "Go," each child must toss the bean bag to their partner. Any partner that does not catch the bean bag is out. All of the children who still remain must take two more steps backward. Say, "Go," and have the children toss the bean bag back to their partner. This continues on until only one pair of children remains. They are the winners.

## Bozo Buckets

Supplies needed: Bean bags and buckets

Line up 6 buckets and stand a child at one end. Instruct the player to toss a bean bag into the closest bucket. If the child is successful, she gets to try the next bucket. The child gets to continue tossing the bean bag into each progressively further bucket until she misses. Award a prize for each successful toss, with the prizes getting a little larger for each toss.

## Hot Dog Parachute Game

Supplies needed: Parachute

Give everyone one of 3 names (e.g. hot dog, relish, mustard). Call out one name. All the children with that name run around the parachute. Call Mushroom (act of filling parachute with air) and an action e.g. shake hands, hop to place and they must run under parachute performing action back to their places.

## Popcorn (Revised/Updated)

Supplies needed: Parachute, balls

Children circle around the parachute. Two teams are created on either side of the parachute. A number of balls are placed on the parachute. Teams try to shake the parachute to try and ripple the balls of the other players side. A point is awarded if a team successfully shakes the ball off the other team's side.

## Monster "It"!

Supplies needed: None

"It" gets bigger and bigger because after the kids are tagged by "it." When they are tagged they grab hands with "it" and start tagging people. Last one to be tagged becomes the next "it."

**Freeze Tag**

Supplies needed: None

After being tagged the kids must freeze where they are until tagged. They can become unfrozen if another player tags them without getting tagged by "it." After everyone is frozen "it" gets to choose who the next "it" will be.

**No Tag Zone Game -**

Supplies needed: Random items

Bases are made from items from the birthday party such as swords, tutu's or pictures of items. Lay the items on the ground and a child can use them as base for 10 seconds to avoid being tagged.

**TV or Cartoon Game**

Supplies needed: None

Kids have to yell out the name of a TV or cartoon character when tagged. If the person tagged can't think of a character to call out then they become the new "it".

**Obstacle Course**

Supplies needed: hoops, cones, bean bags, buckets, jump ropes

Make a birthday party game obstacle course throughout the gym using things like hula hoops, bean bags, cones and jump ropes to make the course. Compete against teams in this game or against the stopwatch.