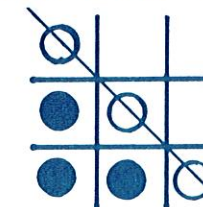




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## TIC TAC TOE



Each player places one marble on the board alternately. Because the player who plays first has a slight advantage, the lead should rotate back and forth. The one who gets the marbles in a straight line first—either vertically, horizontally, or diagonally—wins. If all the holes are filled and neither player has three in a row, then the game is a draw. It will be more fun if the game is played rapidly. Even though the game is a simple one, it is surprisingly easy to lose if one plays fast.

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## 3-D Tic Tac Toe

In this three dimensional version, tic tac toes are scored not only in the usual horizontal ways (on three levels!), but also vertically or *at an angle* from bottom to top. With a well-placed bead, a player may be able to complete more than one row in a single move. For example, if you place one of your beads on top of two of your own, you score vertically, but if you're clever, that bead could finish a horizontal and/or diagonal row as well, allowing you to score as many as three times in one move!

The object of the game is to score more tic tac toes than your opponent. Players take turns placing a bead over any peg on the empty game board (or over another bead) in an effort to build a tic tac toe (or block an opponent's score). The only restriction is that the beads may not be stacked more than three-high on a single peg. The player with the most points, after all nine pegs are filled three-high, wins.

**Junior Version:** a simpler variation of this game, easier for younger players to master, is to play as above except that the first person to score a tic tac toe in any direction wins.