



GROUP GAME



OSTRICHES AND FLAMINGOS

Ages: 8 & up

Number of players: Should have at least 11. The more the merrier.

Object: This is a crazy game of tag. The object is to get everyone onto your team.

Equipment: 1 coin, some way to draw lines (tape on the gym floor if you're inside; sidewalk chalk, rope or even a bag of baking flour if outside)

Set up:

1. In the middle of the playing area, draw 2 lines about 6 feet apart. Lines should go all the way across the gym/field. These lines will be the "Start" lines. The first line will be the "Ostrich Start Line" and the second will be the "Flamingo Start Line".
2. Next, draw a "Safe" line for each team. The "Safe" line should be 25-30 feet away from the "Start" line.
3. Choose one person to be the "Caller". The "Caller" will stand on the side, between the "Start" lines for the entire game. Divide the rest of the group into 2 teams. One team will be the "Ostriches" and the other will be the "Flamingos". It is okay if the teams are not exactly even. Each team lines up on their own "Start" line. Each person must have one foot touching their start line.

How to Play:

1. The "Caller" will flip the coin and see whether it lands on heads or tails.
2. Depending on how the coin lands, the "Caller" will yell out the team names (heads = Ostriches, tails = Flamingos). Everyone on the team whose name is yelled out is "It". The team that is "It" will try and tag as many people from the other team as possible. For example, if the "Caller" yells out "Ostriches", all of the "Ostriches" are now "It" and will try and tag as many "Flamingos" as they can. The "Flamingos" will run away from the "Ostriches" and towards their "Safe" line. Any "Flamingos" that reach their "Safe" line without being tagged will remain "Flamingos". Any "Flamingos" that were tagged before they reached their "Safe" line are now "Ostriches".
3. The teams line up again. Anyone who was tagged goes to their new teams "Start" line.
4. Once the teams are lined up again, the "Caller" will flip the coin and yell out one of the team names (heads = Ostriches, tails = Flamingos). The team that is called is "It".
5. Play continues until everyone ends up on the same team, or until everyone is too tired to play any more.

This game is fun to watch, especially when there is only one or two people left on one team.