



LET'S PLAY MANCALA!

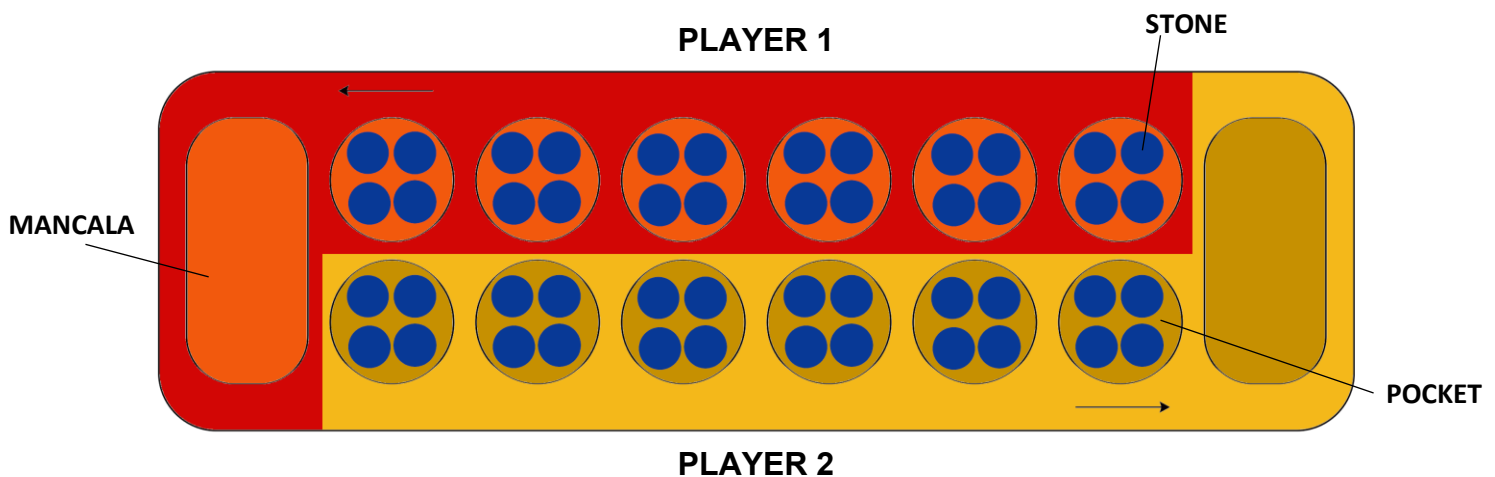
For 2 players – Ages 7 to Adult

Mancala is one of the oldest two-player strategy games in the world and has been played throughout Asia and Africa for over 7,000 years. There are many ways to play Mancala; this is a version of the basic game, known as two-rank Mancala. The object of the game is to collect the most stones by the end of the game.

You need:

1 Mancala board

48 stones (you can use beads, coins, tokens, beans, pebbles)



Set up:

The Mancala board is made up of two rows of six pockets each. Place four stones in each of the 12 pockets. Each player has a Mancala to his/her right side of the Mancala board.

How to play:

1. One player begins by picking up all of the stones in any one of the pockets on his/her side.
2. Moving clockwise, the player deposits one of the stones in each pocket until the stones run out.
3. The two players take turn picking up and depositing the stones in this fashion.
 - a. If you run into your own Mancala, deposit one stone in it.
 - b. If you run into your opponent's Mancala, skip it and continue moving to the next pocket.
 - c. If the last stone you drop is in your own Mancala, you take another turn.
 - d. If the last stone you drop is in an empty pocket on your side, you capture that stone and any stones in the pocket directly opposite. Place those stones in your Mancala.
4. The game ends when all six pockets on one side of the Mancala board are empty.
5. The player who still has stones on his/her side of the board when the game ends captures all of those stones and places them in his/her Mancala.
6. Count all the stones in each Mancala. The player with the most stones wins.