

### The Problem:

1. Four Square has been an exciting playground game for as long as anyone can remember, however there are disputes over how it should be played.
2. Children and adults get into arguments over the specific rules of the game, from what happens if the ball touches the line, to what the name of each square was.
3. No organization had been established to standardize the rules and provide a fun experience for all.

### Solution:

- We approached this task with the intent to simplify and standardize the game of Four Square. We used our experiences and knowledge of the game to identify what worked and didn't work.
- We did this by creating an official Four Square League, complete with rules and uniforms.

### Scoring and General Game Play:

1. Each quarter is five minutes. The goal is to get as many points as possible.
2. Four quarters is one game; whoever scores the most points after four quarters wins the game.
3. Players will rotate throughout the court to ensure each player has a chance in each section of the court (i.e., King, Queen, Jester, Peasant).
4. Players will receive a point for knocking another player out, and for lasting a round without getting knocked out while in the king square.
5. The King square will always serve to the Jester
6. Players enter the court through the peasant square.
7. Players who are out will move to the Peasant square, or end of the line\*, while all others players advance to fill the squares

# The Four Squares of Four Square

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### Rules:

1. The ball has to bounce once before the player hits the ball, but cannot bounce more than once.
2. Only underhand serves using hand and arms, no use of legs, head, other appendages
3. If a player kicks the ball, they are out
4. A player **CANNOT** enter another players square
5. If you hit another player in the face with the ball or catch the ball, you are out (rotate back to the peasant square or stand in line, if you're playing with more than four people)
6. All lines are out of bounds. If the ball hits any line, the player who hit it is out

### This solves:

1. Confusion on what body parts are legal to use to hit the ball (rules 2 & 3)
2. Controversy over out-of-bounds policies
3. Potential issues of the ball hitting another player
4. Disputes over boundaries

### Other important Info:

1. All courts must be four 5'x 5' boxes
  2. Uniform colors for an official league game are green, yellow, blue, and red (shorts and T-shirts, no open-toed shoes, no jewelry of any kind, nothing on wrists such as hair ties, watches, etc.)
- \*Players will exit court and wait in line if there are more than four players.

3. Diagram of court:

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|---------|--------|
| King    | Queen  |
| Peasant | Jester |

Sources:

