



Capture the Flag Coed Winter Classic

Official Rules from the 1947 Scoutmaster's Handbook, pp 447-8:

Each team has its own territory in which its players are free to move as they please, but on which opponents enter at their peril. The territories are separated by a boundary line such as a brook or a trail, etc. Any player crossing this line may be captured by the enemy.

The teams assemble close together at a starting point near the center of the line, each team in its own territory. On a signal the teams proceed to set their flags at any point within 200 steps of the starting point. The flags must be visible, although it is permissible to place them as inconspicuously as possible.

After three minutes another signal is given for start of game. The object now is to enter the enemy's territory, capture the flag, and carry it across the line into home territory without being caught. Players may be posted to guard the flag, but not get nearer than 50 feet to it, unless an enemy player goes within the 50-foot circle. They may then follow him.

Any player found in the enemy's territory may be captured by grasping him long enough for the captor to say "Caught!". When a player is captured he must go with captor to the "guard house".

A prisoner may be released by a friend touching him, provided the prisoner at that time is touching the guard house with a hand or a foot, whereupon both return to their own territory. If the rescuer is caught by the guards before he touches the prisoner, he, too, must go to the guard house. A rescuer can rescue only one prisoner at a time.

If the flag is successfully captured, it must be carried across the line into home territory. If the raider is caught before he reaches home, the flag is set up again at the point where it was rescued and the game as before. If neither side captures the enemy's flag within the time agreed upon, the game is won by the team with the most prisoners.

Number of players: 12-16 (6 women minimum playing)

Format: League play – depends on how many teams sign up.

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