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Spirit of Touhu reimagines the ancient Chinese arrow-throwing ritual as a modern targeting sport that fuses the precision of archery with the strategy of golf. Inspired by traditional Chinese aesthetics, two teams compete in a mindful contest of focus and control. Each throw is both a test of aim and a reflection of discipline and respect—embodying the Confucian harmony between body and spirit. The game's design naturally extends into immersive VR/AR experiences, allowing players to feel the rhythm, wind, and ritual of Touhu in new dimensions.

The Magic Circle

Once players step behind the 3-meter line, they enter the "ritual space" of Touhu. Within this circle, the outside world—its distractions, noise, and ordinary logic—is suspended. Players must now operate under the unique physics of the game: wind direction affects arrow flight, temperature shifts alter trajectory, and the vessel's weight and balance change each round.

The Core Loop

Each team consists of two players who alternate turns. Every round, each player has two arrows and 10 seconds per throw to aim and release.

- If a player successfully lands an arrow inside the vessel, their team gains a point and earns another throw.
- If they knock over the vessel or miss, the turn immediately passes to the opposing team.

The match continues until one side reaches the target score or all four arrows are inside the vessel. Between rounds, players can adjust their stance and coordination, creating a repeating loop of **focus** \rightarrow **throw** \rightarrow **feedback** \rightarrow **adjust**. This rhythm of play builds mastery over time, reinforcing the sense of progression and psychological flow that defines the heart of *Spirit of Touhu*.

The Golden Path

The ultimate goal of *Spirit of Touhu* is to land all four arrows into the narrow vessel without knocking it over.

As players progress, the difficulty gradually increases—the distance, wind strength, and vessel size change from round to round. It represents the ideal journey of mastery: from learning proper posture and control to developing rhythm and precision under pressure.



