



Gaga Ball



Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.
This Workbook can help you organize your thoughts as you prepare to meet with your merit badge counselor

Merit Badge Counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbooks.

You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information.
You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed,
and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers.

If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show",
"tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do.

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found on Scouting.org.

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Scout's Name:

Unit:

Counselor's Name:

Phone No.:

Email:

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1. Do the following:

- a. Explain to your counselor the most likely hazards you may encounter while participating while playing Gaga ball and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, and respond to these hazards.

- b. Show that you know first aid for and how to prevent injuries or illnesses that could occur during Gaga Ball, including: bloody knuckles, scraped knees, dehydration, stress, peer pressure, rage, exhaustion, dirty Class A, spilled slushie sadness, cowardice, and death.

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Bloody Knuckles:	
Scraped Knees:	
Dehydration:	
Stress:	
Peer Pressure:	
Rage:	
Exhaustion:	
Dirty Class A:	
Spilled Slushie Sadness:	
Cowardice:	
Death:	

2.

a. Explain to your counselor the basic rules to Gaga ball.

b. Identify and explain 4 ways to get out.

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c. Demonstrate how to use the Scooping, Punching, Slapping, and Power Hitting moves and explain their uses.

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Punching	
Slapping	
Power Hitting	

- d. Explain what good sportsmanship is and how you can show it while playing Gaga Ball

3. Play Gaga Ball while completing:

- a. At least 25 rounds
- b. At least 1 serve
- c. At least 1 win

*To complete this requirement, you may use the Game Sheet at

<https://github.com/ToadSaidHi/GaGaMb/raw/main/Gaga%20Ball%20Game%20Sheet.pdf>

4. Identify rules which might be played differently by different scout troops.

5. Do FOUR of the following EIGHT:

a.

Successfully catch a fly ball while out, getting back in the game.

b.

Get 4 people out during 1 round of Gaga ball.

c.

Play a round of Monster Gaga ball.

d. Play Gaga ball with non-scout members.

e. Play a round of Gaga ball with at least 14 other people.

f. During Summer Camp, buy a slushie and drink it while playing Gaga ball.

g. Play Gaga ball with a scout leader, camp counselor, or any merit badge counselor.

h. Make your own rule for the game, and then play using it.

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6. Explain to your counselor that you understand how this merit badge is an unofficial badge, and therefore will not count towards ranks, achievements, or any other official requirements.

When working on merit badges, Scouts and Scouters should be aware of some vital information from the *Guide to Advancement* (BSA publication 33088). Important excerpts from that publication can be found at <http://usscouts.org/advance/docs/GTA-Excerpts-meritbadges.pdf>. You can download a complete copy of the *Guide to Advancement* from <http://www.scouting.org/guide-to-advancement/>.

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