# Golden Balls

#### Rules of the Game:

- This game is based off of the UK Television Series Golden Balls, with minor adjustments for coding purposes.
- This version of the game is played with four players, one user and three computers.
- The game consists of four rounds in total: two elimination rounds and two one-on-one rounds.
- At any point in the game, if the user is eliminated, the game ends.

#### **ROUND 1:**

- 1. The game starts when 12 balls are randomly selected from the <u>GOLDEN BANK</u> of 100 balls with predetermined <u>MONEY</u> values and mixed with 4 <u>KILLER</u> Balls.
- 2. Each player receives 4 of the 16 balls, two of which are publicly revealed, known as FRONT BALLS.
- 3. Using the PRIVATE BALLS as leverage, players try to persuade each other to keep them in the game.
- 4. Then, everyone will <u>VOTE</u>; the vote is revealed and the person with the most votes is eliminated along with their balls; in the event of a tie, one of the people tied selected at random will be eliminated.
- 5. All the remaining balls are revealed.

#### **ROUND 2:**

- 1. The 12 remaining balls are shuffled with 2 new balls from the GOLDEN BANK, and 1 new KILLER ball.
- 2. Each player receives 5 of the 15 balls, two of which are FRONT BALLS.
- 3. Using the PRIVATE BALLS as leverage, players try to persuade each other to keep them in the game.
- 4. Then, everyone will <u>VOTE</u>; the vote is revealed and the person with the most votes is eliminated along with their balls; in the event of a tie, one of the people tied selected at random will be eliminated.
- 5. All the remaining balls are revealed.

## **BIN OR WIN:**

- 1. The 10 remaining balls are shuffled with 1 additional KILLER ball.
- 2. The user alternates picking balls to <u>BIN</u> (discard) and <u>WIN</u> (6 binned balls, 5 winning balls in total).
- 3. <u>MONEY</u> values selected to "win" are added to the <u>JACKPOT</u>. If a <u>KILLER</u> ball is selected, the <u>JACKPOT</u> value is divided by a factor of 10. (The order of ball selection matters.)

# SPLIT OR STEAL:

1. Each remaining player is given three balls, stating <u>SPLIT</u>, <u>STEAL</u>, and <u>COUNTER</u>.

2. When both players have made their final decision, they reveal at once and the <u>JACKPOT</u> is distributed:

SPLIT & SPLIT : Both players split the <u>JACKPOT</u> equally

STEAL & STEAL : Both players LOSE everything

COUNTER & COUNTER: Both players split half of the <u>JACKPOT</u> equally

SPLIT & STEAL: Player who steals against the split wins the entire <u>JACKPOT</u>

STEAL & COUNTER: Player who counters the steal wins the entire <u>JACKPOT</u>

COUNTER & SPLIT: Player who tries to counter against forfeits the entire <u>JACKPOT</u> to the other player

### **Example Game:**

Round 1	Front Balls		Private Balls		Vote
User	90	KILLER	250	25000	Comp 3
Computer 1	225	50	?	?	Comp 2
Computer 2	KILLER	500	?	?	Comp 3
Computer 3	KILLER	400	?	?	User
Eliminated	KILLER	400	KILLER	3500	Comp 3

Round 2	Front Balls		Private Balls			Vote
User	2250	KILLER	500	150	250	Comp 1
Computer 1	KILLER	400	?	?	?	User
Computer 2	25000	500	?	?	?	Comp 1
Eliminated	KILLER	400	60000	350	KILLER	Comp 1

Bin	500	90	50	250	25000	KILLER
Win	2250	150	225	KILLER	500	
Pot	2250	2400	2625	262.50	762.50	

User Decision	Computer 2 Decision	Outcome	
SPLIT	STEAL	Computer 2 wins \$762.50	