

= Guyball =

Guyball ( / ɡʏːbɔːl / GHEE @-@ bawl ) is a fictional game featured in the British sitcom Green Wing . The rules of Guyball are never fully explained , and are designed to be as confusing and as difficult to understand as possible . However , Green Wing fans have attempted to create their own rules and Guyball societies . The first such society was created at King 's College London .

The most renowned player is the fictional half @-@ Swiss anaesthetist Dr Guy Secretan . Due to the similarity between his name and that of Guyball , and the fact that Guyball 's specialist terminology has a heavy Swiss influence , it seems likely that Guy invented it . He first played Guyball at Whiteleaf ( / ˈwɪtliːf / " whitliff " ) , a public school he attended for twelve years ( 1977 ? 90 ) . Guyball is first mentioned in the seventh episode of series one of Green Wing , " Tangled Webs " , as Guy prepares for a world championship semi @-@ final , having won his second @-@ round match in five straight clappers . Other noted players include Markus Geissler , " The Big Austrian " , who Guy walked over in the first round because he had shin splints .

The idea for Guyball was inspired by real @-@ life obscure sports played solely at particular real English public schools ? such as the Eton Wall Game and Winchester College Football . It was created by Green Wing writer Richard Preddy , and it was later developed by the other writers .

= = Fictional History = =

= = = Basic rules = = =

The object of the game , according to Guy , is simply " to put the ball into the basket " . The basket in question is part of the toppmeiler , a special helmet worn by one or more of the players . This consists of a wicker basket ( fastened to the player 's head by a leather strap ) with an attached pair of flying goggles to protect the eyes . Whether or not a given player wears a toppmeiler , hurls balls at their opponents , or has balls hurled at them , seems to vary depending on circumstance .

Before starting a match , one is encouraged to splice the Matterhorn by insulting one 's opponents ? though this might very well be a means , invented by Guy on the spur of the moment , for getting away with shouting abuse at a group of children . It starts when the official shouts Commence .

= = = Advanced rules = = =

The detailed rules of Guyball appear to depend on the variation being played . A " classic three @-@ person variation of the game " , in which two people chase the wearer of the toppmeiler , is described by Guy to his colleague Dr Martin Dear ( as Martin wears an improvised toppmeiler made of a wicker bin sellotaped to his head ) as follows :

Don 't leave the parish , all right ? If you reach the maison , put your left arm in the air and shout ' Maison ! ' . [ ... ] There are no burrow tactics and there are no hedgehogs , OK ? [ ... ] I won the toss so stickles are random [ ... ] and it 's a two @-@ bounce ubique . Right . Go ! Move !

One might also play with orthodox or alternate stickles and a four @-@ bounce ubique / ˈuːbˈkweː / , though this tends to be in matches in which the two sides have an equal number of players , all of whom wear toppmeilers . Positions in which Guyball players may find themselves include :

The Emmmental loop , in which one has a cleft mitten showing whilst one crouches to attack one 's opponent .

The classical heist , an attack in which one is standing with one 's foot on the opponent 's jaw and one 's toppmeiler is empty .

The fat chalet , similar to the classical heist except that one 's toppmeiler is geometrically loaded , that is , contains a large six @-@ sided die .

It is unknown who the reigning world Guyball champion is as of 2006 , though Guy is still an active player and taught Guyball to some local children as part of his community service . He has claimed

that if he had twelve children himself he would teach Guyball to all of them . According to The Complete First Series Scripts , a player can also be sent off for " Illegal use of the hefty fondue . " This happened between Guy Secretan and Markus Geissler , during a match at the Secretanstadt , Lausanne . Guy won 12 : 3 .

Whilst no guide to the rules has been officially published , there is a guide called The Guyball Rule Book that can be seen being read by Green Wing 's writers on the Green Wing Special DVD .

= = = Possible Olympic sport = = =

In the first season , Guy receives a letter from the International Olympic Committee concerning the induction of Guyball as an Olympic sport . The results reached by the committee were :

" We do not think that Guyball is " The Bollocks " . "

" Guyball will not be included in the forthcoming Olympic Games . "

" Contrary to whatever your friend " Diggler " might have heard , we do not accept " Bungs " . "

" We are not biased against Switzerland or any other nation . "

" We do not care if you know where we live . "

However , in the " Green Wing Unmasked : Exclusive Collectors Booklet " , the letter was instead sent to the " European Team Sports Federation " .

= = Reality = =

Despite the fact that Guyball is a fictional game , many fans have tried to play the game in real life , making their own rules and creating Guyball societies .

= = = King 's College London Guyball Society = = =

Currently the only organised society to play Guyball in the UK is based in King 's College London . It was founded by Jane Macallan and Anna Jones , who claim that it has been approved by Stephen Mangan , the actor who plays Guy , and Green Wing 's writers . According to an audio commentary on series 2 , episode 4 of Green Wing , Tamsin Greig says that the students were given money to research the rules , and if none existed , to invent them . The only copy of the rules is on the society 's MySpace page .

= = = Recorded games = = =

Only two games of Guyball have been recorded in real life . The first was at a barbecue for TalkbackThames , Green Wing 's production company , at North Hampshire Hospital , Basingstoke , where Green Wing is partly filmed . It was played by the actors , writers and crew of the show , including Mangan , Julian Rhind @-@ Tutt and Pippa Haywood .

The second was at the first Green Wing convention , Wingin ' It . The match was played at Brook Green , umpired by Stephen Mangan , and was organised by Green Wing 's production assistant Patrick Schulenburg . The six @-@ on @-@ six match was played using the Geneva variation , with free fuddes and geometric sticles . Players were asked to " watch your coccyxes " before the match commenced . The players spliced the matterhorn , insulting Mangan . The first goal scored was an own goal , as the team ran into their own parish . It was reported that some of the players were injured during the match . A DVD of the convention is to be released . So far , the convention has raised in the order of £ 5 @, @ 000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital .