Bo-taoshi

2-player dexterity micro game based on the Japanese sport of pole toppling

Components

6 discs - 3 each of 2 colors 2 poles 1 ramp

Goal

The first player to directly topple their opponent's pole via air-borne strike wins the round; win 2 consecutive rounds to win the game.

Example of a scoring shot by black:



Setup

Note that ideal play surface is a smooth table or play mat 2-3' per side

- · Set ramp and poles aside
- Players choose disc colors and collect their 3 matching discs; white discs takes the first turn
- Note that the starting player alternates each round
- Players take turns flicking their discs into play from the edge of the table (or play surface)
- Discs start so that at least some portion is extending over the edge of the table



Setup continued

- Knocking another disc off the table during setup allows the other player to place the disc wherever they would like
- The 3rd disc to enter play for each player is their pole-bearer for the duration of the round
- Once it enters play place a pole on top of the disc; the pole-bearer cannot be flicked
- Should the black player's pole-bearer knock over the white player's pole during setup simply put the pole back



Game Play

Players take turns flicking 1 of their discs observing the following limitations in order:

- 1. If the player's pole-bearer was knocked off the table they must spend their turn to flick it back on to the table and place their pole on top
- 2. If the player's pole was knocked over they must spend their turn putting it back on top of their pole-bearer
- 3. If the player's previous shot was a foul they skip their turn as penalty
- 4. The same disc cannot be flicked 2 turns in a row; note that the previous 3 limitations clear this limit since a turn has passed
- 5. If the disc to be flicked was knocked off the table it enters play from the edge of the table
- 6. If both of the player's attacking discs are in play they may instead attempt to score a point (see next page)

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