



Quidditch and Homemade Brooms

Game rules: The rules for Quidditch are found in Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone by J.K. Rowling. For official competitive rules, see college Quidditch teams found on www.quidditchcanada.com

1. Divide girls into two teams.
2. Alternate positions.
3. Use large soft balls for play.
4. Ask two participants to be the snitch.
5. Place a small tennis ball into a long sock and have them tuck the sock into the back of their belt so it can be easily grabbed by the seeker.

For the brooms: Use short bamboo garden support poles from the dollar store or hardware store and ask girls collect brush and fallen sticks. Use gardening wire or duct tape to affix these to the broomsticks. If you want to reuse the broomsticks or have the girls take them home, then use wood glue first then gardening wire, let the glue sit for overnight before play.

For the goals: To make the Quidditch goal posts we bought thin PVC plumbing pipes and used a hacksaw to cut them into six lengths. The goalposts in the centre are taller than the outer ones. I bought plumbing T joins that fit the pipes and fixed them to the ends. We sliced a hula hoop and stuck each end into the T join on top of the pipe. Plumbing cement or duct tape is needed to keep these in place.

Or, you can hang hula hoops from different heights using tree branches or other items found near your meeting place.