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How to Play Zebra (the Basketball Game)

1. Decide on an order of play.

You can play zebra with two or more players.

2. Start with the first player taking a shot at the hoop.

- The first player can take a shot from anywhere on the court or even from out of bounds.
- The player can add "extra rules" to this shot too, but they have to announce them before shooting.

3. Let the next player attempt to either match the shot or create a new one.

- ❖ If the first player made a basket then the second player has to copy whatever the first player did, including where they were standing.
- ❖ If the first player missed the basket then the second player can shoot from anywhere, using any rules they want to invent.

4. Keep playing through and attempting new shots.

- Whenever it's your turn, if the person before you made a basket, you have to copy their shot exactly. If the person before you missed, it's your turn to invent a new shot.
- The order works in a loop so once the final player has taken their shot, the ball goes back to the first player.

5. Get a letter when you fail a shot challenge.

- ❖ If someone attempts the shot made by the person before them and they miss the basket, they get the letter Z.
- ❖ Each time someone makes this mistake, they get a new letter, eventually spelling out Z—E—B—R—A. When you spell out the full "ZEBRA," you lose the game.
- When attempting a shot after a letter has been given, you do not receive a letter for missing. If you miss the basket, it just passes to the next player with no penalty.

6. Invent a new shot if everyone succeeds.

If you invent a shot, and every other player successfully makes the basket, you get to invent a new shot.

7. Play until there's one person left.

- ❖ When someone spells out the word "ZEBRA" with their letters, that player leaves the game.
- The other players keep playing in the same order but skip the eliminated player's turn.
- Eventually there will be one player left in the game after everyone else has been eliminated. This person is the winner.

