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.