



Brightwater Site

Stick Relay

Played by the Plains- Northwest Coast tribes

You will need enough sticks and balls for each team to have one each

Traditionally a boy's game.

8-24 players outdoors

This game is played in exactly the same way as Ball relay, except that the ball is driven with a thick stick instead of the feet. The stick may either be a straight stick about 2 feet long and 1 inch thick or a stick hooked at one end like the one used in the Indian version of shinny, it is hardly worthwhile to make sticks especially for this game. Just as much fun perhaps more, can be had by using the straight stick, which means hitting it forward with sharp taps rather than driving it forward as far as possible with each stroke.

A team of 4-6 players stand with the players in a straight line, all facing the same direction, and from 15 to 20 feet apart. A line is marked on the ground 10 feet in front of first player (player X1 in diagram below) this will be the finish line. The other teams line up in the same formation with a space of 6 feet between teams.

The last player in the line (X4) must drive the ball forward with the stick until he reaches the next player in the line (X3) and drives the ball against his leg. Once the ball has touched the next player, he must then take the stick from his team mate and drive it forward until all players have completed their 20ft. section and the ball has crossed the line. No player can move forward with the ball except the last one in the line once the ball has driven against his leg, no hands or feet can touch the ball and the player who does so disqualifies his team.

Stick Relay may be played either from one end of the line to the other or may be continued so that the ball travels both up and down the line to complete a game before a team can count coup The winning team can be decided by the result of each complete game of by the score on a best out of three basis.

