



Youth Advisory Committee Human Hamster Ball Contract

The use of these YAC Human Hamster Balls shall be subject to the following instructions, all of which shall be considered to be a contract between YAC and the renter. GO HAMSTER GO!!

SETUP

1. **PLAN AHEAD** to use only on a smooth surface, such as carpet, artificial turf, foam, tile or other smooth flooring. Never use on asphalt, cement, ice, lawn with sticks or stones in it, or any other surface that may cause damage to the sphere. Help preserve the spheres by sweeping smooth floors ahead of time.
2. **WARNING** - Do not allow spheres near water, such as pools, lakes, rivers, etc. Think safety!
3. **ELECTRIC OUTLET** for inflation is the only site setup needed aside from a smooth and sharp object free surface.
4. **PRECAUTION SIGN** should be posted onsite: "Persons with back neck, knee or joint injuries, respiratory problems, or who may be pregnant, should not participate in this event.
5. **The STORAGE BAG** holds two heaving poly plastic balls, which have been packaged in a very specific manner. Note how they are folded, so they can be returned in the same manner.
6. **COLD TEMPERATURES** make the poly brittle and hamster balls should not be used in temperatures below freezing. It is recommended that they are not transported or stored in cold exposed conditions. Allow hamster balls to completely warm before handling if they are exposed to cold temperatures.

OPERATION

1. Shoes must be removed and socks worn at all times. Head gear and knee pads must be worn at all times. Keys , belts and any other sharp objects must be removed before use.
2. Carefully hold the large zipper open to allow your 'human hamster' to enter. Point out the small zipper on the opposite side for emergency (panic) opening and then wait for the safety gear. Gently close the large zipper, leaving just enough room for the leaf blower nozzle.
3. Put just the tip of the supplied leaf blower into the large zipper (that has been mostly closed) and inflate the hamster ball until it is firm and bounces back to the touch. Do NOT use when under-inflated.
4. Have your human hamster hold their hand over the zipper hole as the leaf blower is pulled out and the large zipper is quickly but gently closed.
5. Lubricate the zipper with supplied wax every other time a person enters the hamster ball.
6. Do not force or jerk the zipper while opening or closing. Only workers that are strong enough to ease the zipper and understand this should operate the zipper.
7. Never allow more than one player at a time in the sphere.
8. When closed, the hamster ball will retain air for approximately 30 minutes.



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TIPS - To help speed the process of transitioning people in and out of the hamster balls, consider the following:

1. For best results, have two people working at each hamster ball after they read and understand these rules. A fifth person can act as the announcer, cheerleader, and motivator for the attraction.
2. Have an 'on deck' station marked, where the next two 'human hamsters' take off their shoes, belts, and any other sharp objects. They can then watch how the people prior to them enter the sphere, listen to rules, etc.
3. Have the 'human hamster' enter the sphere as soon as the prior person exits. The safety gear can then be handed in to them as it is removed from the previous person. This speeds up the entire process.
4. While your 'human hamsters' are strapping on the gear, you can then zip the large zipper and begin inflating the sphere. By the time the sphere is inflated, they should be geared up and ready to hold their hand over the small space where the blower will exit and be zipped.

STORAGE & CARE

PACK back into storage bag right on location and immediately after use. The hamster balls should never be dragged across ANY surface. Transporting across unknown or rough surfaces can rub or poke a hole into the plastic quickly if the balls are dragged. Do not stuff or force objects into the bag. If rolled properly and tightly, both hamster balls will fit in the storage bag. The safety equipment can then be slid in as space allows. When transporting, do not roughly handle, toss, or stack anything on top of the hamster ball bag. **DO NOT STORE** in vehicle in below freezing temperatures. If this does accidentally happen, do **NOT** move the bag until it has warmed up.

FOLDING STORAGE – Leave the zippers fully open and smooth the hamster balls as flat as possible, with the large zipper directly on the bottom (floor). Next, roll the flattened ball up from two sides, making sure the large zipper is not rolled inside. Finally, flop over the two ends as needed to fit into the storage bag. It is very important that the large zipper is on the outside edge of the hamster ball for storage.

ZIPPERS need to be lubricated after every other use with the supplied wax. They pull open and closed hard, but should never be jerked or ripped. Heavy and steady pressure will move the zipper, so be sure to assign this task to a person that understands this and is able to maneuver the zippers.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms of this contract. Rental shall be \$150. All equipment shall be returned by renter at the end of the rental period. Damage to equipment shall be paid by renter. Renter assumes the risk of any damage or liability from the use of the equipment and shall hold harmless and indemnify the Huron County Community Foundation and YAC from any liability arising there from.

Signed: _____

Representing: _____ Rental Dates: _____ to _____