

Scout Olympics

Running an Olympics night during the summer or on camp can be a great activity to get everyone involved. You can have a selection of fun events with small prizes available. In your patrols, think of the Olympic Games and which events you can modify to run for your troop. Here are a selection of example events.

- Patrol Races: Run different types of races involving all the patrols, including three-legged, sack, and egg-and-spoon.
- Balloon Races: Selection of races using balloons: a relay of scouts running with a balloon between their legs; a relay with two scouts standing back-to-back with a balloon between them; keeping the balloon in the air on an simple obstacle course.
- Discus: Setting up a series of markers setting out distances from a spot, maybe every 10m. Use a frisbee as your discuss.
- Cotton Wool Shotput: Each scout must throw a small ball of cotton wool as far as they can. The distance is measured for where the cotton wool comes to a rest.
- Obstacle course: If the campsite has an obstacle course you can time individuals or patrols completing it, or if you need to have a patrol make a simple one.
- Matchbox pushing: In a relay, each patrol must push an empty matchbox across your hall or similar space with their noses!
- 'Javelin': each scout has to throw a straw as far as they can!
- House of Cards: Each patrol must make a high a house of cards as they can. They can only use a standard deck of cards.
- Torch Run: Each scout must complete a simple course while holding a lighted candle. Without letting the candle go out, they must finish the course in a quick a time as possible.
- Biathlon: Scouts must race around a simple obstacle course with a water gun. Then, they must complete a target exercise (hit a target/knock over a small object) and race back.