MULTICULTURAL GAMES

DODGE BALL

- **ORIGIN:** NORTH AMERICAN PUEBLO INDIAN
- **NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** 10 TO 30
- **AGE:** 9 AND OLDER
- **GROSS MOTOR RATING:** MEDIUM
- **COMPETITION LEVEL:** MEDIUM
- **AREA:** GYMNASIUM OR OUTDOORS
- **EQUIPMENT:** SOFT LEATHER OR CLOTH FIBERFILL OR WOOL OR USE A SOFT RUBBER BALL

**HOW TO PLAY:** Divide the group into two teams. The teams line up 12 to 18 feet apart, facing each other. Choose one team to begin with the ball. The first player from the throwing team (team B) has the ball. The first player from the other team (team A) takes one step forward. The player from team B throws the ball at the opposite team’s player and tries to hit him. The team A player can twist and move to avoid the ball, but may not move his feet. If a player is hit with the ball, he joins team B, at the end of their line. If the thrower misses, the thrower joins team A, at the end of their line. Continue in the same manner until everyone originally on team A has been a target. Then team A throws the ball at team B. After both teams have thrown the ball, count the number of players on each team. The team with the most players wins.

**Adaptations:**
1. Allot a playing time and continue throwing back and forth until the time expires. The team with the most players at the end of the time period wins.

**CULTURE QUEST** Find out what Pueblo homes looked like. Draw or make a model of a Pueblo town. Why were their homes different from those of many other Indians?

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Pueblo Indians performed many religious ceremonies to promote harmony and order in the universe. They believed if the balance of harmony and order in the universe were maintained, they would have enough food and rain in the coming months.

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