

MOUNTED BASKETBALL

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Basketball on horseback is a very interesting game providing the horses are equipped with stock or western saddles--the game is not possible with saddles of other types. It is excellent as a means of developing confidence in the saddle. Girls are particularly fond of it.

Two standard basketball goals and backboards are erected ninety to one-hundred feet apart, and the side and end lines of the court are marked out. A basketball is used. Five players constitute a team. The referee is not mounted.

The game is started with a toss-up between the two mounted centers, who stand their horses side by side so that their right sides are toward each other. The play follows the general plan of Basketball except that the players may carry the ball at will. If the ball is dropped the referee secures and gives it to the player who touched it last, or, if he cannot determine this, tosses it up between the two nearest opponents. Rough and dangerous riding is a foul. The rules of Basketball apply whenever possible.