



ABALONE®



2 to 4 players



8 and up



20 min

BACKGROUND

Invented in 1987 by Michel Lalet and Laurent Levi, Abalone won the gold medal at the 1988 Boulogne-Billancourt International Board Game Contest under the name “Sumito.”

Since 1989, over 4.5 million sets were sold in over 30 countries. The name “Abalone” is derived from the English word “alone.”

MATERIALS

-A hexagonal surface

-For 2 players: 2 sides of 14 balls each for a total of 28 balls in 2 different colors (see Figure No.1)

-For 3 players: 3 sides of 11 balls each for a total of 33 balls in 3 different colors (see Figure No.2)

-For 4 players: 4 sides of 9 balls each for a total of 36 balls in 2 different colors (see Figure No.3)

Object of the game: To take out 6 of the opponent's balls.

PROGRESS OF THE GAMES

For 2 players: The balls are placed on the board (see Figure No.1). One at a time the players move 1 to 3 balls at once. You can only move your balls to one adjacent space per turn. In addition, your balls must remain aligned. You can take out up to 2 opposing balls if they are adjacent to and in the same row as your balls. The number of balls you move must be greater than the number of opposing balls you take out: 2 balls take out 1 opposing ball and 3 balls take out 2 opposing balls. The game ends when one player takes out 6 of the other player's balls.

For 3 players: The balls are placed on the board (see Figure No.2). Follow the steps for 2 players.

For 4 players: The balls are placed on the board (see Figure No.3). Players form teams of 2. Follow the steps for 2 players.

