SLAUGHTER IN THE WATER

Purpose: To advance the ball into the target on the other side of the floating circle.

Set-up: Place a giant floating PVC circle (ours is roughly a 30 ft. diameter) in the shallow area of a lake or other appropriate water venue. Attach a pool noodle or inflatable ring to opposite sides of the circle, and place a ball (soccer ball, kickball) inside each ring.

Play: Begin with the two teams on opposite sides of the circle. At the whistle, each team will attempt to advance their ball to the other side of the circle and place the ball in the opposing team's ring. This is the primary objective and will be accomplished by brute force. The ball cannot be thrown or hidden; it must be moved by walking it across or handing it to a teammate. Players may not touch the ball of the opposing team. A secondary objective is to clear the way for your ball by forcing opposing players outside the circle. If anyone and for any reason touches the PVC, those individuals must leave the circle immediately. If the ball carrier is forced to touch the PVC, the ball is dropped at that place and must be then retrieved and advanced by a teammate. As soon as a ball is placed in a ring, that round is over. Place referees around the circle to note eliminated players, and use common sense to limit rough play. (This game will obviously be separated by gender.)

Variations: Specific cabins on offense/defense Designated ball carriers that cannot be eliminated Gladiator challenges

