

NATIVE AMERICAN GAME OF STAVES

The Game of Staves can be played between two opponents or two teams taking alternating turns and requires six staves and six counting sticks.

Contestants keep track of their score with the counting sticks. Two counting sticks are earned when all (6) staves lie either face up or face down. One counting stick is earned when half (3) of the staves lie face up and half (3) face down.

Once all the counting sticks are in the hands of the players, **things change slightly...** counting sticks now earned, must be given up by the opposing team. The game continues until one team has earned all 6 counting sticks.

Scoring:

Three round & three flat showing	1 counter
All flat-plain or all round-design showing	2 counters
Any other combination	No score

Object of the game: to win all 6 of the counting sticks

Variation: for a shorter game, play with 4 counting sticks