

Alutiiq Piuneq – Alutiiq Tag

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Play:

To play Alutiiq tag you need a large area with boundaries for players to run in, such as a basketball court, baseball diamond, or a space between lines drawn in the sand on the beach.

- Spread out. When the game begins everyone tries to tag each other.
- If a player gets tagged, the player must sit down.



- If the player who tagged you gets tagged, you can stand up and you are back in the game.



- If two players tag each other at the same time both must sit down. Some communities have both players play a single round of Rock, Paper, Scissors to determine who is out and who is still in the game.
- If players step out of the boundary they are out of the game and must stay on the sidelines.
- The last person standing wins the game.



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Play:

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- Spread out. All players keep one hand behind their back. When the game begins everyone tries to tag another players hand that is behind their back .
- If a players hand gets tagged, the player must sit down.



- If the player who tagged you gets tagged, you can stand up and you are back in the game.



- If two players tag each others hands at the same time both players are out or players play a single round of Rock, Paper, Sissors to determine who is out and who is still in the game.
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