





Basic Setup

It's easy, but here are the steps in detail:

- 1. Unsnap 3 latches to open the round carrying case.
- 2. Remove the top half, turn it over and set it down. You now have two upside-down game units.
- 3. Remove and extend 3 of the black legs. Lock the sections by twisting opposite directions.
- 4. Insert the 3 legs into the leg holders on the outside of one game unit.
- 5. Set this game unit up on the legs, making sure it's level, with the cone hanging down.
- 6. Unroll the plastic backboard (stored in one of the white collection cups) and remove the protective film from both sides of the backboard.
- 7. Stand so you can see the MegaPongo label on the front of the game unit.
- 8. Hold the backboard so that the 6 tabs are on the bottom and point to your right.
- 9. Insert the 6 tabs on the backboard into the slots on the playing surface of the game unit. Rotate the backboard to the right to lock it in place.
- 10. Hang one ball bag on the back of the game unit.
- 11. Place the collection cup under the collection cone.
- 12. Place as many target cups into the playing surface as required for the version of pong you're playing (Traditional 10-cup Pong, Around the World and more).

Set up the other unit and you're ready to play!

Now, decorate your MegaPongo with your school or team colors and logos.

Caring for your MegaPongo is easy, too. After each use, wipe off the game surface and backboard, or hose off the entire thing and let it dry.





Ways to Play

MegaPongo is about options – It's <u>open-source beer pong</u> that adapts to many ways to play and conditions.

Each of the two game units has 20 target cups. One is the wash cup (so you can keep your play "clean"), which can be placed in a cup holder (the handles) on the back of the game unit.



Most people play with the 2 game units directly facing each other, about 6 feet apart, with each team shooting from behind their opponent's game unit. You also can play with the game units offset and each team shooting from next to their opponent's game unit.

In windy conditions, secure the collection cup and the game unit itself.

- The collection cup can be inserted in the bottom of the cone and the drawstring tightened around it. Or, keep the collection cup in one of the cup holders, close the drawstring completely, and fill the collection cup whenever you need balls.
- MegaPongo withstands winds of up to 20 mph—more than the conditions in which most people play pong. For stability, you can remove the backboard or hang something heavy off the front 2 leg holders or remove the legs and set the game unit with backboard on a table.

House rules with MegaPongo are the same as traditional pong—they can be ignored, argued about and fought over.

- MegaPongo calls for some new house rules: Do shots off the backboard count? If a shot bounces back off the game unit and is caught by the shooter, is it a "roll back" and so the shooter gets a "trick shot?" If the "elbow rule" is in effect, what part of the MegaPongo unit can't the elbow pass? And fingering is easier because the cups are in holders, so is fingering allowed?
- Regular house rules may still apply. It's up to you: Balls back if both teammates hit? "Same cup" hit, get a third cup pulled? Grabbing allowed? "Island" rules? Distractions allowed? Re-racks or reformation of cups? What a great sport!

Practice Makes Perfect

MegaPongo makes practicing pong easy and effective. Suggestions for practice:

- Cut the bottoms out of the target cups (carefully!) so that the balls fall through and into the collection cup.
- Instead of a collection cup, set something up at an angle (old textbooks work great for this!) so balls falling through the cone roll back to you.