Glenny Wood Fact sheet



Four Way Tug of War

- 1. Lay out the ropes, and target line (A), as shown in diagram below.
- 2. Participants should prepare appropriately by taking off watches and hand jewellery.
- 3. Divide into groups and make sure the groups appear to be of similar strength.
- 4. Brief group on normal tug-of-war safety rules:
 - a. No wrapping or tying rope around anyone or anything only hold with hands
 - b. Watch out for rope burn on hands let go if rope is moving through hands
 - c. Watch out for rope burn on body let go if you lose footing
- 5. First command from the Tug-of-War master (facilitator) is "take the strain". This is only to take up the slack, that's all. The Tug-of-War master makes sure the centre loop is stable and centred.
- 6. The second command is "Go!!"
- 7. Then, teams attempt to pull the centre loop over their target line. Teams can swivel to cooperate / compete with other teams, then switch directions, etc.
- 8. Conduct several rounds. Continue until one team earns 3 victories and the Tug-of-War title.
- 9. Allow teams plenty of time to physically recover and debrief/plan after each round.

