

# Ice Hoppers

## You will need:

- Room with multiple pieces of furniture
- Family or friends to play and compete with
- Clock or timer to keep everyone playing

#### Information:

- Polar bears need ice to travel the long distances of the frozen tundra.
- As the ice continues to melt, they are having to swim further distances to find safety on the next section of ice or land.
- This game will imitate how it is challenging for the bears to stay on ice and move around to find food or other bears.



## **Directions:**

## Game scenario 1 - Designed for endless play!

- 1. Start this game with your friends or family all in the same room.
- 2. Have a clock or phone with timer visible to everyone playing the game.
- 3. The goal is to go about your day and not drown in the freezing waters of the arctic... the floor!
- 4. Use the floating icebergs and glaciers... the furniture... to safely travel and to survive your time in the arctic!

## **Rules:**

- A bear (player) can only stay in the water (floor) for 30 seconds.
- 2. If a bear is in the water longer than that, they are out of the game.



- 3. Since polar bears are territorial, the ice (furniture) is a safe space for one player at a time.
- 4. If two players occupy a single ice space, they can play rock paper scissors and the winner of that gets to stay on the ice.

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## Game Scenario 2 - Designed for about 20 minutes of play.

- 1. Start this game with your friends or family all in the same room.
- 2. Separate into groups of 2 or 3 and choose one player to be the momma bear, the others will be the cubs.
- 3. Set the room/home into a relay race obstacle course.
- 4. The momma bear has to cross the water and create a safe passage made from icebergs (furniture/cushions/pillows) for her cub(s) to follow her to the food source (finish line).

## **Rules:**

- 1. A momma bear can stay in the water (floor) for 30 seconds. Cubs can only stay in the water for 10 seconds.
- 2. If a bear is in the water longer than their time limit, they are out of the game.
- 3. Whichever momma bear safely gets her cub(s) to the finish line and back to the start line first wins the game.

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