



# Te Boiri

For hundreds of years this game, also called 'Tapping the ball', has been played in the remotest islands of Kiribati.

**Age:** 15+

**Players:** As many as you like – enough to form a circle.

**Pitch:** A clear space – this doesn't have to be particularly large, the game is often played in backyards and most of Kiribati's islands are very narrow.

**Time:** Unlimited.

**Rules:** The players form a circle. One player stands in the middle of the circle. They kick a ball a short distance into the air. The person nearest then takes over and kicks the ball on – never allowing it to drop on the ground. One after another, the players kick the ball to each other. The ball can be passed back to the player in the middle as well.

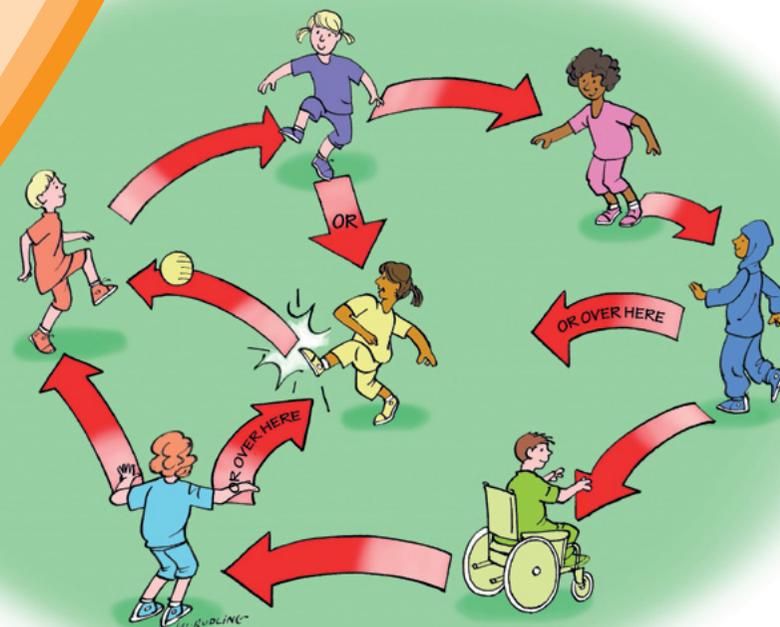
The ball should not be allowed to fall to the ground. Everyone should get a chance to participate. If any player drops the ball, they are out and have to leave the circle until a fresh round starts once every player has had a chance to kick the ball.

## Equipment

- A ball. This is usually made from local materials – such as knotting dry leaves from a Panadanas tree.

## Safety

- Ensure players are warmed up.
- Ensure the playing area is clear from objects that could hurt the players while running around – such as, in Kiribati, shells, coral and rocks that are embedded in the sand. In Kiribati players usually go barefoot.



### Adaptations and variations

#### Easier

- **S**pace: NA
- **T**ask: Ball can bounce once between passes.
- **E**quipment: Use a larger ball.
- **P**eople: Only five people per game.

#### Harder

- **S**pace: Increase the size of the playing area.
- **T**ask: Ball cannot be passed to a player immediately next to you.
- **E**quipment: NA
- **P**eople: NA

### Skills developed

- Teamwork
- Practice
- Speed

### This activity can be used as

- A skill development activity
- A game

### Who could use this card?

- Teachers
- Youth leaders
- Sports coaches
- Community leaders
- Parents

