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## Portable Mamba GaGa Ball Pits

### Assembly, Use, and Care Manual



### **Warning**

READ ALL WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY AND USE

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE

SAVE THIS MANUAL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!



## Warnings and Safety Information

**Children should be supervised at all times while in and around the pit.**

**Do not climb, slide, sit, or stand on rails, sides or net panels. The panels are not intended to hold weight or to be used to jump on as doing so can damage the system.**

The panels and equipment provided are not to be used as a fence or containment system for kids and/or animals.

Do not use system and keep people away from the ball pit during lightning storms or other severe weather.

Disassemble and store system away from severe winds or weather conditions to ensure no harm to person or property.

Do not use the assembled pit or individual panels or components for any other purpose than the games and sports for which they are intended.

Do not allow children assemble, disassemble, move or adjust the system without proper supervision.

Do not wear jewelry, loose clothing, or anything which may entangle in the panels during play.

The GaGa pit system should be used on a flat surface avoiding ice, rocks, or other surfaces which may be hazardous to the participants.

Follow all instructions for assembly to ensure safe use and to avoid damage to the panels.

Do not allow system to remain in standing water and organic material that can entangle or corrode the system.

Check the system before each use to ensure that all parts are properly installed and attached. Test the system to ensure that it is stable and secure before use.

Never play on or use damaged equipment or partially disassembled systems. The system is designed so that each panel helps to support the other panels to which they are attached. Therefore, the pit must be assembled into a complete, unbroken enclosure before use to prevent damage to the panels.

Always assemble the pit with at least a 20 degree angle between adjoining panels (i.e., do not allow adjacent panels to form a straight line). The angle reduces torqueing stress on the individual panels, so failure to do so may lead to damage of the panels.

Do not over tighten the locking hubs used to secure the hinge pins in the assembled pits as doing so may damage the locking system.

Do not use the system to lift, hoist or support anything. The system is designed only to act as a rebounder for a ball or approved sports equipment.

Supervisors must ensure that all players know and follow these rules of operation of the system.

**WARNING: Not intended for children under 3 years. GaGa Pits may contain small parts which could present a choking hazard.**

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## Section 1 – Assembly Instructions

Mamba GaGa Commercial panels come with the wall and entry/exit panels fully assembled and ready to be formed into an enclosure for playing GaGa ball and other games.

**Step 1.** Determine where the pit will be assembled on a suitable flat and safe surface. The overall size and shape of the enclosure can be adjusted by adding or removing panels to suit the available room, number and age of participants.

**Step 2.** Locate the best position to install the entry/exit panels. Begin with one of these entry/exit panels and align the hinge half at the bottom of the panel with the corresponding hinge half of an adjacent wall panel such that the male and female hinge halves are interlocked.



**Step 3.** Holding it by the rubber cap, insert a hinge pin through the top hinge half of the wall panel, thread it through the top hinge half of the entry/exit panel, and seat it all the way to the floor through the bottom interlocked hinges of both panels.



**Step 4.** Attach another wall panel to the other side of the entry/exit panel in the same manner.



- Note that on the side of the entry/exit panel on which the wall panel's top hinge half is male, the rubber cap of the hinge pin will be about 1 ½" above the hinge's knuckle when the pin is fully inserted.



- It is essential that the entry/exit panels are not assembled adjacent to each other as this would result in the hinge pin protruding too far above the center hinges. *There must be at least two wall panels in between the entry/exit panels to ensure that the wall panels are properly supported.*



**Step 5.** Attach wall panels to each other in a similar manner, noting that when two wall panels are adjacent the hinges are passed through the interlocked hinge halves at both the top and bottom of the panels since they are of the same height. Continue to attach wall and the other entry/exit panels until a complete, unbroken enclosure is formed.



- 🔧 In forming the GaGa Pit enclosure, adjacent panels should be at an angle of about 20 degrees or greater to each other. This angle allows the panels to hold each other up and reduce torqueing stress on the panel frames. Note that this angle can be inwards or outwards – creating different shapes of pits to add to the unpredictable fun!
- 🔧 Similarly, the GaGa Pit must be a completed enclosure as each panel is required to be attached to another at both sides to ensure adequate support for the structure and prevent the panels from being twisted and potentially damaged.

**Step 5(A):** In order to prevent damage during shipping, the locking hubs are being shipped along with the hex wrench in the outer pocket of the storage bag that came with your Mamba GaGa Ball Pit. After assembling the pit, simply install the locking hubs into the holes on the side of the “female” half of each hinge, rotating the locking hub clockwise to engage the bolt in the threaded metal insert in the hinge. There should be two installed per panel, one at the top and one on the bottom along one side of each panel:








**Step 6.** Using the 5/16" hex wrench (located in the outside pocket of the ball bag), lightly tighten the locking hubs on the sides of the female hinge halves until they come into contact with the hinge pins. Test to ensure that the locking hubs are creating enough friction on the hinge pins to prevent them from being easily removed. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN as this can cause damage to the locking mechanism.**



Congratulations! Your Mamba GaGa Ball Pit is ready to use!


## Section 2 – Disassembly and Storage Instructions






-  Simply loosen locking hubs and pull up hinge pins to separate panels.
-  We suggest storing the pins by simply inserting them through the top and bottom hinge halves on the sides of the wall panels (the entry/exit panel hinge pins should also be stored in the wall panels since they are too long to store in the entry/exit panels). The locking hubs can be lightly tightened to keep the hinge pins in place for transportation and storage.
-  The panels may be stored either upright stacked against a wall or on a rolling cart, or flat with the top bar padding on alternating sides to prevent scratching. If panels are hung on wall brackets, ensure that the weight of the panel is resting on the frames rather than on the netting. Storage should be in a dry, covered location during long periods of non-use.

## Section 3 – Care and Maintenance Instructions

### INSPECTION OF THE PANELS AND PIT ASSEMBLY BEFORE EACH USE




Inspect the Mamba GaGa Ball Pit and replace worn, defective or missing parts:

-  Missing or improperly attached top bar padding.

-  Missing rubber pulls from top of hinge pins.
-  Loose bungee ball cords (see attachment procedure below).
-  Bent or broken frame bars or cracked or broken hinges.
-  Holes, tears, frays in the netting.
-  Any sharp protrusions on the panels or other hazardous conditions.

Disassemble the GaGa pit immediately if any such hazard conditions exist and call (855) 626-2242 to obtain any needed replacement parts. Do not use the pit until the condition has been corrected and the pit has been re-inspected.

### **Bar Pad Care and Maintenance**

-  Inspect all bar pads to make sure they are secured tightly to the top bar of each panel. Secure any loose bar pads, replacing any missing wrap-ties.
-  Inspect all pads for wear, tear, or rips. Replace any damaged bar pads.
-  Clean bar pads with mild detergent or mild vinyl cleaner. Test cleaners first on an inconspicuous area to make sure they will not damage or discolor the pads.



## Loose Bungee Ball Cords



Occasionally, one of the bungee balls which are used to secure the nets to the panel frames may come loose. This should not affect the use of the panel or pit, but if numerous bungee balls become loose, the net will lose its ability to effectively rebound the ball. Therefore, loose bungee balls should be reattached as soon as possible. Note that loose bungee balls remain secured around the bars of the panel even when loose to help prevent loss or misuse.

To reattach:

- 🔧 Pass the ball with attached cord through the border of the net, maintaining consistent spacing of the bungee balls.



- 🔧 Reach under steel frame and hook bungee cord side that is on same side of net as the bungee ball.
- 🔧 Pull bungee cord down and around steel bar, give a half-twist to form a loop, and pass this loop completely over the bungee ball.



## Section 4 – Warranty and Returns Information

### Warranty on Commercial Pits

Mamba GaGa Commercial, Commercial Junior, and Commercial Pee-Wee pits are warranted to the end user for a period of five years for the panel frames, three years for the netting, and one year for the padding and bungee balls from the date of shipment. Failure of materials and/or workmanship is covered under normal use of the products under normal conditions.

Not covered under the warranty is normal wear and tear or damage caused by misuse of the equipment, vandalism, improper installation, extreme weather conditions, or lack of proper care and maintenance.

### Return Policy

All returns require previous authorization. Please contact our customer service line at 855-MAMBA GAGA (855-626-2242). Returns are subject to a 15% restocking fee and return shipping costs are the responsibility of the purchaser. In about your order, please call our customer service line at 855-MAMBA GAGA (855-626-2242).

## Section 5 – GaGa Ball Rules and Variations

GaGa Ball is a variation of dodgeball in which players in a large GaGa "pit" try to eliminate opponents by striking them in the legs with the ball. GaGa, which in Hebrew means "touch-touch", was invented over 30 years ago. GaGa Ball became popular in Jewish summer camps in Australia and Israel, then spread back to the US where it's popularity is exploding. ABC news called it the "kinder, gentler version" of dodgeball and child care-givers recognize that it is a safer way to provide much needed physical activity for kids of any age and athletic ability.

Note: There are many regional variations of the basic rules outlined below. Feel free to play the game you love best!

### Basic GaGa Rules

- 1.Players start inside pit touching the sides. One player throws the gaga ball up into the air. Players yell "Ga" as it bounces and the ball is in play after the second bounce ("Ga-Ga").
- 2.Players can hit the ball with one hand, but cannot pick up and throw it.
- 3.If the ball touches a player anywhere on or below the knee, that player is eliminated.
- 4.A player cannot touch the ball two times in a row - the ball must first touch another player or the pit wall or it is called a "double touch" and that player is out.
- 5.Players may not kick the ball since this means touching the ball below the knee.
- 6.If the ball is hit out of the pit, then the last player to touch the ball is out.

- 7.Players who are out must leave the GaGa pit immediately.
- 8.The last player out is the winner and gets to start the next game.

## **GaGa Game Variations**

### ***Domination GaGa***

This variation is great for “leveling the playing field” among players of various ages and/or athletic ability. Gameplay is as above except that when a player gets “out”, any player who was previously gotten out by that player can re-enter the pit.

### ***Mayhem GaGa***

Use up to 4 balls for this game (different colored balls work best to help keep track of "double touches"). Players may not see it coming!

### ***Dodge GaGa***

If a player catches the ball in the air, the last person to hit the ball is out.

### ***Team GaGa***

Players stay on opposite sides of pit (which can be re-shaped into a rectangle or even “figure 8”) and play until one team is totally eliminated. Getting each opponent out allows a teammate to re-enter. Can be combined with “Dodge GaGa” allowing ball to be caught.

### ***Defender GaGa***

Each player picks a wall panel to defend from being hit by the others. Keep score by number of hits and high score loses!