



NEOS CHALLENGE

The purpose of the NEOS Challenge is to allow participants to meet and play other comparably skilled NEOS enthusiasts. Whether participants are first-time players playing “just for fun,” or tough competitors playing several times a week, they can meet other people at their own skill level. A challenge is a format that fosters healthy competition by ranking players according to the results of their match-ups. As members of the challenge win and lose against each other, their relative positions in the challenge ladder are adjusted to reflect the results of their matches, their opponents’ W-L records and how frequently they play (much like a tennis challenge ladder).

The NEOS Challenge is open to everyone and can offer various challenge divisions: male, female and co-ed teams in various age groups. Participants can join the challenge at any time during the season.

The challenge format should offer maximum flexibility, with participants playing as often as they want. Player rankings and match statistics are maintained by facility staff and displayed on a white board on site and/or on the sponsoring agency’s website.

Planning a NEOS Challenge

NEOS Challenges can be planned and organized just like any other recreation program. The basic steps include scheduling, marketing and staffing. To determine the NEOS Challenge schedule, select the length, duration, day(s) of the week and time of day challenges can take place. Participant divisions will be determined by dividing players into age and skill-level categories.

Market the NEOS Challenge by creating brochures and posters and sending announcements to the local media. A NEOS Challenge requires minimal general staff supervision. Staff will provide general instruction, tabulate the scores and record the weekly winners.

Award prizes (koozies, t-shirts, hats) to those who win weekly or monthly challenges and to those who play the most matches. Ties in the number of matches played will be broken using the following criteria:

- First: Total games won in head-to-head matches
- Second: The player’s overall winning percentage



NEOS TEAM COMPETITION

NEOS Team Competitions are fun, flexible and competitive multi-activity events created to get participants to work together to achieve a common goal. NEOS Competitions involve progressively more complex tasks that are designed to focus on team performance and assessment. A NEOS Team Competition highlights the importance of communication, because a victory cannot be achieved single-handedly. A NEOS Competition helps to demonstrate the importance of the role that each individual or small team plays when working together toward a common goal and is designed to give the teams a competitive thrill.

Through NEOS Competition, participants will function together by encouraging team performance and improvement as a whole. NEOS Competition engages teams with dynamic, competitive and fun challenges. This high-energy structure will help groups stay active and improve their communication skills while testing team stamina. Team Competitions are a great way to foster group spirit and have fun with a group of classmates, neighbors, friends or family members.

Each team must select a different team member to compete in six NEOS games (Light Grabber, Light Thief, Bubble Burst, Snake, Goalie and Dance with Me). Scores are recorded, then added for a total score. The next competition phase involves adding a challenging element, such as blindfolding competitors, tying one hand behind the team member's back or tying two team members together. This will challenge the teams in a variety of ways as they race against the clock for a high score.

Winning teams will enjoy:

- A NEOS t-shirt for each member of the team
- Public recognition: their team name listed as the winner on the sponsoring agency's website
- A complimentary digital team photo



NEOS LEAGUE

Creating a NEOS League is a way for park planners to get players to come out to the park, have a good time and step up their game. The NEOS League will stress the development of individual proficiency with an emphasis on maximum participation of all players in a recreational atmosphere. Participants will learn the fundamentals in this fun, recreational league for children ages 8-16. Players will be placed on teams by age.

NEOS League participants will gain new skills, a new sense of teamwork, respect for others and a passion for the game. Participants compete against players of the same age and ability. Players face a new opponent each week and are able to reschedule games if absent on a game day. NEOS game rules will be taught at the beginning of each league season. Players appreciate the easygoing social atmosphere offered by NEOS Leagues. NEOS becomes a regular weekly event for players and ensures kids get regular exercise each week. Because leagues can be set up to work on a drop-in basis, kids can opt out of play when their schedules become too busy and join back in later.

NEOS League is organized as competitive team match play. Teams are made up of a minimum of four to eight players. The competition is exciting, the atmosphere is social, and since players compete on teams, you have a built-in cheering section. The league champion will receive a trophy.

Who can play?

NEOS League is for male and female youths ages 8-16 of all abilities and experience. Whether you are new to the game or an avid NEOS player, there's a spot for you!

How does it work?

Teams compete in three age divisions: 8-10, 11-13 and 14-16. The format features singles and doubles matches in six NEOS competition games (Light Grabber, Light Thief, Bubble Burst, Snake, Goalie and Echo).

How competitive is it?

NEOS League participants want to play regularly, improve their game and meet new players. Participants play as hard as they want.