

Countdown is a marble run with endless game possibilities.
Try altering known dice games or follow the suggestions below:

Countdown

1 marble, paper and pencil for scoring. For one or more players.

Before the round starts, each player lists the numbers 6 to 0 one below the other on a piece of paper. The player drops the marble into the slot and waits to see which slot it reaches. The goal is to score each of the numbers one by one, starting with the number 6 and working down until all of the numbers have been crossed off the list. The winner is the first one to cross off all his numbers. If the appropriate number isn't scored, the player has to wait until the next round.

Elevator

1 marble, paper and pencil for scoring. For one or more players.

Elevator is played like Countdown, however the goal is to score successively the numbers 0 to 6.

Even or Uneven

1 marble, paper and pencil for scoring. For one or more players.

Before the game starts the players agree on the number of rounds to be played and whether the aim is to score even or uneven numbers. Each player takes a turn dropping a marble into the slot and notes the number as agreed upon (if even numbers are the goal, only even numbers may be noted). The winner could be the player who has either the most or the least points added up at the end of all the rounds.

The Nasty 1

5 marbles, paper and pencil for scoring. For one or more players.

Each player drops 5 marbles per round and adds up the total number scored. The sum total of all rounds is calculated. If a 1 is hit, however, the total of all previous rounds is invalid. The winner is the first player to accumulate 100 points.

Even minus Uneven

6 marbles, paper and pencil for scoring. For one or more players.

Each player drops all 6 marbles per round. The total of the uneven numbers is subtracted from the total of the even numbers and the result noted. The winner is the player who has highest total sum at the end of all the rounds.

Example: The numbers 1-3-4-5-6-6 are hit. The sum of the even numbers is 16; the sum of the uneven numbers is 9, making a total of 7 points for this round.