

Egg knocking

Egg knocking in Tajik called *tukhmbozi* is a traditional game popular among children during the Navruz festival, and religious holidays of Ramadan and Qurban. On holidays children would go from house to house to congratulate and receive gifts. Often on holidays households will boil eggs to give to children. So, once children gather eggs they begin game among themselves.

The rule of the game is simple. One holds a hard-boiled egg and taps the egg of another participant with one's own egg intending to break the other's, without breaking one's own. As with any other game, it has been a subject of cheating; eggs with cement, alabaster, and even marble cores have been reported.

