

## Baloncodo, an inclusive sport with connections to Andalusian culture

**LOCATION:** Arroyo Coche, Almogía (Málaga)

**DURATION:** 1'42"

**SUMMARY:** A young professor from Malaga has created a new sport. It's called baloncodo, a mixed, inclusive, and educational sport. By hitting the ball with the elbow the ball has to bounce three times in the opposite field to get a point. Baloncodo is played in teams of four, two girls and two boys, and its terminology has references to elements of Andalusian culture.

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The sport that is being practiced by these students is called baloncodo and is the creation of this young man from Málaga with a PhD in Educational Sciences. One of its characteristics is that the ball is thrown with the elbow, but most importantly, that is a mixed inclusive sport.

### **NORBERTO DOMÍNGUEZ** Creator of Baloncodo

*"There aren't many organized sports in that the boys and girls can play together. In fact Baloncodo allows them to play, enjoy themselves, and everyone has the same level of importance."*

### **BELÉN GONZÁLEZ** Rafael Alberti School student

*"All the boys and girls play at the same time, it's not a girl's game or a boy's game, it's mixed."*

They form two teams of four players each, two girls and two boys, and hit the ball with their elbow, trying to make the ball bounce three times in the opposite field. Other of the special characteristics of this sport is its terminology that references aspects of Andalusian culture. The ball, for example, called the infante, pays homage to the figure of Blas Infante, one of the symbols of Andalusia.

### **NORBERTO DOMÍNGUEZ** Creator of Baloncodo

*"Engrained in this sport is our culture, and our values. The different elements are a real and authentic tribute to our autonomous community, Andalusia".*

### **ÓSCAR MONTIEL** Rafael Alberti School student

*"With our arms on our hips, representing the figure of the cenachero of Malaga who was a fish seller".*

This new sport is the result of Norberto's doctoral thesis and was presented in an international symposium of the Science of Sports. Other than in Andalusia, they have started to practice it in other communities.

### **Begoña Lloret** Rafael Alberti School teacher

*"Baloncodo is an inclusive sport and very fun, the kids have a good time".*

The Higher Council of Sports has urged them to create the Andalusian and Spanish Federations of this sport, and -they are also in contact with the Olympic and Paralympic committees.

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