Snowball Slide

The elves are taking a break from making toys to indulge in one of their favourite games — racing snowballs! Each workshop has been fitted with a giant cog which can direct a snowball down a slope or pause its onward rush! Can you turn the cogs and get the most snowballs?

Before You Start

— Decide which player is aiming for Team Stripe and which for Team Spots.
— Cut out the cogs and snowballs on the enclosed postcard and place on the card.
— Find two standard six-sided dice, or roll dice online.

How To Play

The person who most recently threw a snowball goes first. On their turn, a player rolls both dice, and then uses each result to either turn the cog matching that number or to release a snowball.

A) Turning a cog
— A die can be used to turn the matching cog to any of three positions: tilted left, tilted right, or horizontal.

B) Releasing a snowball
— Any die result can be used to release.
— When a snowball is released it rolls down the slopes, directed by the cogs, until it either hits a horizontal cog or reaches one of the two teams.
— Snowballs on horizontal cogs move as soon as that cog is next turned.
— If two snowballs collide then both explode. Exploded snowballs should be placed back at the top of the card.

Only ONE snowball may be released per turn. A player could choose to turn two cogs, or turn a cog then release a snowball, or release a snowball then turn a cog. Doubles may be rerolled if wished.
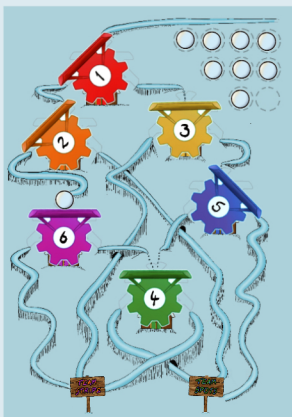
The player chooses in which order the dice are used.

Example

Imagine this turn happens part way through the game, and starts with cogs 1 and 2 tilted to the right and all other cogs horizontal. I roll a 1 and a 5. I choose to move cog 1 all the way from right to left-tilted, and cog 5 from horizontal to right-tilted

My opponent rolls a 2 and a 4. They tilt cog 2 to the left, and then use the number 4 die to release a snowball. The released snowball rolls down cog 1, down cog 2, and then finally comes to rest on cog 6.

How To Win

The game ends when one player has steered 5 snowballs to their team.