GASING

Permainan gasing dimainkan oleh kanak-kanak dan orang dewasa di kawasan tanah lapang. Terdapat pelbagai jenis gasing iaitu Gasing Jantung, Gasing Piring, Gasing Telur, Gasing Berembang, Gasing Melayu, Gasing Cina dan Gasing Pinang. Kayu daripada jenis merbau paling sesuai kerana ia mudah dilarik serta tidak mudah serpih dan kayu leban tanduk, limau, bakau, manggis dan jambu batu juga menjadi pilihan. Kayu dilarik menggunakan alat pelarik mengikut saiz yang ditetapkan.

Gasing dimainkan dengan dua cara iaitu gasing pangkah dan gasing uri. Gasing pangkah dimainkan dengan melemparkannya supaya mengetuk gasing lawan pada. Gasing uri dipertandingkan untuk menguji ketahanan gasing berpusing yang paling lama dikira pemenang. Pertandingan gasing uri lebih bersifat individu manakala gasing pangkah bersifat kumpulan. Gasing pinang dimainkan oleh kanak-kanak menggunakan buah pinang muda yang dikupaskan sabut dan kulitnya dipangkaskan dibahagian atas dan bawahnya bagi tujuan dilagakan dan diurikan.

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The game of tops is usually played in an open space by both children and adults. There are many types of tops found in Malaysia, including Gasing Jantung, Gasing Piring, Gasing Kelamar, Gasing Telur, Gasing Berembang, Gasing Melayu, Gasing Cina dan Gasing Pinang. The preferred wood for making tops is that of the merbau tree as it is easily shaped while nut chipping readily wood from the beban, tanduk, limau (lime), bakau (mangrove), manggis (mangoes teen) and jambu batu (guava) trees also make good top making material. The wood is shaped with an appropriately sized lathe.

There are two types of top spinning games – they are either used to knock opposing players' top or to see which players top outlasts the other in spinning time. The former requires one player to throw and spin his top onto another spinning top, to knock it off its spin. The latter, however, requires two players to spin their tops to see whose stays longer of which the top that stops spinning first loses the game. Areca nut tops are usually played by children. The seeds of the areca nut tree are skinned off, their fibrous covering and sharpened at either ends to be spin with stings.



