

Counting Minutes & Making Every Minute Count

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4 CORNERS

Ready...

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ACTIVITY

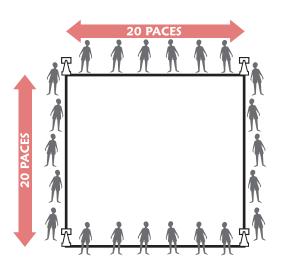
- 4 cones (for boundaries)
- 4 Corners Task Cards (SPARK Instructional Media CD)

Set...

- Create a medium (20X20 paces) activity area.
- Place a 4 Corners Task Card at each corner.

GO!

- 1. The object of 4 Corners is to warm up the large muscle groups, using a variety of locomotor skills.
- 2. As you enter the activity area, move clockwise around the perimeter.
- 3. When you reach the first corner, read the *Task Card* and do the #1 locomotor skill from that corner until you reach the next corner.
- 4. Continue to do the #1 skill at each corner until you return to your original corner. Next time around, do the #2 skill.
- 5. Each time you reach a new corner, start a new movement. If you finish all of them before the stop signal, begin again at #1.
- 6. (Continue for 3-5 minutes.)



ASAP

CHALLENGES

How many corners can you visit before the stop signal?

CUES

- ★ Stay on Skill #1 for all 4 corners, then change to #2.
- * Work on quality, not speed.

AEROBIC BOWLING

Ready...

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ACTIVITY

- 2 spot markers per group of 4 students
- 2 bowling pins (or substitute 2 lightweight cones) per group of 4 students.
- 1 utility ball per group of 4 students

Set...

- Create 2 parallel lines of spot markers and a third line of bowling pins.
- Lines are 5 paces apart, and spot markers in each line 3 paces apart.
- The first line of spot markers is the start. 2 students start here. The 2nd line of spot markers is the Bowlers' line. The 3rd line is for the bowling pins (or 2 cones) and where the Ball Retriever stands.

- 1. The object is to use underhand rolling skills to score as many points as your group can before the signal.
- 2. On signal, the Bowler (at 2nd cone) rolls the ball toward pins/cones trying to knock them over. Bowler runs after the ball and sets up pins/cones for next Bowler (if needed) and stands safely off to the side.
- 3. The Ball Retriever retrieves rolled ball, runs it to 2nd cone for the new Bowler, then continues to start line.
- 4. When you reach the front of the start line, run to be the next Bowler.
- 5. Continue bowling, setting up pins, retrieving and running until signal.

6. Scoring:

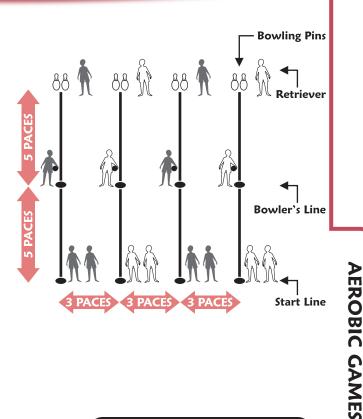
- Strike (both pins knocked down) = 10 points
- Spare (1 pin knocked down) = 5 points

CHALLENGES

- ★ How quickly can your group score 50 points?
- How many points can your group score before the signal?

CUES

- Bowlers, step forward with opposition, and release the ball when pointing at the target.
- * Retrievers, move quickly to bring the ball to the next Bowler.
- * New Bowlers, move to the bowling line quickly.



PARTNER TAG

Ready...

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ACTIVITY

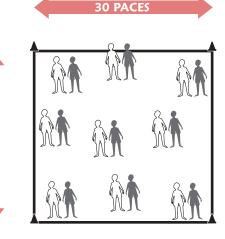
• 4 cones (for boundaries)

Set...

- Create large (30X30 paces) activity area.
- Scatter pairs within boundaries.

GO!

- 1. The object is for partners to chase and flee each other in general space.
- 2. One is first Chaser, one first Fleer; decide now.
- 3. On signal, Fleers walk quickly away from Chasers, while Chasers do 5 jumping jacks.
- 4. Chasers, when you finish your jumping jacks, try to fast walk and tag (using a 2-finger tag) your partner.
- 5. If the Chaser tags the Fleer, switch roles. The new Chaser completes 5 jumping jacks before chasing their partner.



CHALLENGES

- How quickly can you catch your partner?
- What tricks can you think of to elude your partner?

CUES

- Fleers, change directions quickly, and move behind others to evade your partner.
- Remember to do your jumping jacks (or other designated task) before chasing your partner.

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ELBOW TAG

Ready...

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ACTIVITY

- 4 cones (for boundaries)
- 1 fluffball/scarf per 5 students (to designate "lts")

Set...

- Create large (30X30 paces or greater) activity area.
- Scatter students within boundaries.
- Identify 1 in 5 students as "It" with fluffball/scarf.

GO!

- 1. The object is for "Its" to chase and tag Fleers.
- On "Go," Fleers may move inside the boundaries.
 When you hear, "Elbow Tag," Chasers chase Fleers.
 Chasers, use the fluffball/scarf to gently tag any Fleer.
- 3. Fleers avoid being tagged by joining elbows with another Fleer and walking for up to 10 seconds (count out loud as you walk).
- 4. If tagged, go out of the boundaries, and complete 1 task 10X. (E.g., lunges, push-ups, jumping jacks, sit-ups, jump rope, etc.)

CHALLENGES

How long can you go without linking elbows?

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30 PACES

CUES

Fleers, use your running and dodging skills.

Only hook elbows when you are tired.

CHASING & FLEEING



GRADES 3-6

3-CATCH GAME

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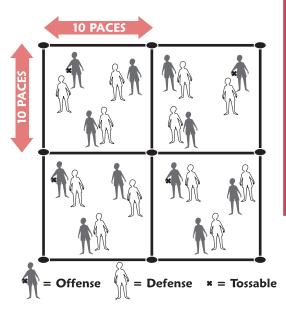
- 1 tossable per group of 6 (offer many choices in color, weight, size, density, shape, type, etc.)
- 4 spot markers per group of 6
- 3 pinnies per group of 6

Set...

- Create a 10X10 pace grid for each group of 6.
- Students in groups of 3; 2 groups per grid; 1 wearing pinnies.
- 1 tossable (group's choice) per grid.

GO!

- 1. The object is to make 3 catches in a row, each to a different group member.
- 2. Pinnie group begins on Offense with the tossable. Defenders guard a member of the opposing group.
- 3. Incomplete passes (hit the ground, go out of bounds, intercepted) are picked up by the other group and they try to make 3 catches.
- 4. Three catches in a row score 1 point, and the other group gets the tossable.
- 5. Principle of 3s is in effect: Take 3 steps with the tossable; Defense stays 3' away from Offense; passes must travel at least 3'.



CHALLENGES

How many times can your group make 3 catches?

CUES

- Offense, move to an open space. Keep moving. Change directions often.
- Defense, follow the person you are covering. Keep your hands up. Stay at least 3' away from the Offense.



AEROBIC GAMES

PARACHUTE PLAY

Ready...

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PACE #3

- 4 cones (for boundaries)
- 1 small parachute (6 person), per 6 students
- 1 fun tossable per 6 students (rubber chicken, fish, pig, fun fruit and veggie beanbags, etc.)
- 1 utility ball per 6 students
- 1 hoop per 6 students
- 1 Parachute Play Task Card (SPARK Instructional Media CD) per 6 students

Set...

- Create large (30X30 paces) activity area with cones.
- Form groups of 6 scattered, throughout activity area. Each group with a chute (or substitute), a hoop and a tossable.
- Basketball hoops are helpful, but not required.

GO!

GRADES 3-6

- 1. The object is to complete various stunts, using the chute, a tossable and a hoop.
- 2. Each of you has a different responsibility. Assignments are on the *Parachute Play Task Card*. Part of cooperating is deciding who gets to do what and taking turns with the different responsibilities.
- 3. Remember to be mindful of your space and other groups.

