

Tent Pitch



Objective

A competitive and cooperative physical activity which requires children to use their problem-solving skills.



Equipment

- Tent set
- Blindfolds
- Stopwatch



Preparation

- Split the children into teams of no more than four, taking into consideration ability and space available.
- Place a tent with all equipment in front of them.
- Allow the group time to analyse the equipment they have, including the instructions in the tent pack.



Instructions

- Explain to the children that a stopwatch will be started, and they will build the tent.
- The game will be played in two parts.
- First, children work in their teams to build the tent with the ability to see everything.
- Second, they will add blindfolds to some or all the team members.
- Teams will then try to build the tent blindfolded using their prior knowledge and skills of building it.
- Each team must work cooperatively and communicate effectively to build the tent whilst blindfolded. The teacher may assist with the use of the tent pegs.



Other information

- Children must ensure that they are aware of their surroundings as much as possible. Using their hands out in front of them to avoid collisions.
- Ensure that there is a staff member keeping an eye on each group as pegs can be sharp.

