Australian Sports Commission


## Base run

A Two players with one ball try to stop a third player from reaching a base at either end of a playing area. Warm-up by playing without the bases.

> Playing area with bases (or cones) about 10 metres apart as shown.
> One medium sized ball per group of three.

## PLAYING

> Start - one ball between the two defenders who start at opposite ends, the attacker (without ball) in the middle.
> Defenders can change position but cannot run with the ball.
> Defenders pass the ball to one another aiming to tag the attacker defenders are not allowed to throw the ball at the attacker
> The attacker (base runner) tries to reach either base.
$>$ If the base runner reaches one of the two bases without getting tagged, one of the defenders becomes the new base runner.
> Rotate so each player has a chance to be a base runner.

## Scoring

> One option is not to score, another is for the attacker to score a point by successfully reaching either base.

## Safety

> Choose an area away from wall and other obstructions.
$>$ Don't throw the ball at the attacker.
> Tagging must be confined to the area between the opponents shoulders and knees.


LESSON LINK Base run develops base running skills and relies on passing skills. Defenders have to 'close down' space and attackers have to find space and choose between options (bases).

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> Vary the - type of ball, size of playing area, type of pass, size and shape of base, time ball is held e.g. 3 seconds maximum Other combinations - 3 v 1; 2 v 2; 4 v 1,4 v 2 or 3 ;
> For players with limited mobility or throwing ability use a 3 v 1 game ..
E.g. Player A passes to Player B who moves in close to Player C. Player B passes the ball to Player C who in turn returns it to Player A.
> Specify a number of passes before tagging when playing with a player with limited mobility.

> Ask the group to set rules for this play. Does player C have to be involved in every play?
$>$ Allow use of a helper where appropriate.

