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## Racing relay

Players race each other in a relay, performing various movement patterns. (Play in teams of 4 or 5.)

## What to do

> In teams, players divide and stand opposite one another.
> Players race to the other side performing a particular skill and tag the next team member.
$>$ Continue until all members have completed the relay.
> Vary the skill required e.g. walking like a crab, hopping, skipping, tumbling.


## Change it

> Let the game run a little before any intervention - let the kids play.
$>$ Vary the number of times a team must complete the relay.
> Specify 5 different skills, and allow the teams to determine which player must demonstrate the skill, and in what order.
> Introduce equipment e.g. dribble a bal (hockey, basketball, soccer), hula hoops, juggle balls/scarves, skipping ropes.
> Increase or decrease the space between team members, depending on the difficulty of the skill being performed.

## Safety

> Make sure the playing area is clear of any obstructions.
> Make sure there is enough space between groups and players.
> If tumbling, use the appropriate mats and make sure players are confident.

## Ask the players

> What other movements could you use to make it more challenging and fun?
> How can we include everyone?

## LESSON LINK:

Racing relay combines fundamental motor skill development with the competitive element of a relay.

