

Noughts and Crosses

Learning Outcomes:

1. Tactical awareness
2. Communication
3. Maintaining bowls in the scoring zone
4. Accuracy

The Game:

- ✓ 3 Bowls per player – Pairs
- ✓ Set up Noughts and Crosses mat on the 2m mark
- ✓ Mat on the 2m mark
- ✓ Play is in one direction only
- ✓ Toss for start of game
- ✓ Bowls can be driven or run out of scoring squares
- ✓ If two bowls remain in one square then first bowl played is the counting or scoring bowl
- ✓ After leads have played, bowls in scoring squares are removed and marked by coloured discs
- ✓ After skips have played, bowls in scoring squares are removed and marked by coloured discs
- ✓ First team to complete a row wins

Equipment Required:

- ✓ 1 mat
- ✓ 1 Noughts and Crosses grid (1.5 x 1.5m divided into 9 squares)
- ✓ 10 coloured disks to mark location of bowls
- ✓ Sense of humour

Variations:

- ✓ Complete an “end” before replacing the bowls with a disc
- ✓ Triples or fours
- ✓ 3 singles with 4 bowls each (need 3 sets of coloured disks)

