

# Gateball Activity Sheet

## Name: Tic Tac Toe; Three in a row

Teams try to position 3 balls in a row to win

(Adapted from Connect 4 a game developed by CNSW/AASC)

**Focus Area:** (Accuracy/Strategy/Communication etc)

Shot direction

Shot length

Strategy

Teamwork

### Key Teaching Points:

Remind kids about Stalk, Sight, Stand, Stare, Swing

Playing together to achieve an outcome – developing a strategy

### Equipment:

Mallets

Tarpaulin marked up with 20 rectangles

Gateballs

1-10 Badges or bibs

### Activity Description:

Kids are allocated a ball and badge

1&2 and 9&10 line up on the two short sides of the rectangular tarpaulin

3,4&5 and 6,7&8 line up on the two longer sides

Players place their ball one mallet's length from the edge of the tarpaulin

Balls are played, in turn on to the tarpaulin

#### The first team to get three in a row wins the game

If two balls end up on the same square the first one counts

If a ball knocks out another ball, that's fine but if a ball is knocked on to an empty square it can score that one

Play the game in reverse once the first game is over ie 10,9,8,etc

### Change it: (Questions)

How could we make this game harder/easier? (Come closer or go further to start, use sparking ...)

Could we change how the game is scored ( most balls on squares?)

Should we have one leader?

Time limit on time to hit ball

### Safety Considerations:

No one goes on the mat until all have played

Players stand in their place while others play

Mallets held still by players side when not in use.