

Cross Over Craze (P-5)

Objective

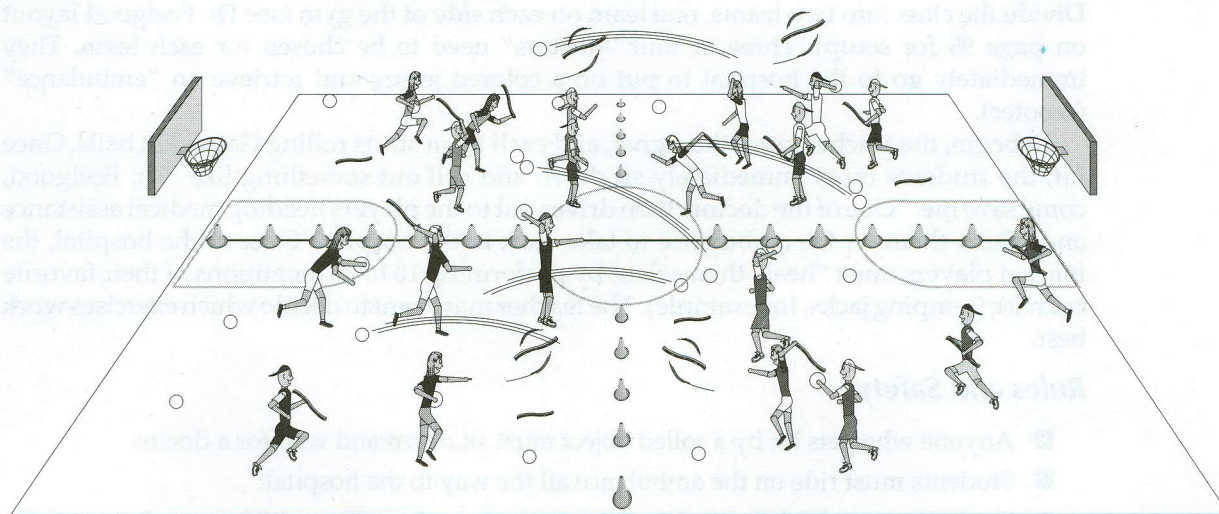
To teach strategy and teamwork. To encourage continual movement and hand-eye coordination.

Equipment

- Colored jerseys (a different color per quadrant, 1 per student)
- As many soft, lightweight balls or swim noodles that you have—the more the better!
- Traffic cones to section off each quadrant

Procedure

Cross Over Craze is an excellent strategic and teamwork-oriented game that will have your students moving around so much that even they won't know where they are going. The object of the game is to keep all of your teammates together and get all opposing players into your team's quadrant. Divide the class into four groups as evenly as possible, and assign them a color quadrant (see Cross Over Craze layout). Disperse all balls evenly over the gym. On the teacher's signal, students begin rolling Gatorskin balls, yarn balls, or lightweight balls at opposing teams in the other three quadrants (foam noodles are also fun to use). When a ball hits a player, that player must cross over into the section from which the ball came. This process continues for a designated amount of time or until most players end up in one quadrant.



Noodles Gatorskin Ball
Cross Over Craze Layout

Rules and Safety

- When they are hit or when their balls are caught, players must immediately go to that opposing team's quadrant.
- A player can get hit multiple times and continually cross from quadrant to quadrant. Remind students that when they hit someone, they should point to them because sometimes players don't know where the ball came from.



HINT

You may want to let them figure this out! Once they enter the new quadrant, someone from his or her own team can roll and hit them to get them back to their side.