Tag Ball

**PURPOSE:**
- To develop skills for basketball, netball, football codes and handball
- To explore movement, throwing and passing skills in a game context
- To develop communication and team work as a means of scoring points
- To learn how to use movement and space to achieve a tag and avoid being tagged.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**
- Two even teams of 6 – 10 players
- The game involves one team passing the ball (the chasing team) and the other team running to avoid being tagged
- The aim is for the chasing team to pass the ball around so that a team member can tag a running player NB Players are not able to throw the ball at opponents
- **A chasing player cannot run while in possession of the ball, but needs to pass the ball to moving team members**
- Opponents are allowed to run anywhere in the marked area to try and avoid being tagged
- Possession changes after a tag or if an opponent runs outside the marked area.

**VARIATIONS:**
- One team keeps possession of the ball for a given amount of time and scores the number of tags
- The running team is allowed to intercept the ball. Each interception is a point and a turn over of possessions. The first team to score ten points through combined tags and interceptions
- Players can take up to 3 steps while in possession of the ball
- Players can dribble the ball as well as pass
- A player can keep possession of the ball for a set time only (eg 3 seconds)
- **For the whole class:** Begin with 6 players in colour bands as the chasing team. Whenever this team makes a tag, the person caught collects a colour band and joins their team to assist. This continues until only 1 remains uncaught. **Note:** if it is difficult to catch the last players, change the locomotion they can use
- You can adapt the playing space to suit the skill level. Tagging is easier in a smaller area
- A softer ball can be used with younger and less skilled students.

**RESOURCES:** A large ball (volleyball, football), coloured bands to distinguish teams

**LOCATION:** A court area (e.g. Netball court)