Gorri

This disc rolling game became popular in all parts of Australia. A piece of rounded bark (disc) was rolled and used as the target. Accuracy of eye and speed in casting a spear were easily learned from the disc game. A large ball is rolled and players try to hit it with a tennis ball.

Playing the Game

What you need

- A suitable indoor or outdoor area.
- Cones to mark out playing area.
- 1-2 tennis balls per player.
- Variety of balls of different sizes (targets).

What to do

- A player designated as the roller calls out ‘gool-gool’ (going-going) and rolls the ball in front of the other players, who attempt to hit it with their tennis balls.
- Another player at the other end acts as a fielder and stops the target ball and returns it to the first ‘roller’ after the thrown balls are retrieved.
- Throwers stand behind the line along side of the playing area.
Use the TREE model to modify this game. Try the modifications suggested below or devise your own.

**Teaching style**
- Encourage good sportsmanship. When a player makes a hit they are greeted with applause and cheering. Successful players are expected to be modest about their achievement.

**Rules**
- Throwers must stay behind the line.
- Roll more than one target.
- Bouncing the target ball provides an interesting option.
- Vary the type of throw – rolling is also an option.
- Vary the speed the target ball is rolled.

**Equipment**
- Vary the size of the target ball.
- Vary the size and type of balls thrown. A bean bag is a good option for a player with limited grip strength or hand function.
- Vary the type of target ball – players with limited vision can be included by using a bell ball, goalball or a ball wrapped in plastic and secured by tape. Other sighted players may use blind folds.

**Environment**
- Vary the distance the players must throw from. Decrease it to make it easier, increase it to make it more difficult.
- Throwing towards a wall will help make retrieving balls easier.

**Safety**
- Ensure players are aware of other players.
- Balls are not retrieved until all the balls have been thrown and an ‘OK’ signal given. Players may then retrieve their balls and reform on the line.
- If using eye-shades, they should be removed before retrieving balls.

**Questions**
- How can players with different abilities be challenged?

**Other games to play**
Gorri can lead into playing
- Kolap
- Boccia
- Boccia 5-3-1
- Throlf
- Other target games

**Integrity**
Whatever modification is used, ensure that the integrity of the game is maintained. Games and activities should never be modified to the extent that they no longer resemble the original.