

Name/Title: Settling Disputes in PE: Rock, Paper, Scissors

Purpose of Event: To provide a strategy to students in 3-5 grades to settle simple disagreements.

Suggested Grade Level: 3-5

Materials Needed: Cones to mark an open space, computer, LCD projector.

Description of Idea

I have open discussions with students about settling simple disputes. For example, we talk about when two people arrive in line at the same time, what usually happens? Sometimes an argument will start, maybe some pushing or shoving. Then we discuss other strategies to help solve the conflict fast one way is by playing "**Rock, Paper, Scissor shoot**". Then I show the video clip using a LCD projector. When the clip is over I pass out a card from a deck of cards and ask the kids to find a person with the same number.

When all kids are paired up they play "partner rock paper scissor shoot". The winner stays put, while the other person moves onto another person standing. If there is a tie they keep throwing until there is no longer a tie. After a minute or two I have all kids with their original partner line up on one side of the general space toe to toe with their partner and then they play again but this time when you win you stay on that side of the general space and the other person walks, hop, skips, gallops, slides, to the other side once over there he finds another person to play. If there is a tie both kids run to the other side.

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