**Name/Title: Striking in Tennis (Forehand, Backhand, Volley, and Serve)**

**Purpose of Event:** The purpose of the Bird's Nest Activity is to provide an authentic assessment for the various shots found in the game of tennis.

**Suggested Grade Level:** 5-8

**Materials Needed:**

Bird Nest Activity
Checklist Forehand

## Description of Idea

Peers will score each other by marking down the point totals for each shot. In addition, another partner will assess the student hitting by filling out the given checklist for each shot (Forehand Checklist is included as an example). During the closure, each group member will have the chance to look at total number of points scored and the checklist for each tennis skill. Groups will discuss how each person can improve their skills for the next time they practice tennis skills in class.

### Scoring Rubric:

Bronze (Bird's Nest): Student scores 1-3 points after 5 shots Bronze (Skill Checklists): Student receives 0-1 checkmarks for a given skill

Silver (Bird's Nest): Student scores 4-9 points after 5 shots Silver (Skill Checklists): Student receives 2-3 checkmarks for a given skill

Gold (Bird's Nest): Student scores 10 or more points after 5 shots Gold (Skill Checklists): Student receives 4 checkmarks for a given skill

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