COOPERATIVE PLAY

Birthday groups

Birth dates are used in a variety of ways to form groups.

What to do

Playing

> Day–month line-up – players line up in order of increasing birth date (day and month).

> Form groups by going down the line and “peeling off” groups of the size required.

> By month, no talking – players line up by month from January to December. The catch is they can’t talk to one another. Use with older players who know the months and work out where each other fits within the sequence of months.

> Date only line-up – in this variation, players line up in order of the date of their birthday irrespective of the month.

> Financial year line up – use for dividing a larger group into 2.

> Use the table below to form 3 or 4 groups.

> Alphabetical order – use given names or family names and then ‘peel off’ into groups.

> Choose an area away from walls and other obstructions.

LEARNING INTENTION

This activity is a group management tool that can be linked to learning in Mathematics (ACMMG007, ACMNA289, ACMMG040, ACMMG041) and History (ACHHK003, ACHHK029).