Bat tapping

Each player has a suitable batting implement and ball. The aim is to keep tapping the ball into the air with the bat for as long as possible. Many variations are possible.

**What you need**

> 1 ball and batting implement per player (suitable to player ability)

**What to do**

> Players tap their ball up and down on their bat, and count the number of consecutive taps they get.
> If a player drops their ball, they start counting from the beginning.

**Scoring**

> Award 1 point per successful hit.

**Change it**

> Vary the bat and ball.
> Play cooperatively in pairs or groups of 3 and vary the distance between players according to ability.

**Safety**

> Use bats and balls suitable for players’ ability.
> Check there is enough space between players and away from walls or other obstacles.
> Bats must not be swung around or raised more than chest high.

**ASK THE PLAYERS**

> Which part of the bat do you need to hit the ball with so that it will go straight up in the air?
> What technique did you find was the best for making the most consecutive hits?
> How high did you need to hit the ball in the air to make sure you had time to get ready for the next hit?
> Which bats/balls make this easier/harder?

**TEACHING TIPS**

> Keep your eyes on the ball
> Keep the face of the bat parallel to the ground so that you can hit it straight up in the air.
> Hold the bat at the bottom of the handle to have greater control and accuracy.

**LEARNING INTENTION**

Bat tapping supports students to develop hand-eye coordination and striking skills.