Collect 3

3 players – a feeder, a collector and a fielder work cooperatively. The feeder rolls 3 balls in quick succession into the target area. The collector has to gather the balls with the assistance of the fielder, running against the clock, and return them to a hoop.

**Scoring**

> Number of balls returned in the set time.

**What you need**

> Cones to mark a starting line and target area
> 3 tennis balls per group
> One hoop or container for returned balls
> Stopwatch

**What to do**

> Allow the collector a set period to collect balls, e.g. 60 seconds.
> Rotate roles.
> Balls out of the target area are not collected for scoring – the fielder returns them to the hoop.
> If all balls roll out, the feeder has a second attempt.

**Change it**

Talk to players about the cooperative aspect of accurate feeding (target rolling) and efficient fielding and how they interrelate for a good result.

> **Cooperative team challenge** – add each player’s score together to give a team total.
> **Number of balls** – use 2 balls (easier), 4 balls (harder).
> **Balls** – use different rolling balls (slow v fast rolling).
> **Target area** – vary the size and shape. Mark a zone within the target area for bonus points if the feeder rolls balls into the zone.

**Safety**

> Ensure there is sufficient space between groups.
> If a ball enters another group’s area, play must stop before the ball is retrieved.
> The fielder does not enter the playing area.

**ASK THE PLAYERS:**

> What strategies did you use to collect each of the balls as quickly as possible?
> How did you work together as fielder and collector to return the balls as quickly as possible to the hoop?
> When you were the feeder, where did you roll the ball to try and make it slower for the fielders to retrieve the ball?

**LEARNING INTENTION**

Collect 3 develops accuracy in rolling objects towards a target as well as fielding and retrieving objects.