Newspaper hockey

Using rolled-up newspapers to hit a soft ball, 2 small teams try to score goals.

**What to do**

**SETTING UP**

> Select teams of up to 4 players.
> Make bats out of rolled-up newspaper (rolled diagonally for longer bats), stuck together with tape.
> Use a soft ball and narrow goals.

**PLAYING**

> Pass, trap, hit and score – that’s it!
> Introduce rules as required with *Change it*.

**Change it**

> Vary the team sizes, e.g. 4 v 2 to cater for varying ability levels.
> Introduce a zone for a mobility-restricted player that is out of bounds to opposition players.
> Ask the players for ideas to ensure the game is fair for all.

**Game rules**

> **Other combinations** – 1 v 1, 2 v 3, 2 v 4
> **Interceptor** – play as an interception game (see Interceptor).
> **Other** – rule disallowing forward passing, use plastic hockey sticks, scoring zones – attacking players must strike for goal outside of the zone, have a goal-keeper.

**Safety**

> Choose an area away from walls and other obstructions.
> The ball must be hit below waist height.
> Encourage players to call ‘mine’.
> Use *Change it* to accommodate different player abilities.

**Scoring**

> How many consecutive passes can players make without the ball touching the ground?
> Number of goals scored.
> Not scoring is an option.

**LEARNING INTENTION**

*Newspaper hockey* is a fun modified hockey game which develops key invasion game concepts such as teamwork, moving into space and anticipation.