

Game organization or adaptation ideas

If the class has too many kids to keep the game safe...

- Divide the group in half and have each group play a round. One group can sit in chair (turn them toward the game and assign them a team to cheer for)
- Send half the class, with teachers, to the Rock Room to play if no equipment is needed or an extra set is provided.
- If a relay type game, instead of lining up on one side, split the team to stand facing each other at the opposite ends of the relay area. Instead of running there and back, kids run there and tag the person on the other side.
- Have the kids move up in groups to throw, toss, or perform the task. (Think of the British Red Coats as they fired at the Colonists. A line would step up, fire, and then move behind as they prepared to fire again. That's the best analogy I can come up with to give you a visual.)
- Choose a group of kids to represent a team. Then the team cheers for their chosen player. (Use Rock, Paper, Scissors to eliminate kids if they can't agree on their representative)
- Play in two smaller groups, circles, areas; instead of chaos in one large group, circle, area...
- If it's not safe to run, make a toe-to-heel rule of movement.
- Insist that kids form a LINE instead of a HERD. It's ok to have someone sit out a round if they are too wound up.
- You can stop the game if it is not safe. Seriously, it may be the best lesson of the day. We can't play if you can't be safe.
- Give the rowdy kids a job. He/she can hand out supplies, scoop the balls back into the bag, straighten up the chair, etc.

If the class has a low number of kids...

- Play multiple rounds.
- Leaders/helpers play too.
- If it's a relay/obstacle type game, make the course longer or harder. Like, add three turns when you get to the chair, stop and do 5 jumping jacks before you turn around.
- In stead of competing against each other, work together to improve your time by everyone being on the same team.

It's really OK to change up what's written for the game. Make it work for the kids in your class. You know them best.