



COLLABORATION

Collaborating with each other enriches children's learning and promotes creativity.



At C.A.R.D.S, we believe in the importance of **collaboration** in a child's development. A sense of social connectedness promotes the wellbeing and motivation of children, with collaborative learning environments proven to enrich learning and interpersonal relationships.

HOW DOES C.A.R.D.S PROMOTE COLLABORATION?

Small-sided Games and Game Scenarios

At C.A.R.D.S, we encourage players to **express themselves as an individual**, whilst coaching under the framework that **creativity can be developed through collaboration**. This is a dynamic particularly suited to team sports like soccer, characterised by collective decision-making, relationships with team-mates and interdependence.

We place great emphasis on collaborative group activities - such as **small-sided games** and **game scenarios** - that enable creativity to flourish on both a team level, as well as through individual moments of creative expression. These activities can also foster increased relatedness between players, thanks to more opportunities for interactions and greater interpersonal exchange. The below is an example of an engaging game that promotes player collaboration and creativity, as teams try and work out the quickest way to complete all the challenges - whilst also stopping the opponents from beating them to it! (Dan Wright 2017, '50 Small-Sided Games')

TEAM BINGO!



4v4 upwards
Can be added



Regular
Until there is a winner!

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
Win a game & keep a clean sheet	✓		
Score after a dribble		✓	
Score a goal after a one-two		✓	
Keep possession for 10 passes or more!	✓	✓	
Score from a goalkeeper's possession	✓		
Win a game, playing with a player less	✓		✓
Score with a header or volley			✓

ORGANISATION A regular 2 goal game, with a white board or piece of paper to keep track of each team's progress.

OBJECTIVE Football but with a bingo twist, each team is looking to complete the challenges and be the first to achieve a "Full house".

OBSERVATION I really like this SSG, if you are creative with the challenges you can really test the group across the 4 corners; Technically, Physically, Psychologically and Socially.

PROGRESSIONS Think about how you can link the challenges to themes you have been working on, so that they consolidate learning.



Knowledge Sharing

We also look to regularly involve players in **knowledge sharing** with their peers, exposing them to different views fostering opportunities for development and growth. These moments can help promote the development of creativity-relevant skills (such as ***divergent thinking***), whilst also enabling players to learn from each other, as opposed to the coach always being the sole arbiter of information.

Opportunities for team discussions and 'strategising' during games and activities could be one example where knowledge-sharing is promoted, with the use of **Game scenarios** can be an effective way of building in these learning moments.