

# Odds and Evens

Grades 1-5

## BENEFIT

Moderate aerobic exercise

## LOCATION

Grass

## EQUIPMENT

12 cones

## Tip

Remind the students to be careful; they should not push when tagging each other.

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Students can tag anyone on the other team, not just the person directly across from them.

- 1** Set up two parallel lines on the grass, approximately 50 feet apart. Split the class into two teams: Odds and Evens. Each team lines up along one of the lines, facing the other team.
- 2** Ask the teams to move forward until they are roughly midway between the two lines, facing the other team. Leave approximately 5 feet of space between the teams.
- 3** Next, call out a number—for example, seven. If you say an odd number, the Odds chase the Evens back to their line. If you say an even number, the Evens chase the Odds back to their line. Everyone who gets tagged before reaching their line joins the other team.
- 4** The students return to the center, line up facing each other, and wait for you to call out another number. The game continues until one team has most of the players.



Two teams—named Odds and Evens—line up facing each other. When the teacher calls out an even number, the Evens try to tag the Odds; when the teacher calls out an odd number, the Odds try to tag the Evens.

## Variation

Include math problems to make the game more challenging. For example, call out “Four plus two.” When the answer is even, as in this example, the Evens chase the Odds.