

# Rollaball!

# FACTSHEET

**Popular teamwork and communication skills activity. RollaBall! emphasises the need for departments to work together for a common goal.**

-  **1 hour + debrief**
-  **9-21** (3 teams of 3-7 per team)
-  **For staff at any level**
-  **No computer required**
-  **395 ex VAT**



## Learning objectives

- to practise working effectively within a team
- to see the advantages of collaboration with other teams
- to learn to give as well as demand required information
- to communicate effectively
- to listen to others

## About the activity

Each team has to build one third of a runway to carry a ball from one end to the other. The three parts are:

- a tower and starting block plus the first section of the runway
- a longer piece of runway to include two curves
- an uphill section attached to a basket for the finish.

Teams answer a set of multiple choice question to get the resources they need. Teams could share the answers with other teams but usually fail to do so - but each team needs resources of the complete structure will not be built. So why not share answers? Once they have their resources, teams can begin building their runway parts - there is a meeting area where teams can discuss how the separate sections can fit together.

The activity stresses the point that different departments need to work harmoniously together for success. What this means is sharing information readily and establishing good communications. Different parts of an organisation are not rivals - they need to collaborate for success.

## Pack contents

- Trainer's Notes
- Twenty Questions Forms
- Team Review Form
- Team Briefs A, B & C
- Set of Resources: Sticky-Tape, Scissors, Rulers, Bag of Paperclips & Rubber Bands
- Ping-Pong Ball
- 50 Sheets of White Board

## Ideally suited to

Smaller groups, to practise teamwork both within their team *and* cooperation between teams - and have a fun outcome.

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## Customer reviews

” *Brilliant activity!* I have used RollaBall! a number of times and it always gets the message across – *teamwork is vital* to achieve the best results. I *recommend* it to anyone having difficulties with their team.  
**Fiona Flemington, Weightmans Solicitors**

” I really *enjoyed* using RollaBall! and achieved *outstanding results...* the best learning points include the need for planning, effective communication and COLLABORATION, not competition. RollaBall! is one of the most *effective team work* tools I have used. It is *great fun* for participants and builds an excellent team spirit on which further training may be based.  
**Jane Caven, Managing Director, Sagegreen Human Resources Ltd**



## Trainer's role (full guidance supplied in Trainer's notes)

- Introduce the activity.
- Divide the group into three teams.
- Set up a neutral area for inter-team meetings.
- Issue Briefing Sheets and construction materials when teams answer multiple choice questions correctly.
- Observe the teams in action, noting behaviours. Often teams begin by trying to compete and by withholding information, whereas the whole point is to share information freely and work as one big team.
- Bring teams together and test the completed structure.
- Issue review forms and conduct a Debrief, rounding off with Action Plans for performance improvement.

## Northgate says...

An engaging, hands-on activity that makes a clear point about the importance of working together for the good of all.



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