



Best Practices

Title: Equipment Tips

- **Grade Level(s):** NA
- **Equipment:** NA
- **Description:**

To ensure that your equipment last for many years, and is easy to access and use, see the following suggestions and tips:

1. Store equipment bags upright in your equipment room to take up less space.
2. Since all equipment isn't used for all lessons, it is more efficient to pull the equipment for the current rotation of lessons and keep in smaller, wheeled storage bins, baskets, or bags that you use for other units. For example, organize grade level baskets – green clubs in one basket for K-2 and blue clubs in another for 3-5.
3. Fill Flagstick bases with water or sand and store from year to year without emptying so they are always ready.
4. Keep bullseye targets fully aired throughout the year to use in throwing lessons and games.
5. Use tee mats as directional arrows for other activities. For example, place mats/arrows to indicate the direction of an obstacle course, a running/walking path, or the direction of throwing or rolling.
6. Only unpack half of the balls, reserving one full bag. In the first years of teaching the National School Program, with class sizes of 30 students, only 45 balls are required to have 3 for each pair. You will then have replacement balls in year five or later when the first 50 begin to get fuzzier and the black markings are fading, or when the lawn mower has eaten a few! 😊

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