

Olympic Values Memory Game

Duration: 40 minutes

Target group: Children and young people aged 9–15 years.

Also possible with younger groups (memory game), but the follow-up discussion must be adapted.

Max group size: about 15 participants.

Material: A set of memory cards, scissors

Facilitator: 1

Overview

Memory game in which participants need to associate two cards.

Cards contain pictures taken at the Olympic Games and representing the Olympic values of Excellence, Respect and Friendship.

After the game, participants are invited to identify which images represent which Olympic value and discuss them.

Preparation (teacher/facilitator)

- Get familiar with the cards (1st line = photos of Excellence; 2nd line = photos of Respect; 3rd line = photos of Friendship)
- Photocopy the cards (you may want to photocopy them on thick paper). Prepare one set for each group of two to four participants. Cut the 18 cards and mix them.

Instructions

Memory game

- Explain that there are 9 pairs of cards with pictures of the Olympic Games images. The task is to identify the pairs and to match them (classic memory game).
- Form small groups of three to four and distribute a set of cards to each group.
- Explain how to play: Each group should spread the cards face down on the floor. In turn, each person turns over two cards. When a player finds a matching pair, then he/she can have another go. If the cards don't match, they will have to be turned over face down again, exactly in the same spot as they were before. The next player then turns over two cards, and so on. The winner is the player who holds the most pairs of cards at the end of the game.

Classification of the Olympic values

- Once the game is over, explain to participants that each picture represents one of the three Olympic values (Excellence – Respect – Friendship). Ask them to identify which card represents which value. *Depending on the group's prior knowledge of the Olympic values, it might be useful to introduce the three values first.*
- You can do the exercise with the whole group, or let each little group do it separately, and then have a discussion altogether.

Discussion

- The memory activity is a good introduction to discussing the Olympic values.
- Despite the fact that the values are represented separately in this game, it is important to insist on that the three values are linked when it comes to sports, competition and the Olympic Games: what would excellence be without respect and friendship? And friendship without respect and excellence? A true champion is someone that follows the three values altogether!

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