**THE NOODLE GAME**

**Supplies:** 3-4 swimming noodles.

**Get Ready:** Have kids get in a circle and put the swimming noodles in the middle of everyone.

**The Game:** On GO, all kids go to grab a noodle. Once you grab it, then it is yours. No fighting over it. Preteens then attempt to hit an opponent below the waste with a noodle. If a player gets hit above the waste, he/she is not out. If a player does get hit below the waste, he/she drops the noodle and sits down somewhere in the circle. When a noodle is dropped by a hit player, anyone from the circle can now grab it and begin playing. The new player is given 3 seconds before he/she can get hit by an opponent or attempt to hit another player. Continue playing until you have a winner.

**Variations:**

* When you say scramble, everyone who was out comes back in. Do it periodically throughout the game. When you want the round to end, let it play all the way through without saying scrabble.

**Tips:**

* Warn players not to hit in the face.
* Have adult leaders on the lookout for those that get hit. Sometimes kids get hit and don’t realize it and sometimes they know they’re hit but don’t want to get out. Tell kids in the beginning that when leaders say you’re hit, then you’re hit. No need to argue or complain, but trust that the leader saw a hit.
* If a leader is unsure of a hit, let the player stay in.
* Players who get hit cannot throw the noodle to a friend, but drop it where they get hit.
* If no players grab a noodle and it just sits there, give players in the circle 10 seconds for someone to grab it or they’re all out. This will only become a problem once kids play a lot and begin to strategically not grab a noodle till near the end putting themselves in a better position to win.