



Workshops for Schools

Primary / Secondary / Academy / Special Needs

Introduction

Snooker is packed full of developmental benefits that can deliver positive outcomes in children and young people.

As a thinking game, snooker encourages and develops life skills such as concentration, setting personal goals, patience, thinking analytically and respecting others. It can also help with hand-eye coordination, working under pressure and building self-esteem.

A version of snooker that is physically active and mentally stimulating.

Traditional snooker might not provide the same level of physical participation as sports like football or basketball, yet the novel **Street Snooker** (or kick snooker) concept flips the game on its side and creates a physically active version that is mentally stimulating, has kids bonding, working as a team and wanting to play again and again.

BBC1 National Breakfast have also picked up on the wonderful educational and developmental benefits of Street Snooker. In December 2011 St Michael's Catholic High School in Watford was the subject to a special breakfast news bulletin after trialling Street Snooker at their school. The piece is said to have been seen by over 2 million people.

As Street Snooker can be played by throwing or kicking a normal ball, the game is very inclusive and crosses many boundaries.

Now available for every school as a workshop morning or as a permanent installation for indoor gyms and outdoor playgrounds.



Ideal Key Stages / Age

Great news! Street Snooker is suitable for children from Key Stage 1 through to Key Stage 4 and beyond. It is also a great game to play alongside adults.

Key benefits and outcomes



Team work, numeracy, covert physical activity, hand-eye coordination.

Foot-eye coordination, having fun through physical activity, concentration.



Personal goal setting, bonding, confidence building.



How is street snooker played?

There are many ways to play Street Snooker whether you are a budding footballer wanting to improve your target skills, a handball fan or even a tennis player wishing to practice in a different way.

The basic rules are that you spin a wheel on the giant scoreboard to designate which ground symbol to shoot from. Each ground symbol is placed at varying distances to the snooker wall. By following the very basic rules of snooker, you first aim for the red target area. If successful you then aim for a colour, then the red again etc.

Street Snooker can be played in a multitude of ways: as a solo player, in teams of three as a speed challenge with a stopwatch and a class of 30 children or alternative versions the pupils want to make up.



The actual workshop

WORKSHOP FORMAT: How is a school workshop carried out?

Generally a single Street Snooker workshop for a class of 30 lasts approximately 40 minutes unless otherwise requested. The workshop style is amended depending on the type of school and key stage of pupils.

A workshop morning in a Primary is usually from 9am to 12pm, however, a workshop at a pupil referral unit might only be a couple of hours long depending on the school's requirement. Workshops are carried out by fully trained, CRB checked staff in partnership with CHILD UK.

The workshop version of the game can be played on both sides of the board or alternatively, we can split the class up into a dual PE lesson, where 15 children are taught a Brazilian soccer skills class or other activities and then the groups swap over after 20 mins.

Workshops can also be delivered as bespoke packages to suit the exact requirements of your school.

SITE REQUIREMENTS



Good vehicular site access.

A flat tarmac area, grass or Astroturf of just 8m x10m



A few cups of tea for our workshop team!



What School Teachers say

"Thank you for a really great morning! Street Snooker is such a fun way to learn. Children don't realise they are improving hand-eye co-ordination and developing their numeracy skills! It encourages team-work and is very adaptable to varying group sizes or individual players. Sacred Heart children loved it (and so did the teachers)."

**Head Teacher,
Mrs Rita Cooper**



"Thank you for sharing the Street Snooker activity with our Junior classes - they loved it! I like the way that the game is flexible to suit particular needs, abilities and interests."

**Miss Anna Moran
PE Leader**

"I thought Street Snooker was really great. It would be really useful for developing aiming and throwing skills, shape and colour recognition and hand-eye coordination. In addition, the Math's element was also very good."

**Jennifer Coley
Year 4 teacher**

What the children say...

We are continuously asking kids to give their written feedback. They are the most honest critics and the ones whose feedback we value and react to most.

We have over 150 personalised written comments from children and they are available to view upon request.

Here are just a few:

"Street Snooker was really fun because of hand eye co-ordination and team work. I liked the Brazilian Football too. The Snooker was really REALLY fun. Thank you. I can't think of anything to improve."

Eclen yr 6

"I really liked the Street Snooker. I really liked that we were against the clock and we were in teams of three. Thank you for coming to our school and a brilliant morning."

Frankie yr 5/6

"I think Street Snooker is 10,000 better than normal snooker. I liked it because it encouraged me to be active and quick. I liked the game because you would be told to cheer for the person playing. In fact, I wouldn't like to change it because I loved it!"

Scarlet yr 5/6



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