

# Coaching Challenge: Lining Up

When getting youth to line up becomes an on-going challenge, make it a game!

*Note: Unless noted otherwise, begin each activity by explaining that the activity is a nonverbal activity (which includes lip reading, sign language, or spelling in the dirt).*

## Alphabetic by Last Name

The group is to form a single straight line alphabetically by last name. For example, people whose last names start with A will be at the beginning of the line, last names that start with Z are at the end. Persons with the same last name share the same place in line. When the line is completed, each person will shout out his/her last name starting with the A's.

## Alphabetic by Middle Name

The group is to form a single straight line alphabetically by middle name. For example, people whose middle names start with A will be at the beginning of the line, middle names that start with Z are at the end. Persons with the same middle name share the same place in line. When the line is completed, each person will shout out his/her middle name starting with the A's.

## Birthday Line-up

The group is to form a single straight line, according to birthdays. For example, person with January birthdays will be at the beginning of the line, earliest birthdays at the front. Persons with the same birthday share the same place in line. When the line is completed, each person will shout out his/her birthday, starting with January.

## Blindfold Line-up

Ask the group to close their eyes and keep them closed for the remainder of the game. You may also use blindfolds. In the bumpers position for protection, ask the group to mill around without talking. After 10-15 seconds, ask them to stop and put their hands down. Assign each person a number by tapping them on the shoulder and saying the number at the same time. Then tell them to line themselves up by number without talking or opening their eyes.

## Height Line-up

Ask participants to close their eyes (if they feel comfortable). Without opening their eyes, the group is asked to arrange themselves by height in a straight line. They may choose to arrange by feeling height or some say their height out loud. The only restriction is that they may not open their eyes.

## Shoe Sort

The group is to form a single straight line, according to shoe size. For example, person with the smallest shoe size will be at the beginning of the line, largest shoe size at the end. Persons with the same shoe size share the same place in line. When the line is completed, each person will shout out his/her shoe size, starting with the smallest.