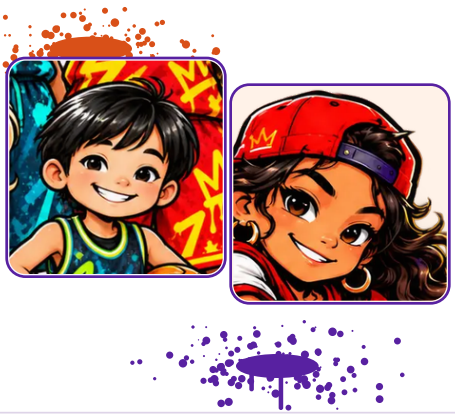
Building Relationships



2-5 minutes | Grades K-8

Coach cue	Relationships grow when people can count on you. Start by learning someone's name and making room for them.
Game scenario	A new player stands alone while everyone else pairs up.
Try it	Have players practice introducing themselves, inviting a partner in, and asking a question about what they like to play.
Huddle question	What's a small thing you could do to help a new teammate feel welcome?

Player check-in

Read each question aloud. Have players vote A, B, or C.

1. **A new teammate has no partner. What builds a relationship?**
   - **A.** Introduce yourself and invite them to join
   - **B.** Wait for them to ask three times
   - **C.** Keep partners the same every week

2. **Which choice builds trust over time?**
   - **A.** Make promises to get people to like you
   - **B.** Talk over someone so they know you're excited
   - **C.** Follow through on what you said you'd do

3. **A teammate shares something they like. How can you connect?**
   - **A.** Change the subject to your score
   - **B.** Ask a friendly follow-up question
   - **C.** Tell them it sounds boring

4. **A player joins halfway through the season. What can you do?**
   - **A.** Learn their name and invite them into a drill
   - **B.** Wait for them to ask every time
   - **C.** Give them a nickname without asking

Ask the team	Write an invitation you could use with a new teammate.
At home	Who helped you feel included somewhere new? What did they do?

Coach answer key **1. A** **2. C** **3. B** **4. A**

One takeaway for our next practice _____