



## Connections Activity



<b>Title/Skill:</b>	Tennis Ball Scramble
<b>Connection Goal:</b>	Personalization: Team Building
<b>Grade Level:</b>	9-12
<b>Time Needed:</b>	15 minutes

**Handouts/Materials Provided:**  
**Hula hoops (or other dividers)**  
**100 Tennis Balls (lettered)**

**Summary of Activity for the Advisor:**

1. Divide students into teams (each team with a hula hoop, equidistant from each other and from the center)
2. Place one hula hoop in center. Divide all 100 lettered tennis balls equally between each team's hula hoops.
3. The object of this game is to be the 1<sup>st</sup> to empty your hula hoop of all tennis balls. The rules are: only one person may move per team at a time. Only one ball may be transported at time. (You may make other rules i.e prohibit or allow throwing, etc)
4. Let students strategize ways to accomplish the task (they can load tennis balls into the center hoop or into other teams' groups, for example)

**Read/Review/Discuss/Do with students:**

- What strategies emerged?
- Which strategies worked best? Which were least effective?