

Building Dynamic Groups



Marble Pass

- Objective:** Marble Pass teaches teamwork, communication, planning and decision making, responsibility, restraint and how to overcome frustration.
- Equipment:** Enough pieces of PVC pipe $\frac{3}{4}$ or 1" diameter 10 to 15" long and a marble that will roll easily through the PVC pipe.
- Set-Up:** First mark a starting line and a finish line bucket at least twice as far apart as the sum of all the PVC pieces. Give each person in the group one piece of PVC pipe.
- Directions:** One person selected as the starter will place the marble in the first PVC at the starting line. The group then moves the marble from the starting line to the (bucket) (can) (finish line) by rolling the marble through the PVC pipe.
- Rules:** Only the starter may touch the marble.
You may not move your feet with the marble in your pipe.
You may not place your fingers over the end of your pipe.
If at any time anyone but the starter touches the marble, anyone moves their feet with the marble in their pipe, or the marble falls out of the pipe, the whole team must go to the beginning and start all over.
- Variations:** Keep time on each attempt and try to break the record.
Allow each participant to use only one hand.
Use a lighter object (bead, bean, etc.) or heavier object (small steel ball).
- Process Questions:** Did you agree on a start to finish detailed plan?
Did you follow it? Who charged it?
What was at fault when it did not work?
What did you do to compensate?
Was communication excellent, good, okay, or bad?
How could they have been better?

Reference: Unknown