

Topic: Is competitiveness an obstacle to making or keeping friendship?

When I was seven, I never quite understood what was more important for me – friends or winning. But soon I understood friends are more important and valuable in life.

One day in school, I threw myself on my chair after returning from sports class. I was completely drained out, my teacher however looked keen. “Kids, I have an important announcement.” Began my teacher. “We are having a sports competition with Oakridge school! Only one winner will be picked from all the schools!” she exclaimed. Cheers exploded from all four corners. Me and my friend Anvika looked at each other and winked. We wanted to compete together.

The first round began, in which we had to jump over enormous cones. My friend Anvika, me and eight others had been selected for round two. The competition became fierce with every round and in the end, we had 2 finalist – me and Anvika. We both glared at each other, both of us really wanted to win & represent our school. We set out home and, on the way, congratulations poured from all sides. People began suggesting us to trick each other. “You should ‘boo’ Anvika so she gets scared!” said Kaira. Finally, I agreed so did my friend, we wanted to win so badly that we decided to trick each other! The competition began at the blow of a whistle and we began running. As I ran, I realized that tricking others is wrong, and that glory would mean nothing if I tricked my friend. We both gave up our plans and ran with our heart. Our legs touched the finish line at the same time. It was a tie! I clutched my friend’s hand with meddles on my neck and we both beamed at each other.

After this incident, I learnt something simple yet profound - competing is not wrong but tricking is. We must put our best effort with right competitive spirit and not worry about the results. Without my friend I wouldn’t be half the person I am. No Annie or Kam can replace my friend. A life lesson learnt!