

BUMBLE BEE TAG

Materials: Spot Cones (20)

Game Length: 12-20 minutes

Soccer Skill: Dribbling and Passing

This game is played in a 25 X 25 yd grid. If there are more than 15 kids, the grid may need to be larger. This is essentially freeze tag with a soccer ball. For a group of 10-15 kids, 5 are it (or bumble bees) and the rest are not. Bumble bees have a soccer ball, while the other players do not. The object is for the 5 kids who are it (bumble bees) to dribble the ball around the grid and try to pass the ball into the feet of the free players. If a free player is hit in the feet with the ball, he/she becomes frozen with his/her feet apart. He/she remains that way until another free player crawls through their legs in which case they are free again. Encourage Bumble bees to dribble the ball close to a free player and then pass the ball (with the inside of their foot) into the feet of a free player. They may not try and hit kids who are on the ground attempting to free someone. They must wait until that player is back on his/her feet. Demonstrate how they should tag free players so they are not just kicking and shooting the ball at people. Coaches may participate in this game as well (being a bumble bee and being chased). That usually makes it more fun for the kids.

Note: I usually start the game with a cheer. For instance, I'll assemble the bumble bees and we'll do a cheer like *'Get those Kids!'* or *'Buzz Buzz Bumble bees.'* Then I'll do a cheer with the kids who are not it that goes something like *'Super fast kids!'* This usually gets them excited and ready to go.

○ - BUMBLE BEES

△ - KIDS

