

## SOCCER TAG

Materials: Spot Cones (20-25)

Game Length: 12-20 minutes

Soccer Skill: Dribbling and Passing

This game is a great dribbling game played in a 25 X 25 yd grid. This is usually played with a group of 8-20 kids. 2-3 players are selected to be 'it'. They will be the taggers and will not have a ball. The remaining kids (the dribblers) will be dribbling around the square with their ball. The taggers will each have a pinney in their hand and will run around the square attempting to tag the dribblers on either their shoulder or their upper back. They may not swing the pinney, smack or punch, only tag. Once a dribbler is tagged he/she is frozen. Frozen players will stand with their feet apart while holding their ball in the air with their hands. He/she remains that way until another dribbler passes the ball through the frozen player's legs. Once a frozen player has a ball passed through their legs they are free again to dribble again. The taggers will attempt to tag all the dribblers until they are frozen. This rarely happens but if it does just pick 2-3 new kids to be it. Otherwise, just switch the taggers every 3-4 minutes. Coaches may participate in this game as well. That usually makes it more fun for the kids. While playing this game continue to emphasize the proper form and technique of dribbling. In addition, encourage them to keep their heads up when they dribble so they don't bump into each other.

