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Body Part Dribble:

All players dribbling a soccer ball. The coach calls out a body part (elbow! - knee!) and the players then touch their ball with that part of the body.

Coach: Vary the body parts, number of body parts they call out and rate at which they call them out.

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Coach: Have players change direction and accelerate away. Have players demonstrate a move and accelerate away. Remind them to push the ball vs kick the ball.

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Capture the Balls:

Players should be divided into equal teams to play in a grid with each team's home in the corners. Soccer balls are in the middle of the grid with all players starting inside their home bases. On the coach's command, the players each get one ball. They try to dribble or pass it into their home base. Players can steal soccer balls from their opponent's home bases. No using hands.

Coach: Call time and each team counts the balls they have collected. Play another round and have each group come up with a team strategy.

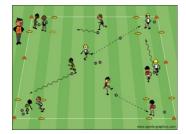
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Paint the Field:

All players will dribble their soccer ball in a 25x35 yard grid pretending their soccer ball is a paintbrush and wherever it rolls is painting the field. The players will try to paint as much of the area as possible in the time allotted.

Variation 2: Ask the players to paint with their favorite color and try to paint with different parts of both feet. Remember: push the ball vs. kick.

Ninja Warriors:

All players with a ball (dribblers) with the exception of two players who wear pinnies (Ninja Warriors) in a 25x35 yard grid with a defined island in 1 corner. The players with pinnies are trying to tag the dribblers. Once tagged, the players must go to the island. Dribblers can only get back if another dribbler tags them or the coach uses their magic powers to free them.

Coach: Make sure all players have a chance to be a Ninja Warriors.

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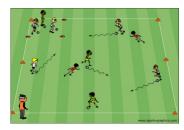
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Gates Dribbling:

In a 25x35 yard grid set up several gates (two cones about 2 yards apart). All players with a ball must dribble through a gate in order to score a point.

Coach: Have players keep count of how many points they scored in 30 seconds or a minute. Repeat asking the players to beat their score by one or more points. **Version 2:** You can also ask them to try dribbling with one foot for 30 seconds, then other foot for 30 seconds (try to tie or beat score).

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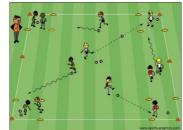
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Freeze Tag:

All players are dribbling a soccer ball in a 25x35 yard grid. 1-2 players dribble a soccer ball, but they are the freeze monsters. The freeze monsters tag other players with their soccer ball, who then freeze with the soccer ball above their head. The activity ends when all players are frozen.

Coaches: One coach may be the freeze monster while another is unfreezing players.

Version 2: Players can unfreeze each other by kicking the ball through their legs.

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All players with a ball (dribblers) with the exception of two players who wear pinnies (Ninja Warriors) in a 15x20 yard grid with a defined island in 1 corner. The players with pinnies are trying to tag the dribblers. Once tagged, the players must go to the island. Dribblers can only get back if another dribbler tags them or the coach uses their magic powers to free them.

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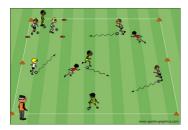
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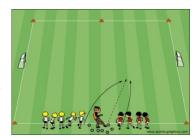
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K/U6 – Extra Activities

Tag:

All players dribbling a soccer ball will try to tag each other with their hands. Players cannot abandon their own ball to tag.

Coach: Have players keep count of their own tags. If playing more than one game, have players improve their tags by 1, 2 or 3 more than before.

Hospital Tag:

All players dribbling a soccer ball will try to tag each other with their hands. Once a player is tagged, they must cover the tagged (injured) spot with one hand, second tag use the other hand, third tag the player must go to the hospital to see the doctor and cure them.

Coach: Acts as the "doctor" and heals the dribblers so they can keep involved in the activity.

Snake:

All players are dribbling a soccer ball in a 25x35 yard grid with the exception of at least 2 players. The 2 players hold hands or lock arms to create a snake. The snake works together to tag the dribbling players who then become a part of the snake. The snake must try to stay connected and not break into little parts.

Coach: Encourage the snake players to hiss.

Kangaroo Jack:

In a 25x35 yard grid two or three players are the kangaroos, and the other players are dribbling. The kangaroos are trying to tag the dribblers. Once a dribbler is tagged, they turn into a kangaroo.

Coach: Remember, kangaroos hop.

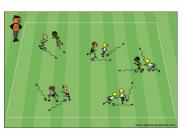
Juggling:

All players with a soccer ball in their hands drop the ball down and try to kick it back up to their hands. Players can try to use their thighs and feet to keep the ball in the air.

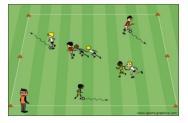
Coach: Have the players count how many times they touch the ball before it hits the ground. Also have them try it by allowing the ball to bounce.

Version 2: Controlled juggling – Thigh, catch. Foot, catch, Thigh, foot, catch. Thigh, thigh, catch. Foot, foot, catch. *Please keep the patterns simple!*

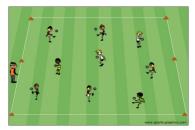














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<u>Ball Tag:</u>

All players are dribbling a soccer ball in a 25x35 yard grid. The players try to hit another player's feet or soccer ball with their soccer ball. Players should keep count of how many times they tag another player.

Version 2: If the players tag the coach, they are awarded 10 or 20 points. If the players tag other selected players, they are awarded 50 or 100 points.

Moving Goal:

All players are dribbling a soccer ball in a 25x35 yard grid. Two coaches hold a practice vest (pinny) between them, forming a goal. The players must try to kick their ball through the goal.

Coaches: Move around into open space so that the players have to dribble around and kick their ball through a moving target.



