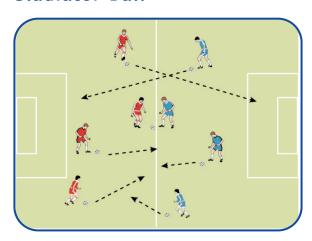


Gladiator Ball



Activity Organization:

Organize players into two teams of 3-6 players, depending on the age group. (5 and 6 year olds should not be more than four players per team.)

Work in an area 30 x 40 yards, with two goals and no goalkeepers.

Each players starts with a ball on their own side of the field. On the signal, players try to score as many goals as possible in one minute.

Once a ball goes in the goal or out of bounds it cannot be put back into play. That player may receive a pass from a teammate or try to tackle a ball from the other team.

At the end of one minute, count the number of goals and then reset the game for another round.

Appropriate for all ages.

Implications for the Game

Technical

- Dribbling to penetrate
- Passing in small spaces
- Shooting accuracy
- Receiving in small spaces

Physical

- Sprinting
- Changing direction and speed
- Quickness

Tactical

- One vs One
- Two and three player combinations
- Quick decision making
- Attacking and defending

Social/Psychological

- Improves communication
- Provides for goal setting
- Small group interaction

Related Activities

- Find the Coach
- Tail Tag
- Ball in the Air (Scatter)

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