# Youth League U6-3 Category: Small-Sided Games Difficulty: Beginner

#### Description

Youth Academy games for ages 5 and 6

## Stop and Go (10 mins)

## Organization of Session

20-30 second dribbling intervals Coach Yells stop- players must stop the ball with any body part(Hands,feet, elbow, nose, bottom, knees)

#### **Key Points**

keeping the ball as close as possible teaching touches in rhythm 1.2.3 stop etc, make the stoppages fun



# Juggling Ladder (10 mins)

## **Organization of Session**

Set up a grid of boxes in a ladder like series players are required to do a specific juggle before moving to the next step

First team to get all players up the ladder win!

## **Key Points**

Juggling moves should be simple as kick it and catch it, or knee/thigh and catch

Make it fun, one player per square is effective 2 players in a square could be more fun!



## Smash the bug (10 mins)

### **Organization of Session**

20x20 space

1 cone per player minimum no more 1.5 cones per player 45-60 second rounds, players try to dribble the ball over as many cones as possible. (Cones being bugs)

#### **Key Points**

players cant dribble over the same cone over and over game can be as simple as players stepping on the cone while dribbling or dribbling the ball over the cone



# **Dragon Slayer (10 mins)**

## **Organization of Session**

20x20 space

coach is the dragon, players are the slayers players job is to dribble around and hit the dragon to slay him

keep players engaged by running at them to instigate success for them

encourage players to hit the ball at you below the waist you can start off by letting them throw the ball at your feet the first round.



# Chickens & Penguins (10 mins)

## **Organization of Session**

20x20 space

players broke up into 2 teams

coach can pick how many from each team play in each round (2 chickens, 1Penguin..etc)

coach serves a ball in and the players try to score a goal

ball goes out of bounds or a goal is scored, the next round starts

## **Key Points**

change of direction

explosiveness with the ball

create matchups with player selection that encourages dribbling and success

