

# INSIDE THE EAGLE'S NEST

LEVEL: ADVANCED



**OBJECTIVE** To encourage teamwork and fitness as players work on running, passing and receiving in a fun, competitive game.

#### **GAME SETUP**

**EQUIPMENT:** 5-10 Rugby Balls, 8-12 Cones

**PLAYERS:** Any group size (in pairs)

TIME: 10 Minutes

**SPACE:** 20 x 20 yard grid

### **PRINCIPLES OF PLAY**

Apply Pressure • Contest Possession

## **FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS**

Running • Passing • Catching

### **HOW TO PLAY**

- 1. Have players pair up and stand by one of the outside cones.
- 2. Set a small square grid with cones in the center of the larger grid and put 10-15 rugby balls in it.
- 3. On the instructor's signal, one player from each team will run to the center grid and grab a ball.
- 4. The goal for each team is to get the most amount of balls back to their cone.
- 5. Only one teammate may be moving at a time. Once one player retrieves a ball, they can pass to their teammate waiting at their cone. Once the retrieved ball is placed at their cone the next player can move.
- 6. Once all the balls are gone from the center the game will end and the team with the most balls at their cone wins.

#### **GAME PROGRESSIONS**

- 1. Use time limits and allow teams to steal balls from each other once all balls from the center are gone.
- 2. Start with an even number of rugby balls at each of the team cones. Have the players work to get rid of all the balls at their cone the fastest.

#### **MODIFICATIONS**

 Shorten the distance to the centre grid for younger players to make sure they are making successful passes.

#### **KEY CONCEPTS**

- Encourage players to make efficient passes so that they can move faster.
- Make sure that players are communicating as a team.