



Butterflies and Spiders

Ages: K-6th Grade

Time: As long as you want to play

Materials: Gym, black streamers, red streamers

Procedure: This is a tag game in the gym. A group of at least 12 children and up to approximately 20 may play. Two children begin as “spiders” and stand at the center line of gym floor. Two children are designated “butterflies” who stand off to one side of boundaries (black lines forming a square on gym floor). At whistle blow, other children, who are lined up along one side of gym wall, must run past spiders to get to other end of gym and stop until next whistle when they must run back. If they are tagged by spiders they must sit down where they are tagged and wait for a butterfly to free them by tapping their head.

Adaptations for different age levels: Smaller groups of kids may be used for “1/2 court” game if boundaries are too large for younger kids.

Additional comments: “Spiders” are allowed to move freely within black marked boundaries but are not allowed to tag children while they are on base along the wall. “Butterflies” may run out to free children and go back to their base out-of-bounds but may also be tagged within playing area. Game is over when both butterflies are tagged.