

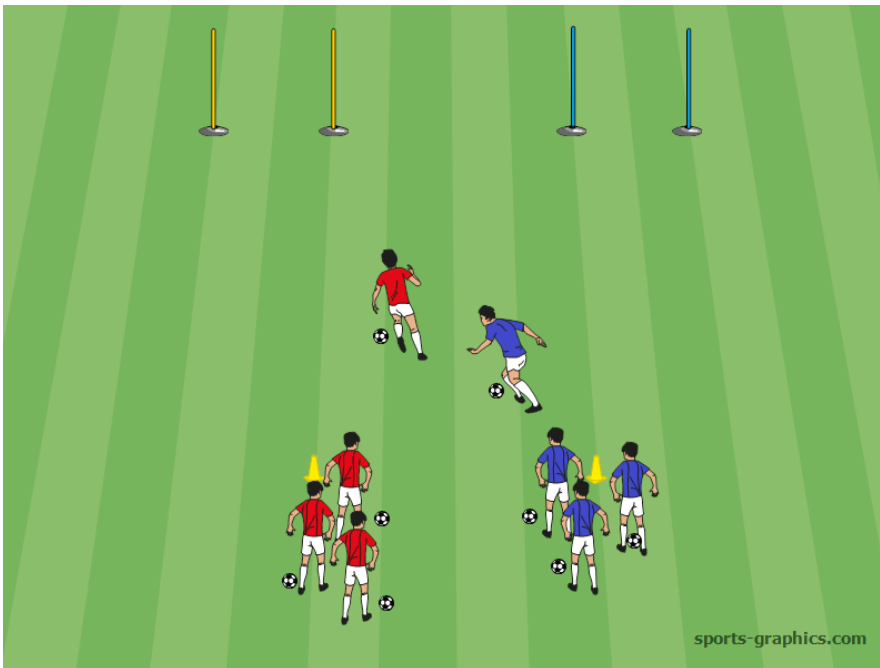
CATCH THE DRIBBLER

To thoroughly prepare players, physically and mentally, and to help reduce soft tissue injuries

PHYSICAL

Warm Up

Dynamic Movement



Set up two 2yd wide gates.
Organise players into pairs and line up at opposite end 15yds away.
Adjust distance on the coach's preferred outcomes.
Players have a ball each.
One player acts as the attacker and the other one as a defender.
The attacker sets off and attempts to get through one of the gates without being tagged.
Both players return to their group around the outside.

VARIATIONS AND PROGRESSIONS

Each practice can be varied to adapt to the needs of players. Simple changes can increase or decrease the challenge. Examples such as changing the rules, the size of the area, overloading the advantage of one team, varying the focus, or setting team challenges will keep players motivated and all attribute to good coaching methodology.



LEARNING OUTCOMES

- The importance of warming up correctly and getting into good habits to prepare body and mind for performing well.

KEY FACTORS

- Ensure drinks are taken regularly throughout the warm up phase
- Good communication
- Increase intensity
- Monitor performance of players - first touch, movement and general body language/focus
- Start gradually

FOCUS AREAS

- All athletes need to warm up before participating in practices and games.
- Allow players to hydrate to maintain efficiency levels.
- Can be done with or without the ball.
- Increase intensity to raise heart rate and muscle temperature.
- Should always be progressive.
- Warm ups should be fun and realistic/relevant to the main session when possible.

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