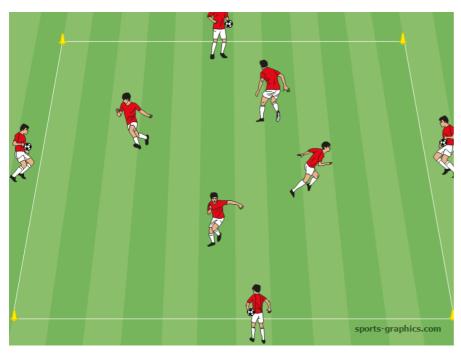


# **Conditioning**

## **Aerobic Endurance**



Set up a 20x20 playing area.

Arrange half of the players on the outside with a ball each, the other players start on the inside.

Outside players serve the ball by hand into the inside players.

Players on the inside receive and play to a different outside player who does not have a ball.

The working group inside the area have one minute to receive as many balls as possible before changing over (rest).

Players must be aware of other players around them and the coach must focus on the quality of the technical aspect as well as the intensity of the workload.

This is a continuous training practice ideal for early pre-season conditioning, active recovery sessions, or general aerobic work.

Keep assessing the workload and duration to ensure maximum benefit for the players.

Ensure the level of physical activity is age and fitness level appropriate.

Important note: Overloading appropriately with adequate recovery will improve performance. Over training with inadequate recovery will result in decreased performance and burnout.

#### 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.





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#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

- To increase the capacity of muscle efficiency specifically used in football for prolonged periods.
- To maintain overall quality of performance.

### **KEY FACTORS**

- Overload
- Progression
- Recovery
- Specific
- The coach must be flexible

### **FOCUS AREAS**

- As the body adapts into a comfort zone, progress training by increasing the intensity or duration to overload.
- Encourage players to produce an end product.
- Endurance training must be strenuous enough to overload the aerobic system to take the body out of its comfort zone.
- Ensure players are moving the ball with quality.
- Ensure recovery and avoid over training or progressing too quickly.
- Ensure that players are moving the ball quickly.
- Ensure training is specific to football when possible.
- Keep planning flexible to allow players time to recover or lighten intensity for a week if necessary.

