

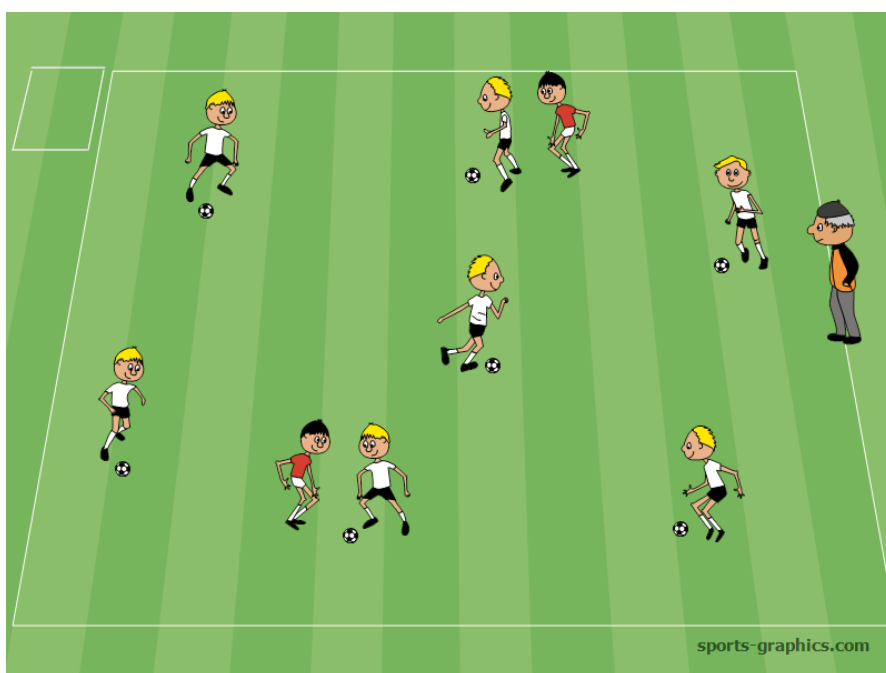
BIG TURTLES LITTLE TURTLES

To introduce the basic concepts of the game in a fun and positive learning environment

TECHNICAL

Fun Games

Foundation Football



Set up a 20x20 playing area or adapt to suit number of players.

Mark out a 5yd square just outside the area. Players (baby turtles) have a ball each except two players who are grown-up turtles.

The baby turtles dribble around the area trying to avoid the grown-up turtles. If a grown-up turtle touches the baby turtle's ball with their foot, the baby turtle dribbles to the side area and must then do a simple task such as attempting three juggles of the ball, toe taps or another ball manipulation skill chosen by the coach. They can then return to the area.

Rotate babies and grown-ups.

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

- How to keep close control of the ball.
- How to use different parts of the foot.
- Learn how to move the ball at different speeds.
- Players begin to understand spatial awareness.

KEY FACTORS

- Always encourage players
- Close control of the ball
- Enjoyment of the session
- Ensure the session is relevant and age appropriate
- Space awareness within playing area

FOCUS AREAS

- Ensure every player is taking part in the session.
- Ensure the session is fun and that players are enjoying playing the game.
- Facilitation of the practice is more important than 'coaching' the players – let the game be the teacher.

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