

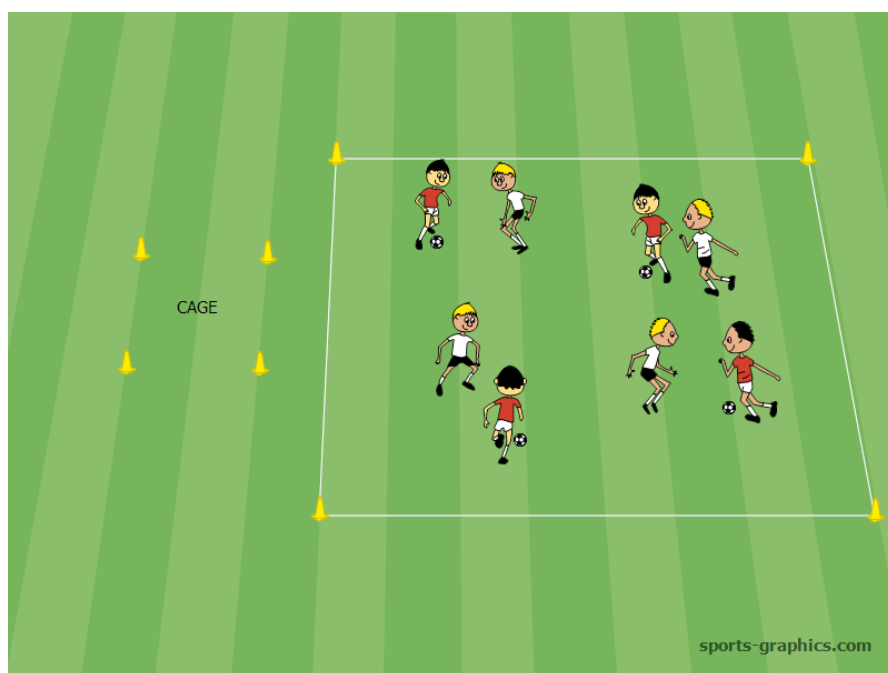
MONKEY ROUND UP

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 the number of players.

Set up a 5yd square (cage) outside the area.

Divide players into two groups – Zookeepers and Monkeys.

The Monkeys dribble a ball each within the area keeping control of the ball.

The Zookeepers try to take the Monkey's balls and dribble them into the cage.

Monkey's can free themselves by performing two juggles etc. (or another ball manipulation skill appropriate to the ability level of the players) while in the cage.

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

- Basic dribbling technique.
- How to keep close control of the ball.
- How to use different parts of the foot.
- Improve spatial awareness.
- 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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