

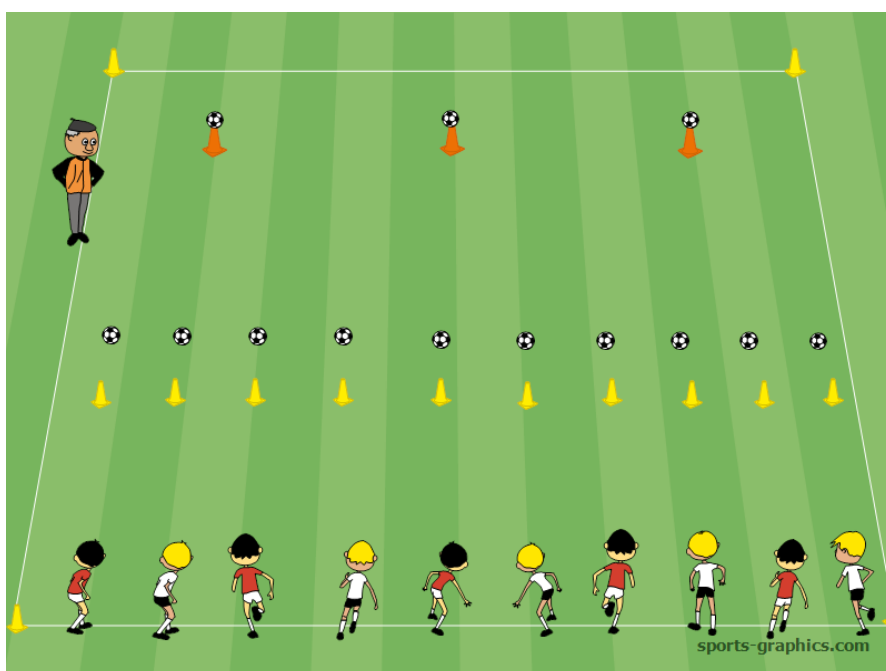
ELEPHANTS v RHINOS

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.

Arrange a line of cones and balls across the centre of the area – enough for each player. At the far end place an odd number of balls on cones so that one group can win.

Divide players into elephants and rhinos. Alternate elephants and rhinos across the end line.

On command, players run to the cone, jump over it, then dribble the ball and shoot at a ball on a cone.

Players must knock the balls off with their footballs for it to count.

The team that knocks most balls off win.

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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