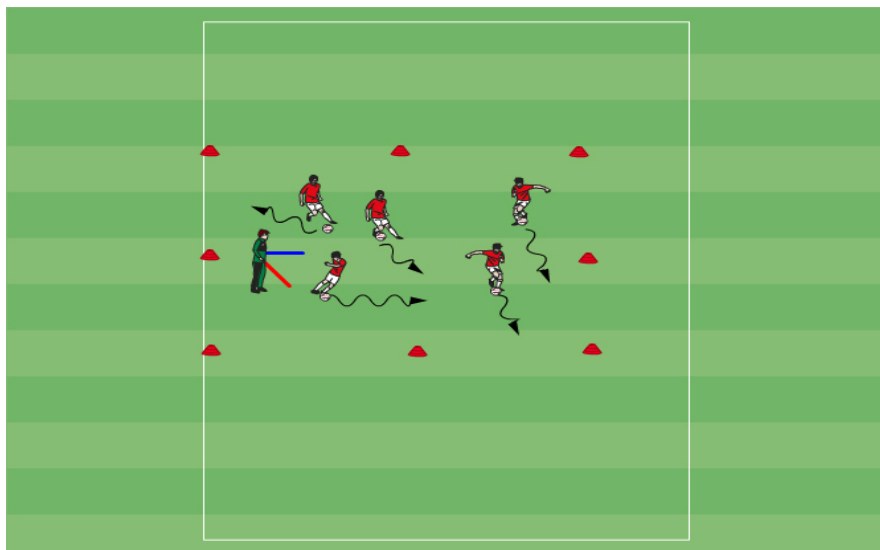




## TRAINING SESSION

### The Octopus



#### Objective


To develop turning the ball while dribbling. To develop dribbling with the head up. To work on awareness

#### Description

Make a playing area with cones. Each player has a ball. The coach holds two vests or pool noodles in each hand. Instruct the players that they have to dribble the ball but don't let "The Octopus" touch their ball. If their ball gets touched they have three toe taps and then can continue playing. Variation: Have them go in a direction. See if they can go from end to end without getting their ball touched by the "Octopus".


#### Key Points

Dribbling with the head up. "Where should your eyes be"? Dribbling to turn the ball. "How do you turn the ball with your feet"?

 **Dribbling**  
**Turning**  
**Perception & Awareness**  
**Running with the Ball**

 **U5 to U8**

 **4 to 12 Players**

 **Ball for each player, cones, a few bibs, towels (tied together) or two pool noodles.**

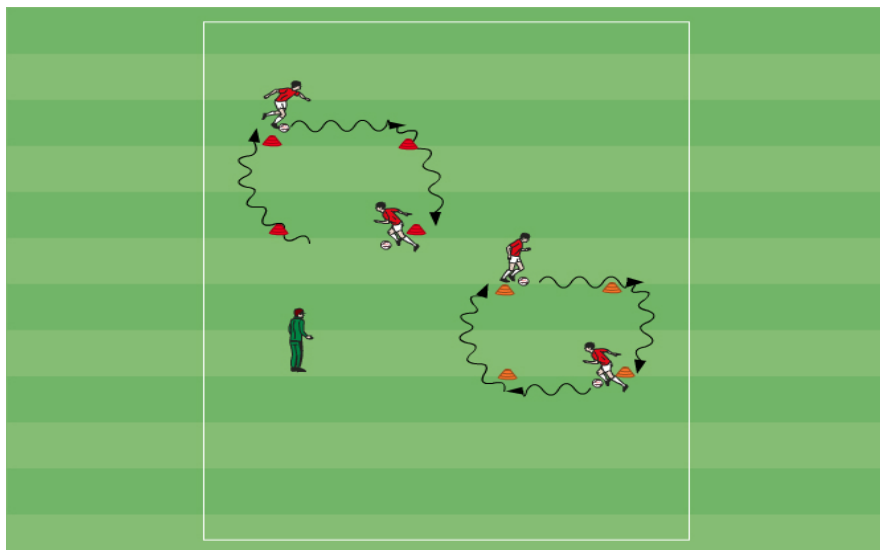
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 **00:08 min**  
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## TRAINING SESSION

### Chase



	<b>Dribbling</b> <b>Turning</b> <b>Running with the Ball</b> <b>Basic Motor Skills</b>
	<b>U5 to U8</b>
	<b>4 to 12 Players</b>
	<b>Ball for each player, cones</b>
	<b>Intensity: Medium</b>
	<b>00:12 min</b> (6 x 01:00 min, 01:00 min rest)

#### Objective

To develop turning the ball. To develop running with the ball. To encourage competition.

#### Description

Make small squares (5x5 to 8x8). Each player has a ball. One player starts at one cone outside the square while the other player starts at a cone directly opposite. The coach designates who will be the "Chaser". When coach says "Chase", one of the players starts chasing the other. If the "Chaser" tags the other player before they go around and back to their starting cone, they get a point. If the player being chased gets back to their starting cone, then they get a point. Variations: A) Start the game without the ball, then add a ball for the next interval. B) Players go around two times instead of only once. C) Put the starting points closer to challenge players. D) Go in different directions.

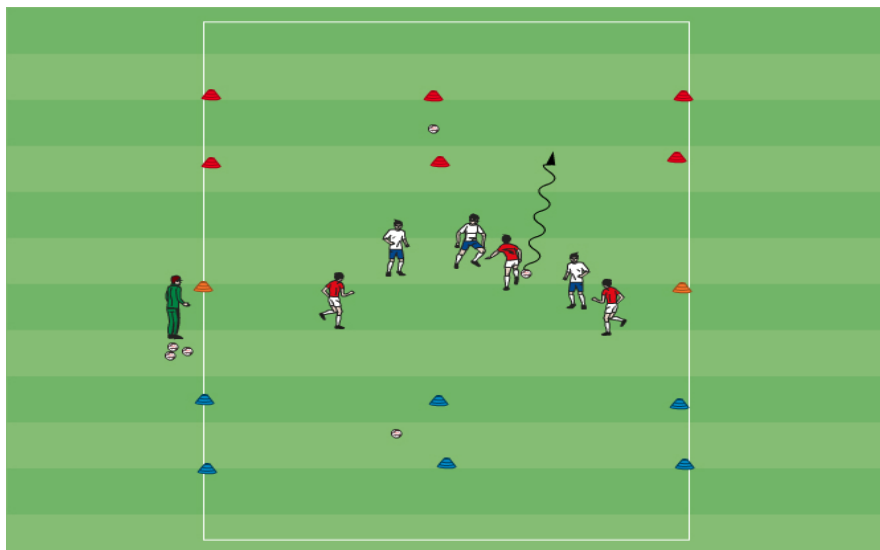
#### Key Points

Dribbling and turning the ball. "What part of the foot can you use?"  
Dribbling and running with the ball.



## TRAINING SESSION

### Small-sided game to an end zone (first to three) 2v2-4v4



#### Objective


To develop running with the ball. To develop dribbling past an opponent (penetrate) To develop turning the ball to keep the ball away from an opponent.

#### Description

Create a rectangular shaped field with an end zone on both ends. Place a ball in each end zone. Start with a game ball. When a team dribbles the ball into the other team's end zone, they then get a ball from their defensive end zone and try again. The first team to get all three balls into one end zone wins. Note: Only one ball is in play at a time.


#### Key Points

Dribbling to beat an opponent. Dribbling to turn the ball away from an opponent to keep possession.

 **Dribbling**  
**Running with the Ball**  
**Turning**  
**Individual attacking**  
**1v1 Defending**  
**Transition**

 **U5 to U8**

 **4 to 12 Players**

 **Cones, minimum of three soccer balls per field.**

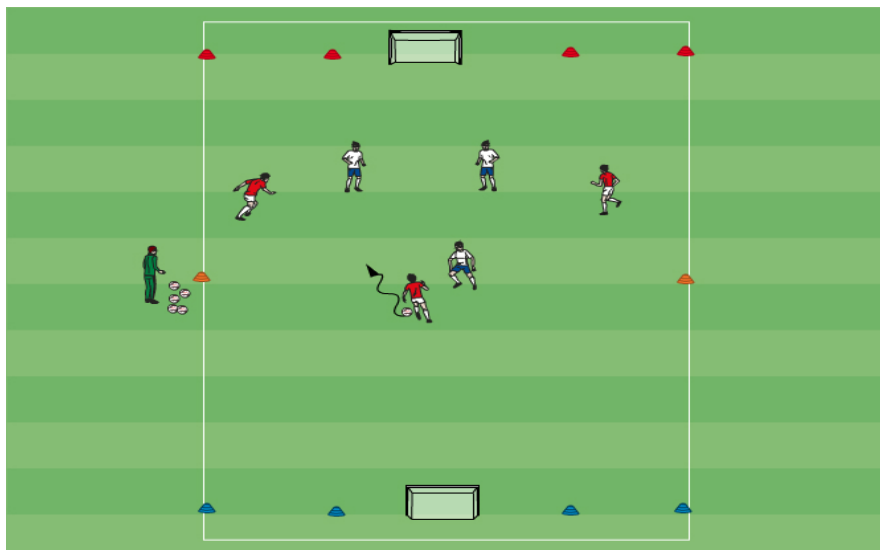
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(6 x 01:00 min, 01:00 min rest)



## TRAINING SESSION

### Small-Sided Game to two goals (3v3-4v4)



#### Objective


Play a small-sided game. To set up conditions for players to learn from what a small-sided game can teach.

#### Description

Play two teams. Each team attacks one goal and defends another. Numbers may vary. Both teams play to score. Normal laws of the game. No restrictions. Let them play and enjoy.


#### Key Points

Principles of attack Principles of defense Techniques of dribbling, passing, shooting. Techniques of pressure (closing down), cover (body position), tackling

 **Individual attacking**  
**Defending Principles**  
**Transition**  
**Passing and Receiving**  
**Running with the Ball**  
**Dribbling**  
**Turning**  
**Shooting**  
**Heading**  
**Basic Motor Skills**  
**1v1 Defending**

 **U5 to U8**

 **4 to 12 Players**

 **Small goals, cones, balls**

 **Intensity: High**

 **00:16 min**  
(4 x 03:00 min, 01:00 min rest)