

Category: Technical: Ball Control Difficulty: Beginner

# **Dribbling Series (15 mins)**

#### **Activity Setup:**

A larger diamond made with a smaller central diamond in the middle. Distances can be adjusted based on age/ability. Keep in mind social distancing of 6ft.

#### Action:

- Every player with a ball
- Player A & C make eye contact to begin dribbling towards central cone.
- Players perform skill at the central cone and both turn right/left, dribble to matching cone in next line to wait for their turn (coach picks the direction they must all turn)
- Emphasis needs to be placed on EYE CONTACT and start at SAME TIME as player opposite of the grid.
- Coach can demonstrate various skills/turns dependent on level of skill within group
- Switch directions, so players are performing each skill in either direction



\*\*Have multiple stations setup so players get several repetitions. Groups can compete against one another after each skill is performed. Compete for 60 seconds = try to complete more central dribbles than other groups.\*\*\*

#### **Core Skills**

- Outside lunge cut
- V-Cut
- L-Cut
- Cruyff
- Iniesta Variations (La Croqueta)
- Combining 2-3 of the above

## **Dribbling Series Opposed (15 mins)**

## **Activity Setup:**

- Alarger diamond made with a smaller central diamond in the middle. Distances can be adjusted based on age/ability. Keep in mind social distancing of 6ft.
- 'Defending' teams soccer balls in middle of central diamond
- 1 defender/coach in middle with soccer balls

### Action:

- Every player with a ball
- Player A & C make eye contact to begin dribbling towards central cone.
- Players perform skill at the central cone and turn right/left, dribble to matching cone (coach picks direction everyone must turn)
- Dribbling players can begin at any time they want
- Switch directions, so players are performing each skill in either direction
- Central defender/coach is attempting to knock the ball away from dribbling players using his/her collection of soccer balls
- Once the defender has used all soccer balls, the game is over



\*Players cannot begin dribbling towards center until previous player has completed that station\*

### Competition

- 1pt for every time a player completes one 'station'
- Defender with most knockouts wins
- Play multiple rounds until every player has been the defender once

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# Speed Dribbling (15 mins)

Focus: Ball manipulation and controlled dribbling, utilizing multiple surfaces of the feet, deception to 'trick' the defender

## **Activity Setup:**

- 20x25 grid w/ two pugg goals
- Shooting line 5yds in front of puggs
- Two teams, every player w/ a ball
- If players are scoring to easily, bring nets closer together

### Action:

- Play begins w/ a player from one team dribbling down and scoring unopposed
- Once player has finished their attack, they must touch or run around the nearest pugg before beginning to defend (coaches choice)
- A player from opposite team can begin attack on either goal once the previous player has completed their attack
- Defending player must defend within the defending zone
- Repeat until you have a winner (ex. first team to 10)



