

BWSA Under 8 Program



Week 3	Dribbling
Station One: "Star Wars"	Instructions
REBELLION AIR BASE	 Field Set-up Large square with two end zones at each end Small circle in middle of square, in between each end zone, as in diagram Player Preparation Coach names each zone ('Rebel Air Base' or 'Rebel HQ') All players start in one end zone. Coach (Darth Vader) stands in circle (Death Star) with lots of pinneys Station Rules Coach tells players to dribble from starting end zone to other; players cannot dribble through circle Coach throws pinnies at players' soccer balls from inside circle If pinney hits player's soccer ball, player dribbles out of bounds, or through circle, they join coach ('Dark Side') as additional shooters Players always throw pinnies from inside circle After all players have made it across into new end zone, Coach tells players to dribble back to original end zone Game continues until only one player is dribbling from end zone to end zone. That player is 'Luke Skywalker', winner
Progressions	Key Coaching Points
Coach moves outside circle throwing pinnies	Head-up (look for free space)
Split into 2 teams. Team who has most players left or last player	First touch (out of feet and into space)
wins.	Move around on tip toes.
 When players get into an End Zone, players must perform ball mastery actions. For example: Toe Taps 	 Use all different parts of foot, mostly laces to keep a natural running position, NOT toes
Tick Tocks	Keep ball close but out of feet (small touches: TAP TAP TAP)
• Take Stops: Push with outside of foot (to side) and stop with sole of foot.	Be creative to experiment performing different fakes and tricks to get past a defender/opposition player
 Drag back and Push: Drag back with sole of foot, push forward 	Use both feet to dribble
with laces just in front.	





Station Two: 'Conquer Pyramid'	Instructions
Powered by academysoccercoach.com	 Field Set-up Set up a square larger enough for players to dribble through in groups of 3 and split evenly into three zone (as in diagram) Player Preparation Place defenders in each zone: Zone One = 1 Defender Zone Two = 2 Defenders Zone Three = 3 Defenders Place other players in 3 lines, they are dribblers Station Rules Dribblers (Reds) try to dribble through 'Zone One', 3 dribblers at a time. Dribbler who pass defender move into next zone. Players can score a point for every zone they dribble through. Players who can dribble through all 3 zones, get an extra point. Defenders must stay in their zones and tap top of a dribbler's soccer ball to stop them As soon as first 3 dribblers have either gone through all zones or their ball has been tapped by a defender, next set of 3 dribblers go
Progressions	Key Coaching Points
 Easier: Take out defenders in each zone Easier: Defenders have a ball to dribble Swap number of defender in each zone (E.g. Zone 1= 3 Defenders). Harder: Defenders can tackle Add lives if defenders tag all three players they gain a life, if a dribbler goes through all three zones they gain a life. 	Head-up (look for free space)
	First touch (out of feet and into space)
	 Move around on tip toes.
	 Use all different parts of foot, mostly laces to keep a natural running position, NOT toes
	Keep ball close but out of feet (small touches: TAP TAP TAP)
	 Be creative to experiment performing different fakes and tricks to get past a defender/opposition player
	Use both feet to dribble
	Accelerate into to space after passed defender/opposition player



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Station Three: "Small Sided Game"	Instructions
<image/>	 Field Set-up Set up a large enough area for two teams play a small-sided game. Player Preparation Split players into two teams. Name teams either 'Home' Or 'Away'. Each team has either 3, 4, or 5 players on pitch at any time. Station Rules Teams play a normal small-sided game, by trying to score in opposite team's goal No goalkeepers Each team has a minimum of 3 players or maximum of 5 players on pitch at any given time Coaches rotate every 2 - 3 minutes On rotation whistle (or signal) 'Home' becomes new 'Away' Side 'Away' moves onto Station One New 'Home' side, is team rotating from 'Station Two'
Progressions	Key Coaching Points
 Bigger or Small goals. Add more small goals. 'End Line' Game: Remove goals to leave a small pitch without goals. Players score by dribbling ball beyond opposite team's End Line. 'Accuracy Game': Remove goals and replace with 6 soccer balls on top of a cone (3 on each side). A goal is scored by accurately knocking one of opposite teams soccer balls. 	 Head-up (look for free space) First touch (out of feet and into space) Move around on tip toes. Use all different parts of foot, mostly laces to keep a natural running position, NOT toes Keep ball close but out of feet (small touches: TAP TAP TAP) Be creative to experiment performing different fakes and tricks to get past a defender/opposition player Use both feet to dribble Accelerate into to space after passed defender/opposition player