

Twelman SOCCER

Team Keep Away

A great game to help the kids spread out

Divide your team into two or four teams, depending on the number of kids. Make sure each squad is pennies with a distinct color so both groups of kids can tell who they should be passing to or defending. Be sure to keep the teams small so the drill is effective.

Use a small marked area so players are forced to pass and move in a smaller, more controlled space. Mark off the boundaries of the playing field with cones. Place cones at each corner of the field and explain to the kids that there will be no goals and that this is a keep away drill.

Explain the **Team Keep Away** for your players. The object of the game is to maintain control of the ball. To do this, players will need to spread out and pass in order to keep the ball away from the other team. A point is given to a team each time they string together a series of 10 passes without having the ball stolen by the opponent.

To START the DRILL:

Have the two teams line up on opposite ends of the field. Place the soccer ball in the middle of the field between them. Each team picks one player to sprint for the ball to start the game. The race to the ball begins when the coach blows his or her whistle. Whoever gets to the ball first should immediately try to start passing with the rest of the team to get 10 consecutive passes for a point.

Keep track of the pass count and point tally for each team. Shout out the number of passes each time a player completes a pass. Announce the scoring of a point each time a team completes 10 passes.