

## Tic Tac Toe (U8 and Up)



Create a grid like the one above and give each team three balls. The object of the game is for one team to get “three in a row” before the other team. For example, the green team only needs to get that last ball in the lower left hand corner to win. Each team plays simultaneously (don’t take turns), but each player on a particular team takes turns dribbling into the grid and stopping their ball beside a cone. If a team does not win after three balls have been dribbled out, continue to allow one player to run out at a time and move one of their team’s balls to another cone. Continue this until one team wins.

### Variations:

1. Begin the game by simply having players place pinnies beside the cones, then transition into having players carry soccer balls to the balls, and finally have them dribble.
2. After each team has dribbled their three balls out, allow them to move either team’s balls.
3. Place a rule that the first team to get “three in a row” five times in one game wins - once a team gets “three in a row,” they should then move their balls to get another “three in a row.”
4. Place restrictions on players such as only dribble with your right foot.

### Focus:

Players should focus on ball control and speed. There is also a tactical component to the game as well; players should be focusing on where the open cone (space) is for them to go. They should also be giving one another directions.