

PART 1 THE TIKI TAKA DEVELOPMENT THEORY



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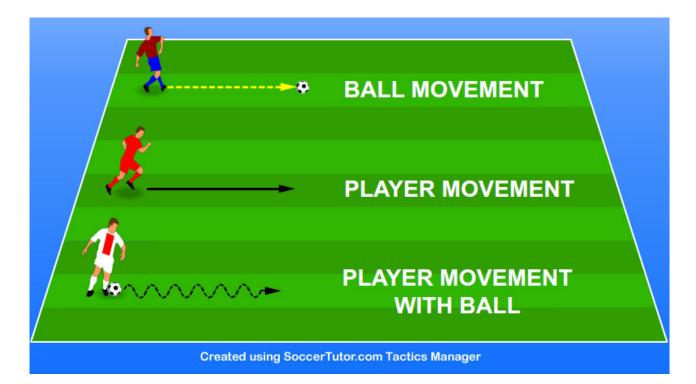
Coaching The Tiki Taka Style Of Play



PRACTICE FORMAT

Each practice includes clear diagrams with supporting training notes such as:

- Name of Practice
- Objective of Practice
- Description of Practice
- Progressions/Variations (if Applicable)
- Coaching Points of Practice



TERMINOLOGY

Kaasters: Dutch for 'rebound' and are often neutral players who are positioned at the sides of the designated space and are instructed to play quick one or two touch passes back into play as appropriate.





6. AFC AJAX: 4 v 4 (+1) Corner To Corner Possession Exercise



Objective

We work on passing, moving possession play and pressing.

Description

Each team consists of 2 central players, 2 kaasters positioned in each corner diagonally opposite and we have a central neutral playmaker. The aim is to play the ball from corner to corner, but with a minimum of 3 passes in the central zone.

The coach can vary the specific outcomes (number of passes before playing the ball in to a kaaster). The coach should concentrate on both the possession team and the 2 defender's ability when outnumbered.

The central neutral player can be limited to 1 or 2 touch, or simply instructed to play quickly where possible (and should be a player who demonstrates the ability to be a playmaker with his off ball movement and high levels of passing consistency).

Coaching Points

- 1. The coach can vary the number of passes required per team, the maximum number of touches per neutral or kaaster player and number of players per team.
- 2. As the kaasters are instructed to act as rebound players with only 1 touch allowed, the coach is expected to emphasise the importance of the players' positioning to provide the kaasters with options.







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