

### **SPORTS**



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## THREE SUPERPOWERS THAT WILL MAKE YOU A STAR DRIBBLER LIKE

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EAGLE EYES
TO SEE THE OPEN SPACE

LIGHTNING SPEED
TO ARRIVE BEFORE YOUR OPPONENT







### SUMMARY NOTES FOR TEACHERS, COACHES AND PARENTS

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVE**

Get children comfortable evading an opponent by developing fundamental movement skills with the ball and a basic understanding of:

- looking for space
- acceleration with the ball
- movements to evade their opponent while controlling the ball

#### **ORGANISATION**

- Set up an area divided down the middle appropriately sized for the total number of children
- Ideally you need one ball per child, but can be adapted to use one ball per two children
- A bib for every child



#### **GAME ONE**

#### **ROAD TO WEURO**

- Divide the children into two teams, one for each "stadium" half—Geneva and St. Gallen.
- The goal is to get from one stadium to the other without contact with other people or balls.
- Begin with children holding or balancing the ball in their hands and advance to dribbling.
- If a ball is touched, do three star jumps before proceeding.

#### **GAME TWO**

#### **MADDLI TAG**

- All children should dribble balls within the two stadium zones.
- One child or a teacher starts as the catcher (Maddli) with a bib and aims to throw the bib onto someone's ball.
- If successful, that child places their ball in a goal, takes a bib, and joins as another catcher.
- The last player dribbling wins.
- Play multiple rounds.

#### **GAME THREE**

#### STADIUM GAME

- Pair up the children, giving a ball to each pair. Position half of the pairs on the "Geneva" side, and the other half on "St. Gallen."
- One child per pair starts without the ball, walking around their stadium and their partner follows while dribbling the ball.
- Upon hearing "Maddli" the nondribbling child attempts to snatch their partner's ball and dribble it to the other stadium.
- Games last 60 seconds each.

#### **GAME ONE**

**ROAD TO WEURO** 

Divide the children into two teams, one for each "stadium" half—Geneva and St. Gallen.

The goal is to get from one stadium to the other without contact with other children or their balls.

Begin with children holding or balancing the ball in their hand and advance to dribbling.

Encourage the children to try different moves to change direction and move past others.

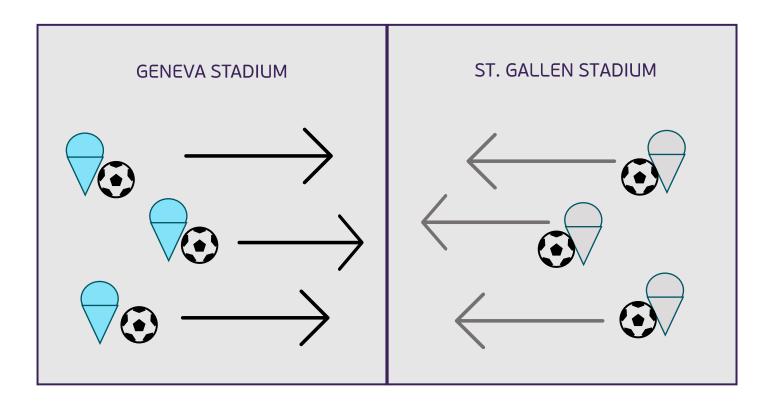
If a ball is touched, the children can do a fun forfeit like three star jumps before proceeding.

#### **WEURO FACT**

Basel will host both the opening game and Final of the WEURO but Geneva and St. Gallen are the furthest apart stadiums.

#### **ADAPTIONS**

- 1. You can have some children with a ball and some without if you don't have enough footballs. In this case the children would swap roles each time they travel to a stadium
- If you have too many children in a small space, you can have half the children find a space in the hall that they can't move from. They can be doing star jumps or hops while the others try to dribble one side to the other without touching them and then you would rotate the children so they all get turns with the balls.
- 3. Children can work the width or length of the space depending on numbers and age.
- 4. To build confidence you can start the game without balls and encourage different types of movement (skipping, hopping, side-stepping etc.)



#### **GAME TWO**

#### MADDLI TAG

All kids dribble balls within the two stadium zones.

One child or a teacher starts as the catcher (Maddli) with a bib and aims to throw the bib onto someone's ball.

If successful, the 'caught' child places their ball in a goal or marked zone, takes a bib, and rejoins the game as another catcher.

Encourage children to dribble for space and to avoid the catchers.

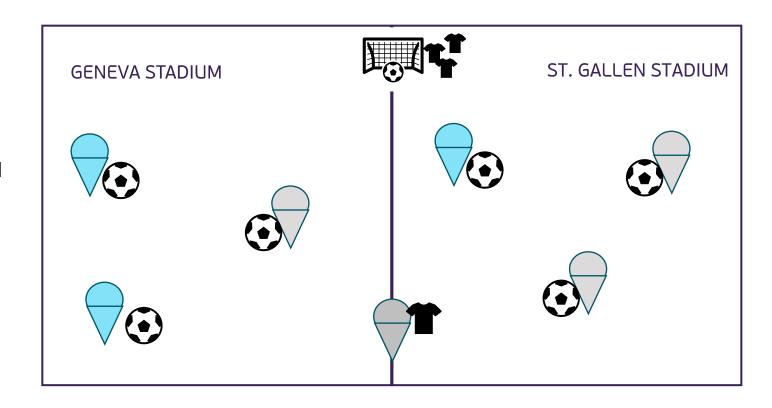
The last player dribbling wins. Play multiple rounds.

#### **WEURO FACT**

Maddli is the official Mascot of the UEFA Women's EURO 2025

#### **ADAPTIONS**

- Children can start in pairs if you don't have enough footballs. The partners share a ball to transfer it to the other stadium without getting caught
- 2. You can use cones instead of bibs if you don't have them
- 'Maddli' can be restricted to only walking so they can't catch so quickly to build confidence
- 4. Catchers can also have a ball to dribble.



#### **GAME THREE**

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Upon hearing "Maddli," the non-dribbling child attempts to snatch their partners ball and dribble it to the opposite side.

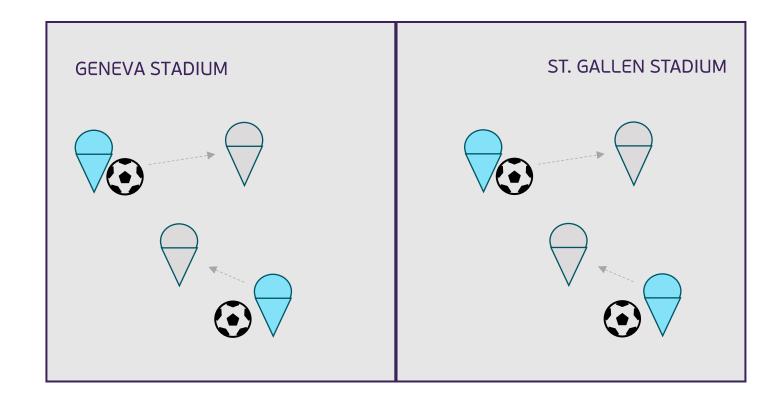
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#### WEURO FACT

UEFA Women's EURO 2025 will take place across eight stadiums in Switzerland

#### **ADAPTIONS**

1. If you need to have groups of three, two should have balls and one would be without.



### How did you do?

Don't forget to share your experience in the comments!





## HAVE FUN!

