

Beehive Soccer

Beehive soccer is when young children follow the soccer ball around on the field like a swarm of bees and do not play positions and pass the ball around.

How do you eliminate it?

You eliminate it in practice. During practices we have the kids, dribble the ball, passing the ball, run and other various drills. Rarely, do we have a practice game. Spend 10 or 15 minutes each practice having an inner squad game. This is the time to instruct the players on staying in positions.

Work with what you got. If you have a couple of players who understand positioning, then split them up with 1 in the back and 1 in the front. Do not pair the experienced players together. Have inexperienced players play with experienced players, the kids will learn from one another.

A drill to eliminate Beehive soccer.

Build a small square with discs and place a player at each point of the square. The next step have the players pass the ball to each other around the square. Go left around and then right. This drill will teach passing and stopping the ball and positioning. Tell the kids NOT to pass it thru the square and reward them for doing a good job. Build the square slightly large at each practice to lengthen the passing. A variation on this drill is to have a player in the middle and if the ball is passed in the middle, then the passing player will be in the middle and the player in the middle goes out to be a passer.