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 Improve the build up from our own half in order to move the ball into the opponent's half - 2

AGE GROUP

| PLAYER ACTIONS | Spread out, Pass/dribble forward, Support the attack, Change point of the attack |
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| cking | DURATION | 60 min | PLAYERS | 12 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | $1^{\text {st }}$ PLAY PHASE (Intentional Free Play): $3 v 3$ to Small Goals $\quad$ DURATION: 20 min --I INTERVALS: 3 --- ACTIVITY: 4.5 min -- REST: 2 min OBJECTIVE: To pass or dribble the ball forward.

ORGANIZATION: Set up two or more $18 \mathrm{~W} \times 35 \mathrm{~L}$ fields with a goal at each end. Play $1 \mathrm{v} 1,2 \mathrm{v} 1$ up to 3 v 3 . Play for 20 minutes with 2 minute breaks. Play with kick-ins or dribble-ins when the ball goes out of bounds.
KEY WORDS: Get wide, Connect, Dribble, Help.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. How can we create openings? 2. If you have the ball and have space in front of you, what should you do? 3. Where should you be to help the player with the ball?
ANSWERS: 1. By spreading out we create openings. 2. Dribble the ball forward and take the space. 3. To the sides, behind or in front making a diagonal passing lane.

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PRACTICE (Core Activity): 6 v 4 to Goal and Two Counter Goals $\quad$ DURATION: 20 min --- INTERVALS: 4 --- ACTIVITY: 4 min --- REST: 1 min
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OBJECTIVE: To possess the ball, move it forward and create scoring chances.
ORGANIZATION: In a 7v7 field (40wx60L) play 6v6. The Blue team will play in 1-3-2 formation and the red team will play in 1-2-3 formation.
KEY WORDS: Possess or Connect, Take him/her on, Overload, Switch the attack.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. Why do we possess the ball? 2. What is an overload? 3. What can we do in a 2 v 1 ? 4. Why should we switch the attack?

ANSWERS: 1. To create openings. 2. It is when we have more attackers than defenders, such as 2 v 1 or a 3v2. 3. We can connect with our teammate or take the opponent on. 4. To find an opening.

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Improve the build up in the opponent's half in order to create scoring chances - 2
AGE GROUP 9U-10U Make Decisions, Be proactive, Focus, Optimal technical abilities

7v7
DURATION 60 min $\quad$ PLAYERS 12
OBJECTIVE: To possess, pass or dribble the ball forward.
ORGANIZATION: Set up two or more 18W×25L fields with a goal at each end. Play $1 \mathrm{v} 1,2 \mathrm{v} 1$ up to $3 v 3$.
Play for 20 minutes with 2 minute breaks. Play with kick-ins or dribble-ins when the ball goes out of bounds.
KEY WORDS: Pass or Possess, Take him/her on, Help.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. How can we support the player with the ball? 2 . When should we dribble an opponent? 3. What should we do when we can't go forward with the ball?

ANSWERS: $\mathbf{1}$. Getting behind, to the sides or in front, making a diagonal passing lane. 2. When we are confronted by an opponent and no defenders behind. 3. We should possess it to find/create an opening.
Note - First break: Coach asks questions, players do not answer but play to discover them. Second break: Coach asks questions and players share the answers.
PRACTICE (Core Activity): $5 v 4$ to Goal and One Target Player DURATION: 20 min --- INTERVALS: 3 -- ACTIVITY: 5 min --- REST: 1.5 min


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ORGANIZATION: Set up a 40W $\times 30 \mathrm{~L}$ (half field) with a regular goal and target player as shown in the diagram. Select 5 Blue attackers, and 3 Red defenders and their goalkeeper. Blue team scores in the regular goals. Red scores by passing to the target player inside the 3 yard zone. Play with a build out line. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.
KEY WORDS: Pass or Possess, Take him/her on, Help, Switch the attack.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. When do we possess? 2. How can we support to create a $2 v 1$ ? 3. When should we dribble an opponent? 4 . Why should we switch the attack?

ANSWERS: 1. We possess when we can't find an opening. 2. By standing away and to the side of the defender in a diagonal passing lane. 3. When we are on a 1 v 1 near the goal. 4. To find an opening.
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PRACTICE (Less Challenging): $\mathbf{3 v 2}$ to a Small Goal \& Target $\quad$ DURATION: 20 min --- INTERVALS: 4 --- ACTIVITY: 4 min --- REST: 1 min


OBJECTIVE: To possess the ball, move it forward and create scoring chances.


ORGANIZATION: Set up two or more $18 \mathrm{~W} \times 25 \mathrm{~L}$ fields with a goal at each end. Play a 3 v 2 to score in the opponent's goal. The 3 Blue players attack the small goal, Red scores by passing to the target player inside the 3 yard zone. Rotate players.
KEY WORDS: Pass or Possess, Take him/her on, Help.
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DURATION: 20 min -- INTERVALS: 3 -- ACTIVITY: $5 \mathrm{~min}-$-- REST: 1.5 min
OBJECTIVE: To possess the ball, move it forward and create scoring chances.
ORGANIZATION: Set up a 40Wx30L (half field) with a regular goal and target player as shown in the diagram. Select 5 Blue attackers, and 3 Red defenders and their goalkeeper. Blue team scores in the regular goals. Red scores by passing to the target player inside the 3 yard zone. Play with a build out line. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.
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ORGANIZATION: In a 7 v 7 field (40wx60L) play $6 \mathrm{v6}$. The Blue team will play in 1-1-3-1 formation and the Red team will play in 1-3-2 formation.

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PRACTICE (Less Challenging): 3v2 to Goals
 OBJECTIVE: To score goals.
ORGANIZATION: Set up a 40Wx26L field with a regular goal and two counter goals as shown in the diagram. Select 5 Blue attackers and 3 Red defenders and their GK. Blue team scores in the regular goal, Red scores in either of the two counter goals. Play with a build out line. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.
KEY WORDS: Finish, Pass, Dribble.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. When should you shoot? 2. When should you dribble forward? 3. What should you do if you find an opening?

ANSWERS: 1. When we have an opening to goal. 2. When we have an opening or one opponent in front with no defenders behind 3 . We should pass forward, dribble forward or shot at goal.
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DURATION: 20 min --- INTERVALS: 4 --- ACTIVITY: 4 min --- REST: 1 min
OBJECTIVE: To score goal.
ORGANIZATION: Set up two or more 18Wx25L fields with a goal at each end. Play a $3 v 3$ to score in the opponent's goal. The 3 Blue players attack the goal with a goalkeeper, Red scores by passing through the Blue's goal. Rotate goalkeepers.
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KEY WORDS: Finish, Combine, Take him/her on.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. What should you do if you have the ball with an opening to goal? 2. Why should we combine forward? 3. How should we dribble the opponent near the box to set up a shot?
ANSWERS: 1. Shoot the ball at the goal. 2. To get the ball through, around and behind defenders to create a chance to shoot. 3. Dribble at him/her, execute a fake, accelerate past him/her and shoot.
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Improve preventing the opponent from building up in their own half - 1
AGE GROUP
Steal the ball, Get and make it compact, Pressure, cover and balance 9U-10U

| Defending | DURATION | $\mathbf{6 0} \mathbf{~ m i n}$ | PLAYERS | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{7 v 7}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | $1^{\text {st }}$ PLAY PHASE (Intentional Free Play): 3 v 3 to Small Goals $\quad$ DURATION: $20 \mathrm{~min}--$ INTERVALS: 3 --- ACTIVITY: 4.5 min --- REST: 2 min

OBJECTIVE: To regain the ball and preventing the opposition from moving the ball forward.
ORGANIZATION: Set up two or more 18Wx25L fields with a goal at each end. Play 1v1, 2v1 up to 3 v 3 . Play for 20 minutes with 2 minute breaks. Play with kick-ins or dribble-ins when the ball goes out of bounds.
KEY WORDS: Hassle the opponent, Work together, Tackle or poke.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. Who should pressure the ball? 2. Why do we need to work together?
3. When should you steal the ball?

ANSWERS: 1. The closest defender to the player with the ball. 2. To get and stay compacted to prevent them from moving the ball forward 3. When you are close enough to poke it, tackle it, or steal it.
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PRACTICE (Core Activity): 5 v 5 to Goal and End Zone
DURATION: 20 min --- INTERVALS: 4 --- ACTIVITY: 4 min --- REST: 1 min
OBJECTIVE: To regain the ball and prevent the opposition from moving the ball forward.
ORGANIZATION: Set up a 40Wx28L field with a 4 yard end-zone as shown in the diagram. Select 5 Red attackers and their goalkeeper, and 5 Blue defenders. The Red team scores by either passing or dribbling into the end zone. The Blue team scores in the regular goal. Play with a build out line. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.

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PRACTICE (More Challenging): 5v6 to Goal and End Zone $\quad$ DURATION: 20 min --- INTERVALS: 4 --- ACTIVITY: 4 min --- REST: 1 min


OBJECTIVE: To regain the ball and prevent the opposition from moving the ball forward.
ORGANIZATION: Set up a $40 \mathrm{~W} \times 28 \mathrm{~L}$ field with a 4 yard end-zone as shown in the diagram. Select 5 Red attackers and their goalkeeper, and 5 Blue defenders. The Red team scores by either passing or dribbling into the end zone. The Blue team scores in the regular goal. Play with a build out line. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.
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ORGANIZATION: In a 7 v 7 field ( $40 \mathrm{wx60L}$ ) play 6 v 6 . The Blue team will play in 1-3-2 formation and the Red team will play in 1-2-3 formation.
KEY WORDS: Work together, Attack the ball, Double team.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. Why do we need to work together? 2. Who pressures the ball and who provides cover? 3. When should you double team?
ANSWERS: 1. To get and stay compacted and close all the openings. 2. The closest player to the ball pressures it, the player behind him/her provides cover. 3. When we outnumber the opponents it is a good time to double team and steal the ball.

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OBJECTIVE: To prevent the opposition from moving the ball forward and regain the ball back.
ORGANIZATION: In a $7 \mathrm{v7}$ field (40wx60L) play 6v6. The Blue team will play in 1-2-3 formation and the Red team will play in 1-3-2 formation.

KEY WORDS: Block the way, Attack the ball, Surround them.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. Why should you Protect the goal? 2. Why do we attack the players with the ball? 3. Who should provide cover for the player attacking the ball?

ANSWERS: 1. To block the way forward to the goals and force them to go wide. 2. To provide pressure, try to steal the ball or force him/her away from goal. 3. The players behind the pressing defender.
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Improve preventing the opponent from scoring goals - 1
AGE GROUP
Protect the goal, Make and Keep it compact, Pressure cover and balance

| Defending | DURATION | $\mathbf{6 0} \mathbf{~ m i n}$ | PLAYERS | 12 | $\mathbf{7 v 7}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | Read the game, Be proactive, Focus

9U-10U
$3 v 3$ to Small Goals DURATION: $20 \mathrm{~min}-$-- INTERVALS: 3 --- ACTIVITY: $4.5 \mathrm{~min}-$-- REST: 2 min

## OBJECTIVE: To deny scoring chances.

ORGANIZATION: Set up two or more 18Wx20L fields with a goal at each end with Goalkeepers. Play $1 \mathrm{v} 1,2 \mathrm{v} 1$ up to 3 v 3 . Play for 20 minutes with 2 minute breaks. Play with kick-ins or dribble-ins when the ball goes out of bounds.
KEY WORDS: Block the shot, Pressure the ball, Move together.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. How can you protect the goal? 2. What should the closest player to the ball do? 3. What must we do to make sure we stay compacted?
ANSWERS: 1. By getting in front of the ball and block the shot or pass forward. 2. Pressure the ball. 3. Move to the ball together.

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DURATION: 20 min --- INTERVALS: 4 --- ACTIVITY: 4 min --- REST: 1 min
OBJECTIVE: To deny scoring chances.
ORGANIZATION: Set up a 40Wx24L field with a two yard end zone. Select 4 Red attackers, and 4 Blue defenders and their goalkeeper. The Red team scores in the regular goal and the Blue team scores by passing or dribbling into the end zone. Play with a build out line. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.
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OBJECTIVE: To deny scoring chances.
ORGANIZATION: Set up a 40Wx24L field with a two yard end zone. Select 5 Red attackers, and 4 Blue defenders and their goalkeeper. The Red team scores in the regular goal and the Blue team scores by passing or dribbling into the end zone. Play with a build out line. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.
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