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ORGANIZATION: In a 50Wx80L field play 8v8. The Blue team will play in 1-3-3-1 formation and the red team will play in 1-3-1-3 formation.
KEY WORDS: Get wide, Pass or Dribble, Help.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. Why do you spread out? 2. What do you need to do to create or find openings? 3. When can you pass or dribble forward? 4. Why do you help the player with the ball?

ANSWERS: 1. To create openings. 2. You need to either pass or dribble the ball. 3. When you have an opening. 4. To provide him/her with support.
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KEY WORDS: Opening, Connect, Take space, Help.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. How do we create an opening? 2. When do you pass forward to connect with a teammate? 3. How can you help the teammate with the ball? 4. When do you dribble forward?

ANSWERS: 1. By spreading out. 2. When you have opening to pass through. 3. Support him/her by creating passing options. 4. When you have an opening and or space in front.
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ORGANIZATION: In a 50Wx80L field play 8v8. The Blue team will play in 1-3-3-1 formation and the Red team will play in 1-3-4 formation.
KEY WORDS: Look up, Pass or Dribble, Opening, Overload.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. Why do you look up? 2. When do we pass or dribble forward? 3. Why should you spread out? 4. What can we do to outnumber the opponent?

ANSWERS: 1. To find an opening. 2. Pass forward if we can connect with a teammate through an opening. Dribble forward when we have space. 3. To create an opening. 4. Create a 2 v 1 or a 3 v 2 .
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KEY WORDS: Opening, Pass or dribble, Help, Switch.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. What would you do to create an opening? 2. What do you do if you see an opening? 3. What can we do to help the players with the ball? 4. When do you change the attack?

ANSWERS: 1. Get away from defenders. 2. Pass forward if you can connect with a teammate, dribble forward when you have space. 3. Create a 2 v 1 . 4. When the opening is closed on one side.
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ORGANIZATION: In a 50Wx80L field play 8v8. The Blue team will play in 1-3-3-1 formation and the Red team will play in 1-3-3-1 formation.
KEY WORDS: Get open, Shoot, Pass, Take opponents.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. How can you get open? 2. What should you do if confronted by a defender?
3. What should you do if you find an opening?

ANSWERS: 1. Move to open space or away from defenders. 2. Dribble at them, either take them on or pass the ball. 3. We should pass forward, dribble forward or shoot at goal.
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ORGANIZATION: In a 50Wx80L field play 8v8. The Blue team will play in 1-3-3-1 formation and the Red team will play in 1-3-3-1 formation.
KEY WORDS: Finish, Pass or combine, Take on opponents.
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 shoot at goal.
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Improve preventing the opponent from building up in their own half - 1 AGE GROUP
$\qquad$ Understand the game, Focus, Take initiative

## 11U-12U

OBJECTIVE: To keep the opposition from moving the ball forward and try to regain the ball.
ORGANIZATION: Set up two or more 20W×30L fields with a goal at each end. Play $1 \mathrm{v} 1,2 \mathrm{v} 1 \mathrm{up}$ to 4 v 4 . 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 press 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.
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.
OBJECTIVE: To keep the opposition from moving the ball forward and try to regain the ball.
ORGANIZATION: Set up a $50 \mathrm{~W} \times 40 \mathrm{~L}$ field with a regular goal and two counter goals. Select 5 Red attackers and their goalkeeper, and 6 Blue defenders. The Red team scores in either of the two counter goals. The Blue team scores in the regular goal. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.
KEY WORDS: Attack the ball, Work together, Tackle or poke.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. Who should attack the player with the ball? 2. Why do we need to work together? 3. When should you steal the ball?
ANSWERS: 1. The closest defender presses 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.
Note - Switch to Less Challenging if this activity is too difficult or to More Challenging if it is too easy. PRACTICE (Less Challenging): 6 v 5 to Goal \& Two Counter Goals $\quad$ DURATION: 20 min --- INTERVALS: 4 -- ACTIVITY: 4 min --- REST: 1 min
 OBJECTIVE: To keep the opposition from moving the ball forward and try to regain the ball.
ORGANIZATION: Set up a 50Wx40L field with a regular goals and two counter goals. Select 4 Red attackers and their goalkeeper, and 6 Blue defenders. The Red team scores in either of the two counter goals. The Blue team scores in the regular goal. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.
KEY WORDS: Attack the ball, Work together, Tackle or poke.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. Who should attack the player with the ball? 2. Why do we need to work together? 3. When should you steal the ball?
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Note - Switch to this activity if the CORE is too difficult for the players.
PRACTICE (More Challenging): 6v7 to Goal \& Two Counter Goals $\quad$ DURATION: 20 min --- INTERVALS: 4 -- ACTIVITY: 4 min --- REST: 1 min

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KEY WORDS: Condense, Attack the ball, Double team.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. How can you make a condensed defensive block? 2. Who pressures the ball and who provides cover? 3. Why should you double team if you outnumber the opponent? ANSWERS: 1. By getting and staying compact to close all the openings. 2. The closest player to the ball pressures it, the player behind him/her provides cover. 3. Because with a double team we have a good chance to steal the ball.

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ORGANIZATION: In a 50Wx80L field play 8v8. The Blue team will play in 1-3-4 formation and the Red team will play in 1-3-3-1 formation.
KEY WORDS: Obstruct the ball, Attack the ball, Move together.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. How can we protect the ball? 2. Who should pressure the ball and provide cover? 3. Why do you need to move together as a defensive block?

ANSWERS: 1. By obstructing the path forward. 2. The closest defender to the ball, the defenders behind him/her provides the cover. 3. To stay compacted and prevent the ball from moving forward.
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KEY WORDS: Block the shot, Surround the ball, Zone or man.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. Why do you want to block the ball? 2. When do you surround the ball?
3. When do you mark the opponent?

ANSWERS: 1. To prevent the shot and protect the goal. 2. When we outnumber the attackers, this way we can double team and steal the ball. 3. When him/her are close to the goal and the ball.

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ORGANIZATION: In a 50Wx80L field play 8v8. The Blue team will play in 1-3-3-1 formation and the Red team will play in 1-3-3-1 formation.

KEY WORDS: Block the shot, Pressure the ball, Focus.
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. How can you protect the goal? 2. What should the closest player to the ball do? 3. What helps you to stay focused defensively?

ANSWERS: 1. By getting in front of the ball and block the shot or pass forward. 2. Pressure the ball. 3. Staying involved.

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