AGE GROUP	GOAL:	Improve the build up in the opponent's half in order to create scoring chances						
9U-10U	PLAYER		Spread out, Pass/dribble forward, Create 2v1 or 1v1, Change the attack					USB
	KEY QUALITIES		Understand the game, Take initiative, Focus, Optimal technical abilities					limii
7V7	MOMENT	Attacking		DURATION	60	PLAYERS	12	

SKILL ACQUISITION: Dribbling: Surface of the foot and ball, quality of the touch — Passing: Surface of the foot and ball, Pace and accuracy — Receiving: Body, position, surface of the foot and ball, first touch



OBJECTIVE: To pass or dribble the ball forward

PLAYER ACTIONS: Spread out, Pass/dribble forward, Create 2v1 or 1v1, Change the attack

ORGANIZATION: Set up two or more 18Wx25L fields with a goal at each end. Play 1v1, 2v1 up to 3v3. Play for 20 minutes with 2 minute breaks. Play with kick-ins or dribble-ins when the ball goes out of bounds.

KEY WORDS: Possess, Pass, Dribble, and Opening.

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. Why do we need to possess the ball? 2. When do we pass or dribble forward? 3. Why should you spread out?

ANSWERS: 1. To keep the attack going and 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.

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): 5v4 to Goal & counter goal DURATION: 20 min -- INTERVALS: 3 -- ACTIVITY: 5 min -- REST: 1.5 min

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

PLAYER ACTIONS: Spread out, Pass/dribble forward, Create 2v1 or 1v1, Change the attack

ORGANIZATION: Set up a 40Wx30L (half field) with 1 counter goal as shown in the diagram. Select 5 Blue attackers, 3 Red defenders and their goalkeeper. Blue team scores in the regular goal. Red scores in the counter goal. Play with a build out line. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.

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 2v1? 4. Why should we switch the attack?

ANSWERS: 1. To create or find openings. 2. It is when we have more attackers than defenders, such as 2v1 or a 3v2. 3. We can connect with our teammate or take the opponent on. 4. To find an opening.

Note – Switch to Less Challenging if this activity is too difficult or to More Challenging if it is too easy



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PLAYER ACTIONS: Spread out, Pass/dribble forward, Create 2v1 or 1v1, Change the attack

ORGANIZATION: Set up two or more 18Wx25L fields with a goal at each end. Play a 3v2 to score in the opponent's goal. The 3 Blue attackers try to get the ball past the build out line and score in the opponent's goal. Rotate players.

KEY WORDS: Possess, Pass, Dribble, and Opening.

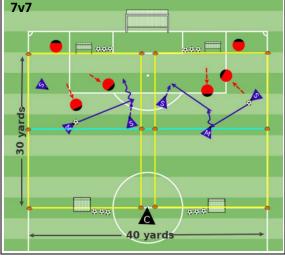
GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. Why do we need to possess the ball? 2. When do we pass or dribble forward? 3. Why should you spread out?

ANSWERS: 1. To keep the attack going and 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

Note – Switch to this activity if the CORE is too difficult for the players.







PRACTICE (More Challenging):5v5 to Goal & counter goal DURATION: 20 min -- INTERVALS: 3 -- ACTIVITY: 5 min -- REST: 1.5 min

7v7

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

PLAYER ACTIONS: Spread out, Pass/dribble forward, Create 2v1 or 1v1, Change the attack

ORGANIZATION: Set up a 40Wx30L (half field) with 1 counter goal as shown in the diagram. Select 5 Blue attackers, 4 Red defenders and their goalkeeper. Blue team scores in the regular goal. Red scores in the counter goal. Play with a build out line. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.

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 2v1? 4. Why should we switch the attack?

ANSWERS: 1. To create or find openings. 2. It is when we have more attackers than defenders, such as 2v1 or a 3v2. 3. We can connect with our teammate or take the opponent on. 4. To find an opening.

Note – Switch to this activity if the CORE is not challenging enough.

2^{nd.} PLAY PHASE: The Game – 6v6 (GK+5v5+GK)

DURATION: 20 min --- INTERVALS: 2 --- ACTIVITY: 8 min --- REST: 2 min

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

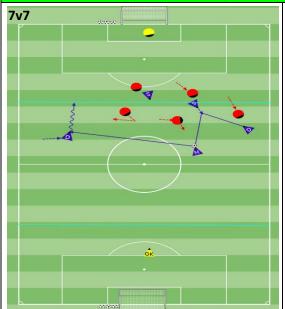
ORGANIZATION: In a 7v7 field (40wx60L) play 6v6. The Blue team will play in 1-3-2 formation and the red team will play in 1-2-3 formation.

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 2v1? 4. Why should we switch the attack?

ANSWERS: 1. To create openings. **2.** It is when we have more attackers than defenders, such as 2v1 or a 3v2. **3.** We can connect with our teammate or take the opponent on. **4.** To find an opening.

Note – All Laws of the game and US Soccer Player Development Initiatives (PDI) are in effect.



FIVE ELEMENTS of TRAINING EXERCISE

- 1. Organized: Is the exercise organized in the right way?
- 2. Game like: Is the exercise game like?
- 3. Repetitions: Are there repetitions when looking at the overall goal of the session?
- **4. Challenging:** Are the players being challenged? (Is there the right balance between being successful and unsuccessful?)
- ${\bf 5. Coaching:} \ \ {\bf 1s} \ \ {\bf there} \ \ {\bf the} \ \ {\bf proper} \ \ {\bf coaching} \ \ {\bf based} \ \ {\bf on} \ \ {\bf the} \ \ {\bf age/level} \ \ \ {\bf of} \ \ {\bf the} \ \ {\bf players?}$

TRAINING SESSION SELF-REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. Did you achieve your goals of the training session?
- 2. What did you do well?
- 3. What could you do better?