

United States Youth Soccer Association

Practice Plan

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Age Group: U8 Theme: Attacking, Dribbling

Coaching Points Activity 1st Activity (warm-up) Partner Passing Good passing/receiving technique. Transition on 2 players are passing 10 yards apart, on coach's signal whoever has signal. Support angles. ball tries and keeps it and partner now tries to take it away. After Shielding, turning, change of speed approx. 30 seconds. Stop and start passing ball again. Have endlines behind players to try and attack as another progression Progressions: Have players move around and pass. Make groups of 4 who are passing but have two teams (2 blue, 2 red). On signal they play 2v2. Cooperative/Competitive. 3v3? 4v4? 2nd Activity Players start with "draw" standing across from ball. 1v1 Duals On coach's signal "draw" players pullback ball and Set-up: 2 players stand with ball between them, other 2 players are about 20-25 yards apart with a ball in their hands and have legs about Game should last about 1 minute. Then have players shoulder width apart. On signal "draw", X and Y play a 1v1 game. To switch with goalies. Can switch opponents-tourney score X must kick ball between opposing goalies legs. 3 points if ball goes through cleanly, 2 if ball goes through but hits a part of goalies X A.D X leg, and 1 point if ball hits leg. If shot is wide, goalie gives extra ball to their player and retrieves missed shot. **3rd Activity** *Knock Over the Castle* Make 2 teams. Players stand in a line with coach between When coach plays ball out, call a number. If 1 is called, the first player on each team goes out and attempts to kick ball back at various balls on top of cones. If 2 is called, first 2 players, 3, etc... Keep it going and fast paced. 8 Progression: Have team that knocks over ball collect and bring back 4th Activity Make it Take It The players should look to attack at speed and play the ball to a teammate if they are open. Great attacking Set up a playing field with 2 goals. Divide into three teams. 2 teams activity (favorite!) are playing against one another. Other team is playing as servers on If ball goes out, coach just plays a new ball to outside of field. They can serve balls back to attacking team whichever team didn't kick ball out. Servers support attackers and look to make good passes Whichever team scores, stays on and plays. Attack and finish!!! Start ball with goal scoring team Other team serving switches and plays team that scored Team getting scored on become servers 5th Activity (the game) 3 Goal Game Set up field but place 3 small goals (3 yards) on each endline spaced out evenly. Field is wider then long In a 30 x 40 yard grid. 2 teams play against one another and must try and dribble through on of the 3 opposing goals. Players should look to play away from the defenders and look to attack open goals Progression: Players can shoot ball into goals ^ ^