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Topic
Principles of Play for Attack: Possession and Penetration (1 of 2)
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| WARM-UP |  |
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| Organization | Key Coaching Points |
| x3 areas of $12 \times 12$ separated with a 1 yard channel 4 players per area with 2 balls per group <br> Instruction is to be constantly moving and to keep balls moving <br> Pass and move <br> Pass and move with acceleration <br> Pass and move on any other line than the ball <br> Pass and move and "find" the second ball <br> 2 touch <br> 1 touch | Keep head up and see entire space <br> After pass be sure to accelerate to space <br> Get ball out from under the feet <br> Distinguish between pass to the man or to space With one touch distinguish between a pass or "killing" the ball to incite movement |
| ACTIVITY 1 |  |
| Organization | Key Coaching Points |
| x2 areas of $12 \times 12$ with $\times 2$ mini goals in each area 4 vs. 2 <br> Play for 2-3 minute sets and change the pairs <br> Objective of the 4 is to maintain possession and to execute a split pass when it is on <br> Objective of the 2 is to force the 4 to lose control outside the area or to dispossess and find the mini goal | Maintain possession as a priority Move the ball to move the opponents to create the split opportunity One player in possession, 2 players offer immediate support, 4th player offers the penetrating pass As the ball moves so roles and responsibilities change--possession, support, mobility Respond as the ball is moving to the pressure on the ball If dispossessed win it back immediatelv |



ACTIVITY 2

Organization
$x 3$ areas of $12 \times 12$ separated with a 1 yard channel 4 vs . 2 in one area, central area has 2 defenders "on deck", far area has 4 players waiting to receive

After a set \# of passes or split the team with the ball seeks to switch it to furthest space
Defenders in middle grid initially cannot intercept, then progress to allow them to
If the ball is switched 4 vs . 2 ensues in new area
If defenders win it and can play out teams switch
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GAME
$25 \times 40$ field with $\times 4$ goals
4 vs. 4 with 4 neutrals on the flanks
Neutrals have a touch condition
Neutral must be played before a goal can be scored
Play 2-3 minute sets


Maintain possession as a priority
Move the ball to move the opponents to create the split opportunity
One player in possession, 2 players offer immediate support, 4th player offers the penetrating pass
As the ball moves so roles and responsibilities change--possession, support, mobility Respond as the ball is moving to the pressure dispossessed win it back immediatelv

Key Coaching Points
Body shape and vision must consider both immediate possession and the longer pass to space
Longer pass out must be hit with purpose and be controllable
A position on top of the grid is important to turn out of pressure or to drop the ball for a teammate faced up
Receiving 4 must shape to be available and to stretch the opponent as they step in

## Organization

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| $25 \times 40$ field with $\times 4$ goals <br> 4 vs. 4 with 4 neutrals on the flanks and on end lines Neutrals have a touch condition Attacking end line neutral must be played before a goal can be scored Play 2-3 minute sets | Be prepared to play the way you are facing and employ support neutral player <br> Be aware of spacing in order to allow passing channels to flank and advanced neutral Move the ball to move the opponents and create channel to advanced neutral <br> As ball is traveling support advanced neutral in order to find a strike at goal |
| ACTIVITY 1 |  |
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| $25 \times 40$ field with $\times 4$ goals <br> 4 vs. 4 <br> One team has a support and target player <br> One team has support flank players <br> At least one of the +2 players must be played to <br> before going to goal | Team with support and target players play the way they are facing and look to be direct Make early movement off the ball into positions for a strike at goal <br> Team with flank players must go wide to go forward <br> Movement from a wide pass should be--give and go on the blindside of opponent -give and go across the front of the opponent -aive and drop into a support position |



| ACTIVITY 2 |  |
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| $25 \times 50$ field with two small goals 5 vs. 5 <br> Every restart comes from the goalkeeper | Team shape in possession should be a diamond (GK, flanks, deep central player) <br> OR <br> (Deep central player, flanks, high central player) <br> Every pass must have corresponding movement to penetrate, support or draw opponents <br> In possession employ the GK to create an effective overload, 5 vs. 4 |
| GAME |  |
| Organization | Key Coaching Points |
| $40 \times 70$ field with two full goals <br> A central zone $40 \times 10$ is delineated <br> 7 vs. 7 (1-3-1-2) <br> Every restart comes from the goalkeeper <br> Ball must be introduced into the first third If the ball is received by midfielder or forward one deep player may release forward If the ball is received by the forward the midfielder may release | Maintain possession on the entry pass from GK by offering width and length <br> Maintain vision forward to find midfielder or forwards <br> Support the forward ball <br> Communicate the best option of player to <br> release forward <br> Forward players should identify support movement and clear and find space <br> Objective is to score from an attacking overload |

