## Topic: Small Group Training



Organization	Variations	Diagram	<b>Coaching Points</b>
Fundamental		1	
Technical "number" passing, one ball between six. Each player counts off one through six and passing is completed in numerical order. Repeat and stretch.	<ul> <li>Keep it innovative, demanding and realistic.</li> <li>Limit touches on the ball.</li> <li>Work on both short and long range passing.</li> <li>Change the order of passing (i.e., reverse order, odds then even, etc.) to increase the demand and thought process.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>✓ Body mechanics and general technique</li> <li>✓ Accuracy of pass</li> <li>✓ Speed (weight) of pass</li> <li>✓ Passes to feet and passes to space</li> <li>✓ Movement off of the ball and correct supporting angles</li> </ul>
Match Related 1			
4 v 2 passing and possession exercise (15 x 20 area or as needed).	<ul> <li>Team of 4 scores a goal by splitting the defenders or linking 6 consecutive passes together.</li> <li>Defending team switches to attack once they win the ball and link three consecutive passes together or reach a touchline safely by dribbling or combining with each other.</li> <li>Limit touches based on ability.</li> </ul>	20 yds. $X$ $O \\ X \\ O \\ X \\ O \\ X$ X X X X X X X X X	<ul> <li>✓ Speed of play and decision making</li> <li>✓ Disguise of pass to prevent telegraphing</li> <li>✓ Timing of release</li> <li>✓ Use of different surfaces of the foot for passing</li> <li>✓ Body position open to the field of play to increase options on the ball</li> </ul>



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Match Related 2				
3 v 3 six-goal exercise (20 x 30 area or as needed). Define direction for each team. Exercise focuses on width and switching the point of attack.	<ul> <li>Team in possession scores (1) point by striking a penetrating pass through one of the opponent's goals or (2) points for dribbling through.</li> <li>Team in possession may also score a point by linking 6-8 consecutive passes together.</li> <li>If necessary, limit the number of touches to increase the speed of play and movement off of the ball.</li> </ul>	30  yds.	<ul> <li>✓ Change of rhythm to exploit opportunities to penetrate</li> <li>✓ Proper movement and timing of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> man runs</li> <li>✓ Be patient and allow attacking opportunities to develop</li> <li>✓ Look for opportunities to switch the point of attack</li> </ul>	
Match Condition				
3 v 3 four-goal exercise (20 x 30 area or as needed). Define direction for each team. Exercise focuses on depth and penetrating options.	<ul> <li>Team in possession scores (1) point by striking a penetrating pass through one of the opponent's goals; (2) for dribbling through; and (3) for combining (i.e., takeover, overlap, wall pass, etc.) and scoring.</li> <li>Add a restriction that player's must be in the attacking ½ to score.</li> <li>If necessary, limit touches.</li> <li>Pull any restrictions and play.</li> </ul>	30 yds.	<ul> <li>✓ Correct shape and balance of team</li> <li>✓ Look for penetrating opportunities to pass or dribble</li> <li>✓ Keep possession and find the most efficient way possible to score</li> <li>✓ All of the above</li> </ul>	
Cool Down		1		
Players jog (dynamic movements). Stretch.	<ul> <li>Focus on major muscle groups.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>✓ Reduce Heart Rate</li> <li>✓ Static Stretching</li> <li>✓ Review Session</li> </ul>	