Topic: Small Group Training



Organization	Variations	Diagram	Coaching Points
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.	 Keep it innovative, demanding and realistic. Limit touches on the ball. Work on both short and long range passing. Change the order of passing (i.e., reverse order, odds then even, etc.) to increase the demand and thought process. 		 ✓ Body mechanics and general technique ✓ Accuracy of pass ✓ Speed (weight) of pass ✓ Passes to feet and passes to space ✓ Movement off of the ball and correct supporting angles
Match Related 1			
4 v 2 passing and possession exercise (15 x 20 area or as needed).	 Team of 4 scores a goal by splitting the defenders or linking 6 consecutive passes together. 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. Limit touches based on ability. 	20 yds. X $O \\ X \\ O \\ X \\ O \\ X$ X X X X X X X X X	 ✓ Speed of play and decision making ✓ Disguise of pass to prevent telegraphing ✓ Timing of release ✓ Use of different surfaces of the foot for passing ✓ Body position open to the field of play to increase options on the ball



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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.	 Team in possession scores (1) point by striking a penetrating pass through one of the opponent's goals or (2) points for dribbling through. Team in possession may also score a point by linking 6-8 consecutive passes together. If necessary, limit the number of touches to increase the speed of play and movement off of the ball. 	30 yds.	 ✓ Change of rhythm to exploit opportunities to penetrate ✓ Proper movement and timing of 2nd and 3rd man runs ✓ Be patient and allow attacking opportunities to develop ✓ Look for opportunities to switch the point of attack 	
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.	 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. Add a restriction that player's must be in the attacking ½ to score. If necessary, limit touches. Pull any restrictions and play. 	30 yds.	 ✓ Correct shape and balance of team ✓ Look for penetrating opportunities to pass or dribble ✓ Keep possession and find the most efficient way possible to score ✓ All of the above 	
Cool Down		1		
Players jog (dynamic movements). Stretch.	 Focus on major muscle groups. 		 ✓ Reduce Heart Rate ✓ Static Stretching ✓ Review Session 	