

Topic: Small Sided Games

Organization Warm Up	Variations/Principles	Diagram	Coaching Points
Technical dribbling work, each player with a ball (define area if needed). Stretch.	 Keep it innovative, demanding and realistic. Add disc cones as opposition in area. Vary demands on the players. For example: right foot only, left foot only, turning, etc. Implement Coerver exercises and moves. 	X• X•	 ✓ Body mechanics and technique ✓ Body shape, agility and balance ✓ Change of speed and direction ✓ Deception and disguise ✓ Shielding technique – protecting the ball
Exercise #1 3 v 3 with two small goals (20 x 30 area or as needed).	 <u>Attacking Principles</u> Quickly make playing area as big as possible – width and depth. Play the ball deep whenever possible. Maintain possession of the ball. Create chances to score goals. 	30 yds. X • X O 0 X 0 20 yds.	 Attacking: ✓ Triangle shape with width and depth to provide safe passing ✓ Angles of support ✓ Combination play – ability to penetrate with 2 player combinations Defending: ✓ Shape is compact ✓ Pressure, cover and depth when ball is central ✓ Pressure, cover and balance when ball is wide ✓ Delay – provide time to get numbers back behind the ball



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Exercise #2			
4 v 4 with end zones (30 x 40 area with 5 yard wide end zones or as needed).	 <u>Defending Principles</u> Quickly make playing area as small as possible. Depending on situation: move toward the ball (press), towards own goal (delay) or toward the flanks (squeeze). Immediate pressure on the ball. Mark tighter near the ball. Mark looser away from the ball. Maintain depth and balance. 	5 yds. 40 yds. X O X O X O S yds. 30 yds.	 Attacking: ✓ Diamond shape ✓ Angles and timing of support ✓ Combination play with 2nd and 3rd man runs Defending: ✓ Team shape – compact ✓ Pressure, cover and balance ✓ Delay to get numbers behind the ball
Exercise #3			
5 v 5 with goalkeepers to two large goals (40 x 50 area or as needed).	TransitionDefending:• Nearest player applies immediate pressure.• Remaining players recover behind the ball.Attacking:• Penetrate with the ball immediately.• Immediate support around the ball.• Make the field as large as possible.	50 yds. 6 v 6 The GAME 40 yds.	 Attacking: ✓ Diamond shape with a central player ✓ Central player connects sides, back and front ✓ Role of central player Defending: ✓ Team shape – compact ✓ Collective defending with ball movement ✓ Counter attack
Cool Down			
Players jog (dynamic movements). Stretch.	 Focus on major muscle groups. 		 ✓ Reduce Heart Rate ✓ Static Stretching ✓ Review Session