

Topic: **Team Pressing**

Organization	Variations	Diagram	Coaching Points
Unrestricted			
Groups of three, one ball between three (define space if necessary). Stretch.	 1 v 2 shadow pressing. Force play one direction or another while making play predictable. 1 v 2 defend the wall pass. Eliminate passing lanes to the 2nd attacker or deny the wall pass combination. 1 v 2 live play. Rotate players on time. In "live play," rotate players when the defender wins the ball. 	X• O	 ✓ Immediate pressure and angle of approach ✓ Quick reactions and ability to close and deny space immediately ✓ Proper body position and shape with respect to the ball ✓ Make play predictable and deny penetration
Restricted			
6 v 3 (20 x 30 area or as needed). Three teams of three – each in a different color (i.e., red, yellow and blue).	 6 players [outside] the area keep possession and play a maximum of two touches. Three defenders in the middle try to press the ball and force a loss of possession. Rotate players after time. 6 v 3 [inside] the area (increase space to 25 x 40). Limit touches if necessary. Change possession with loss of possession. 	R 30 yds. R B Y B Y 20 yds.	 ✓ Proper defensive shape and balance – deny penetrating channels ✓ Defend collectively and with a purpose ✓ Cues from the attacking team (i.e., poor first touch, ball in the air, ball played back, throw-in deep in their own half, etc.) ✓ Intercept pass, dribble or shot – win the ball!



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