

Topic: U8 Dribbling and Passing Games

Organization	Variations	Diagram	Coaching Points
Game I			
Follow the Leader (shadow dribbling). Full team – in pairs, each player with a ball (30 x 40 area). Stretch.	 Players begin by dribbling any direction inside the area – one partner leading and the other closely following. Every 30 seconds (on the coach's command) switch roles and the leader becomes the follower. Right foot only, left foot, outside of right and left, inside of the feet, etc. Introduce Coerver moves as technical ball skill and mastery improves. 	40 yds. X • X • X X • X • X 30 yds.	 ✓ Ball control and mastery ✓ Change of direction and speed ✓ Quick reactions ✓ Keep your head up while maintaining vision of the ball, players and field ✓ Intrinsic motivation
Game II			
Gate Game. Full team – in pairs, each pair with a ball (30 x 40 area). In the area, the coach randomly places 8-12 small goals (gates). Each gate is approximately three yards wide.	 Each pair of players attempts to play as many passes to each other (through the gates) as possible in 60 seconds. Players cannot pass through the same gate on consecutive passes. Repeat, and then challenge the players to improve on their previous score. Rotate partners. Right foot only, left foot, outside of right and left, etc. 	40 yds. X X X X X X X X X X X X X	 ✓ Proper technique and accuracy of the pass ✓ Speed of play (pass) ✓ Change of direction ✓ Receiving and passing to feet versus space ✓ Verbal and visual communication and cooperation



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