





Holden Youth Soccer --- U8 --- Week Six

Activity 1	Activity Description	Coaching Considerations
	<p>Paint the Field- Passing: In pairs, players will pass the soccer ball back and forth in a 20x25 yard grid. Explain to the players that their soccer ball is a paint brush and wherever it rolls it will paint the area. Their task is to pass (kick) the soccer ball to paint as much of the grid as possible in the allotted time.</p> <p>Version 2: Tell the players to use the other foot</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passing and receiving technique • Weight of the pass • Ability to pass through traffic • Communication and mobility of the players <p>Time: 6 minutes</p>
Activity 2	Activity Description	Coaching Considerations
	<p>British Bulldog: All players are dribbling a soccer ball from one end to the other end of a 20x25 yard grid. The coach begins as the "bulldog" and tries to kick the dribbling players' soccer balls out of the grid. Once a player's soccer ball is kicked out of the grid, he/she becomes a "bulldog". Coach: Have players change direction and accelerate away. Have players demonstrate a move and accelerate away. Version 2: Players who dribble the soccer ball close to their feet do not get attacked by the bulldog.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing speed and direction • Running with the ball • Keep the ball close • 1v1 defending <p>Time: 8 minutes</p>
Activity 3	Activity Description	Coaching Considerations
	<p>Doctor, Doctor: Divide the group into two teams. Send them to their hospital (corner boxes). Each team selects a doctor. He/she will cure (unfreeze) his/her team's players. Teams try to freeze each other by hitting the players with their soccer balls below knees or striking their balls. When frozen, players must put ball above head, remain in place, and yell "Doctor, Doctor". The Doctor is without a ball, and is safe in the hospital, but when he comes out, he can be frozen. When the doctor is frozen the game is over.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dribbling Technique • Protect the ball • Passing technique • Weight and accuracy of the pass <p>Time: 8 minutes</p>
Activity 4	Activity Description	Coaching Considerations
	<p>3v3 to Small Goals: Divide the 20x25 yard grid into to equal grids of 12x20 yards. Place a 3yard goal with cones on each end line. Players will score by dribbling or passing through the goal they are attacking.</p> <p>Coach: If you have extra players, make sure you sub them in.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application of dribbling, passing-receiving and shooting technique under pressure • 1v1 defending • Decision making <p>Time: 8 minutes</p>
Scrimmage	Activity Description	Time



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4v4 - Dual Field Scrimmage

Set up two fields of 20x20 yards with a 5yd space between them in order to keep the majority of your team playing.

30 minutes