**GOAL:** Improve scoring goals - 1

**PLAYER ACTIONS**
Shoot, Pass or Dribble forward, Create a 2v1 or 1v1

**KEY QUALITIES**
Make decisions, Take initiative, Optimal technical abilities

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**OBJECTIVE:** To create scoring chances to score goals.

**PLAYER ACTIONS:** Shoot, Pass or Dribble forward.

**ORGANIZATION:** In the attacking half of the 11v11 field set up two 30Wx45L fields with a small goal at each end. Play 1v1, 2v1, 2v2 up to 5v5/4v4. Play 3 rounds for a total of 20 minutes. Play with kick-ins and dribble-ins when the ball goes out of bounds.

**KEY WORDS:** Opening, Shoot, Pass, Dribble, and Help.

**GUIDED QUESTIONS:** 1. When should we shoot at goal? 2. How can we move the defenders to create an opening to goal? 3. When confronted by one defender what should we do?


**Note:** First break, the coach asks questions to the players, players do not answer them but play to discover the answers. Second break, the coach asks questions and players will answer them.

**ORGANIZATION:** In the attacking half of an 11v11 field, set up a 70Wx36L field with a regular goal and a 2 yard End Zone. The 6 Blue attackers score in the regular goal, Red team scores by dribbling the ball into the end zone or connecting a pass to a teammate in the end zone. Rotate players and GK's every round.

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**KEY WORDS:** Opening, Shoot, Pass, Dribble, and Help.

**GUIDED QUESTIONS:** 1. When should we shoot at goal? 2. If the defenders block the way to goal, how can you create or find an opening? 3. When is a good time to help and combine?

**ANSWERS:** 1. When we find or create an opening - 2. By passing the ball to a teammate or dribbling it to create an opening - 3. When we become a passing option creating a 2v1.

**Note:** Switch to the Less Challenging activity if it is too difficult or to the More Challenging if it is too easy.

**ORGANIZATION:** In the attacking half of an 11v11 field, set up two 30Wx45L fields with a small goal at each end. 1v11. If the defenders block the way to goal, how can you create or find an opening to goal? 2. When confronted by one defender what should we do? 3. When is a good time to help and combine?


**Note:** Switch to this activity if the Core is too difficult for the players.

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**Note:** Switch to this activity if the Core is too easy for the players.
**OBJECTIVE:** To create scoring chances to score goals.

**PLAYER ACTIONS:** Pass or dribble forward, Spread out, Support and Create a 2v1 or 1v1.

**ORGANIZATION:** In an 11v11 field (70wx120L) play 9v9. The Blue team will play in 1-2-3-3 formation and the Red team will play in 1-4-2-2 formation.

**KEY WORDS:** Opening, Pass, Dribble, Get open and Help to combine.

**GUIDED QUESTIONS:** 1. When should we shoot at goal? 2. What can we do if we can't find an opening? 3. When is a good time to help and combine?

**ANSWERS:** 1. When we are in range and find or create an opening - 2. We possess the ball by passing it to a teammate or dribble it to create or find an opening - 3. When we have a 2v1 situation.

Note – All Laws of the game and US Soccer Player Development Initiatives (PDI) are in effect.

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**Five Elements of a Training Activity**

1. **Organized:** Is the activity organized in the right way?

2. **Game-like:** Is the activity game-like?

3. **Repetition:** Is there repetition, when looking at the overall goal of the training session?

4. **Challenging:** Are the players being challenged? (Is there the right balance between being successful and unsuccessful?)

5. **Coaching:** Is there effective coaching based on the age and level of the players?

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**Training Session Self-Reflection Questions**

1. How did you do in achieving the goal of the training session?

2. What did you do well?

3. What could you do better?