**GOAL:** Improve Scoring Goals - 2

**PLAYER ACTIONS**
Shoot, Pass/dribble forward, Create 2v1 or 1v1

**KEY QUALITIES**
Understand the game, Take initiative, Optimal technical abilities

### PRACTICE (Core Activity): 5v4 to Goal and One Target Player

**OBJECTIVE:** To score goals.

**ORGANIZATION:** Set up a 40Wx26L field with two regular goals as shown in the diagram. Select 4 Blue attackers plus a GK and 3 Red defenders and their GK. Both teams score in the opponent’s goal. Play with a build out line. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.

**KEY WORDS:** Finish, Combine, Take him/her on.

**GUIDED QUESTIONS:** 1. What should you do if you have the ball with an opening to goal? 2. Why should we pass forward? 3. How should we dribble the opponent near the box to set up a shot?

**ANSWERS:** 1. Shoot the ball at the goal. 2. To get the ball through and behind defenders to create a chance to shoot. 3. Dribble at him/her, execute a fake, accelerate past him/her and shoot.

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

### PRACTICE (More Challenging): 6v5 to Goal & Target Player

**OBJECTIVE:** To score goals.

**ORGANIZATION:** Set up a 40Wx26L field with two regular goals as shown in the diagram. Select 5 Blue attackers plus a GK and 4 Red defenders and a GK. Both teams score in the opponent’s goal. Play with a build out line. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.

**KEY WORDS:** Finish, Combine, Take him/her on.

**GUIDED QUESTIONS:** 1. What should you do if you have the ball with an opening to goal? 2. Why should we pass forward? 3. How should we dribble the opponent near the box to set up a shot?

**ANSWERS:** 1. Shoot the ball at the goal. 2. To get the ball through and behind defenders to create a chance to shoot. 3. Dribble at him/her, execute a fake, accelerate past him/her and shoot.

**Note:** Switch to this activity if the CORE is not challenging enough.
**OBJECTIVE:** To score goals.

**ORGANIZATION:** In a 7v7 field (40wx60L) play 6v6. The Blue team will play in 1-1-3-1 formation and the Red team will play in 1-3-2 formation.

**KEY WORDS:** Finish, Combine, Take him/her on.

**GUIDED QUESTIONS:**
1. What should you do if you have the ball with an opening to goal?
2. Why should we combine forward?
3. How should we dribble the opponent near the box to set up a shot?

**ANSWERS:**
1. Shoot the ball at the goal.
2. To get the ball through, around and behind defenders to create a chance to shoot.
3. Dribble at him/her, execute a fake, accelerate past him/her and shoot.

**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**

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**Training Session Self-Reflection Questions**

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