GOAL: Improve Scoring Goals - 2

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

KEY QUALITIES: Read the game, Take initiative, Optimal technical abilities

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OBJECTIVE: To create chances and score goals.

ORGANIZATION: Set up two or more 23Wx35L fields with a goal at each end with Goalkeepers. Play 1v1, 2v1 up to 4v4. Play for 20 minutes with 2 minute breaks. Play with kick-ins or dribble-ins when the ball goes out of bounds.

KEY WORDS: Finish, Pass or combine, Take opponents.

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. When should you shoot? 2. What should you do if confronted by a defender? 3. What should you do if you find an opening?

ANSWERS: 1. We have the ball and can see the goal through an opening 2. Dribble at them, either take him on or pass the ball. 3. We should pass forward, dribble forward or shoot at goal.

Note - First break: Coach asks questions, players do not answer but play to discover them. Second break: Coach asks questions and players share the answers.

PRACTICE (Core Activity): 5v5 to Goal and Two Counter Goals |

DURATION: 20 min --- INTERVALS: 3 --- ACTIVITY: 5 min --- REST: 1.5 min

OBJECTIVE: To create chances and score goals.

ORGANIZATION: Set up a 40Wx32L field with a regular goal and one counter goal as shown in the diagram. Select 5 Blue attackers and 4 Red defenders and their GK. Blue team scores in the regular goal, Red team scores in either of the two counter goals. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.

KEY WORDS: Finish, Pass or combine, Take opponents.

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. When should you shoot? 2. When should you dribble forward? 3. What should you do if you find an opening?

ANSWERS: 1. When we have an opening to goal. 2. When we have an opening or one opponent in front with no defenders behind. 3. We should pass forward, dribble forward or shoot at goal.

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

PRACTICE (Less Challenging): 4v4 to Goals & 2 Counter Goals |

DURATION: 20 min --- INTERVALS: 4 --- ACTIVITY: 4 min --- REST: 1 min

OBJECTIVE: To create chances and score goals.

ORGANIZATION: Set up a 40Wx32L field with a regular goal and one counter goal as shown in the diagram. Select 5 Blue attackers and 3 Red defenders and their GK. Blue team scores in the regular goal, Red scores in either of the two counter goals. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.

KEY WORDS: Finish, Pass or combine, Take opponents.

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. When should you shoot? 2. When should you dribble forward? 3. What should you do if you find an opening?

ANSWERS: 1. When we have an opening to goal. 2. When we have an opening or one opponent in front with no defenders behind. 3. We should pass forward, dribble forward or shoot at goal.

Note – Switch to this activity if the CORE is too difficult for the players.

PRACTICE (More Challenging): 6v6 to Goal & 2 Counter Goals |

DURATION: 20 min --- INTERVALS: 3 --- ACTIVITY: 5 min --- REST: 1.5 min

OBJECTIVE: To create chances and score goals.

ORGANIZATION: Set up a 40Wx32L field with a regular goal and one counter goal as shown in the diagram. Select 6 Blue attackers and 5 Red defenders and their GK. Blue team scores in the regular goal, Red team scores in either of the two counter goals. Rotate players every interval. All Laws of the game in effect.

KEY WORDS: Finish, Pass or combine, Take on opponents.

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. When should you shoot? 2. When should you dribble forward? 3. What should you do if you find an opening?

ANSWERS: 1. When we have an opening to goal. 2. When we have an opening or one opponent in front with no defenders behind. 3. We should pass forward, dribble forward or shoot at goal.

Note – Switch to this activity if the CORE is not challenging enough.
OBJECTIVE: To create chances and score goals.

ORGANIZATION: In a 50Wx80L field play 8v8. The Blue team will play in 1-3-3-1 formation and the Red team will play in 1-3-3-1 formation.

KEY WORDS: Finish, Pass or combine, Take on opponents.

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. When should you shoot? 2. When should you dribble forward? 3. What should you do if you find an opening?

ANSWERS: 1. When we have an opening to goal. 2. When we have an opening or one opponent in front with no defenders behind. 3. We should pass forward, dribble forward or shoot at goal.

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

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?

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?