GOAL | Improve Passing forward to score goals | Key Qualities | Take initiative, understand the game
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Age Group | 8-U | Team Tactical Principles | Pass or Dribble Forward, Spread Out, Support the Attack

**PLAY - SMALL SIDED GAMES**

**Objectives:** Let the players play the game. To pass or dribble forward to get past opponents and score goals.

**Organization:** Set up 2-3 fields 15W x 20L w/a goal at each end. As players arrive to the field start to play 2v1, 2v2, up to 3v3 games.

**Time:** 4 games of 2 mins, 30 sec rest, activity duration is 10 min.

**Rules:** Begin game w/a kick off. Out of bounds, pass or dribble ball in. Let players have free play.

**Key Words:** Go score, move up the field, go help, find an opening (path) to the goal

**Guided Questions:** How can you tell players understand when to go forward (attack)? How can you make the games easier or harder?

**Answers:** When players have the ball they are trying to get the ball forward through an opening to the goal to score. Play uneven numbered games like 2v1, 3v1 or 3v2.

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**PLAY - LET THEM PLAY**

**Objective:** Team with the ball tries to pass & dribble forward past opponents to score goals.

**Organization:** On a 25W x 35L field w/a small goal at each end. Play 4v4.

**Time:** Game is for 30 min, 2 halves of 10 min with 5 min of rest after each half.

**Rules:** All modified 4v4 rules apply.

**Key Words:** Find an opening, get through, go score

**Guided Questions:** When should players pass? How can you recognize players are engaged in the game?

**Answers:** Pass to a teammate when a teammate is in an opening to the goal, has more open space to the goal, or that teammate can shoot right away. Players are paying attention, and trying to score goals to win the game.