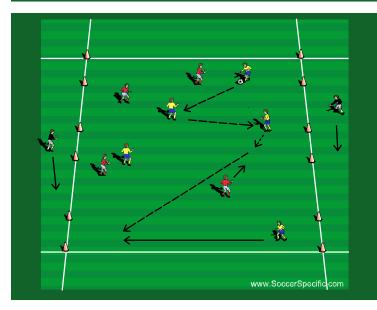
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ACTIVITY #1

Set up: Technical Warm-up: 12 Players; Unrestricted space. **Instructions:** Part 1- All players have a ball. Dribbling. Show players a couple of moves to change direction and shift area of play with the dribble.

Part 2 - Passing. 3 groups of 4. Each group has a ball. Start with passing and moving. Vary touch restrictions. Add sequential passing. End with a 3 v 1 exercise.

Coaching Points:

- 1. Vision Creativity.
- 2. Eye Contact.
- 3. Sharp, accurate passes.
- 4. Support play angle, options.

ACTIVITY #2

Set up: Small - Sided Activity: 12 players; 3 teams of 4; Area: 25 yards x 30 yards.

Instructions: Two teams of 4 play against each other. 5 gates are set up withing the area and players score points in a variety of ways. Play 3 minute games and rotate teams.

- 1. Point is scored by passing through gate to a teammate
- 2. Point is scored by dribbling through gate

* Cannot score back to back goals in the same gate.

Coaching Points:

- 1. Quality of first touch.
- 2. Crisp passing.
- 3. Support in relation to the ball.

4. Don't force through gate. Can we keep possession and switch point of attack?

5. All Above Points.

ACTIVITY #3

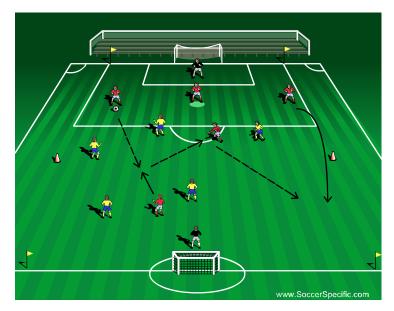
Set up: Expanded Small-Sided Activity: Directional. Two teams of 6; Area 35 yards x 50 yards. 5 reds play against 5 yellows. There are 6 goals, three yards wide. Behind the goals is a goalkeeper who can be played back to relieve pressure (if applicable). The GK may also 'step' in front of the gate to make a save against opposing team.

Instructions: Teams maintain possession, looking for moments to switch the area of play and find numerical advantages. A goal is scored by ball passing through one of the three gates. 1 point for central goal, 2 points for wide goals.

Coaching Points:

- 1. Choice of pass.
- 2. Open body shape.
- 3. First touch aggressive to get behind defender.
- 4. Can we change the point of attack early?
- 5. All above points.

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ACTIVITY #4

Set up: Final Activity: The Game; 6 v 6; Area: 44 yards x 60 yards.

Instructions: Play the game, no restrictions. Organize teams into 1:2:3 and 1:3:2. Look for quick switches and encourage team to take chances once accomplished.

Coaching Points:

1. See all points above.