

Improve the techniques of passing, dribbling \& shooting
Shoot \& Pass or Dribble Forward
Take initiative, be pro-active

Duration: $12 \mathrm{~min} . |$|  | Activity Time: | 3 min. | Rest Time: | 1 min. |
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| Intervals: | 3 |  |  |  | As players arrive, play Small Sided Games (1v1 -4v4) please visit http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/coaches/play_practice_play/ for full description



Red Light - Green Light:
Organization: In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, a small cone goal in each corner \& all players with a soccer ball dribbling within the space. The coach(es) walk around the space. When the coach says "red light", the players must stop their ball. If the coach says "green light", the players must dribble again. If a player cannot stop their ball, they must dribble through any goal then start playing again. Coach controls the frequency of the lights to allow the players time to respond.
Variations: Yellow Light-dribble slow, Blue Light-5 toe taps on the ball. Purple Light-hop on 1 foot around the ball.
Rules: On Green Light, the players are trying to dribble toward the coach. Once the coach is tagged, start a new game.
Key Words: Laces, Outside (of the foot), Inside (of the foot), Bottom (of the foot)
Guided Questions: Are the players able to stop the ball? Are all players able to use different surfaces of their feet?
Answers: Get close to the ball and softly touch the top of the ball with the bottom of the foot. Use terms like big toe and pinky toe instead of inside and outside of the foot.

| Duration: | 8 min. | Activity Time: | 45 sec. | Rest Time: | 5 sec. | Intervals: |
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Organization: In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, with a cone goal in every corner \& every player with a soccer ball. All but 2 players are trying to dribble their soccer ball into as many goals as possible. 2 players do not try to score but try to WRECK the goal scores point. If a Wreck It Ralph hits a goal scorer's ball with their own, they demolish all the points and the goal scorer has to start scoring over again.
Rules: Play begins when coach says, "GO". Score by dribbling your ball through any of the 4 goals
Key Words: Go forward, dribble to goal, protect your ball
Guided Question: What do you do to protect your ball?
Where do you have to point your toe if you want your laces to kick the ball?
Answers: Put your body in the way to block it from the opponents (hide it/shielding).
Point your toe to the ground and push the ball in front with your laces.

Duration: 9 min. $\quad$ Activity Time: 120 sec. $\quad$ Rest Time: 20 sec. | Intervals: | 12 |
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## Lightning McQueen vs Jackson Storm:

Organization: In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, a cone goal in every corner, the coach starts at the center of a side line with all the soccer balls. Divide the group into 2 teams; Team McQueen vs Team Storm. One team on the coach's right \& one on the left. A player from each team goes after the ball and tries to score by striking the ball into any of the 4 goals
Rules: Play starts when the coach passes a ball onto the field. Coach can make the game $1 \mathrm{v} 1,2 \mathrm{v} 1$ or 2 v 2 by telling the teams prior to kicking a ball onto the field. Team's get 1,000 points if they can score a goal. Once a goal is score or if the ball goes out of play, game over and coach serves a new ball out for the next player(s) to play.
Key Words: Find the open goal, go fast towards it
Guided Question: What can you do to trick the
opponent?
When would you use the bottom of your foot?
Answer: Pretend to go to one goal then change
direction to go to the other.
Use the bottom of your foot to stop the ball or to change directions (pull back).

| $2^{\text {nd. }}$ PLAY PHASE: The Game - 4 v 4 | Duration: 24 min. | Activity Time: | 10 min. | Rest Time: | 2 min. | Intervals: |
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| Duration: 8 min. | Activity Time: | 45 sec. | Rest Time: | 15 sec. | Intervals: | 8 |
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Organization: In a 15Wx20L grid, Tiggers start without a soccer ball \& can only hop/skip to avoid getting hit. The Rabbits start with a ball, can dribble \& try to pass their ball to hit the Tiggers below their knees. (simply switch the roles of the players from Cats in Hats). Coach can start as Tiggers or select up to $1 / 2$ the team to be Tiggers.
Rules: Players begin dribbling as soon as the first Tigger makes one hop. Rabbits get 10,000 pts for every Tigger they can hit. Each round, switch who are the Rabbits and who are the Tiggers.
Key Words: Kick the ball toward your teammate
Guided Question: Why should you get close to the Tiggers before you try to hit them?
What part of your foot should you use when trying to hit the Tiggers?
Answers: It makes it easier to hit the Tiggers if you are closer to them.
Point your toe to the side and kick through the middle of the ball with the inside of your foot.

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## Good Minions vs Evil Minions:

Organization: In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, 2 teams- 1 team of Good Minions; without a soccer ball \& 1 team of Evil Minions; with soccer balls. Evil Minions try to dribble the soccer ball and zap the Good Minions by hitting them below the knee with the ball. Good Minions try not to get hit.
Rules: Players begin as soon as the first Evil Minion starts to dribble. If an Evil Minion hits a Good Minion, the Evil becomes Good and the good becomes Evil. The new Evil Minion gets a soccer ball. Who are the Good Minions at the end of the interval?
Key Words: Accuracy (Aim), Pace (Speed) \& Weight (Strength)
Guided Question: If you are a Good Minion, how can you avoid the Evil Minions?
How can you get more power in your kick?
Answers: If you keep moving, it will be harder for the Evil Minions to zap you with their soccer ball.
When striking the ball far, give a big swing with the kicking leg and follow through the ball.
2. What did you do well?
3.What could you do better?


## 4 Surfaces Dribbling-Explore the Jungle:

Organization: In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, which includes a 3 yard end zone on each end line and each player with a ball. Have the players use 4 surfaces in 1 fluid motion \& in order: Outside of foot (pinky toe)-Inside of foot (big toe)-laces \& bottom. Once the ball has been stopped, have them try it with the other foot. Players move throughout the grid toward each end zone
Rules: Play begins as soon as the coach calls out a surface. After 2 rounds, see if the players can shout out the surfaces as they use them.
Key Words: Outside (pinky toe), Inside (big toe), Laces, Bottom
Guided Questions: Did the players enjoy this activity?
Was there lots of movement from all the players?
Answers: Play for short periods of time. Challenge them to get use as many surfaces as they can in a shorter period of time.
Ask the players to move around the space as they use the surfaces.


| Duration: 8 min. | Activity Time: | 30 sec. | Rest Time: | 30 sec. | Intervals: | 8 |
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## Hungry, Hungry Hippos:

Organization: In a 15Wx20L grid, which includes a 3 yard end zone on each end line and each player with a soccer ball. The coaches start as Hungry Hippos in the river. Players dribble their soccer ball across the river to the river's edge (end zone) while avoiding Hippos. When the players cross \& the Hippos can touch their soccer ball, they join hands with the Hippo to make the Hippo grow. How many times can the dribblers cross the river in 30 seconds.
Rules: Play begins when the coach says the "the Hippos dare you to cross the river". Hippos should not be bigger than 4 players.
Key Words: Avoid Hippos, take big touches
Guided Questions: Did the dribblers understand where they need to go (river's edge)?
Where should you go if you see a hippo in front of you?
Answers: Play without hippos in the first round. Let the players dribble across to see the end zone (river's edge) they are trying to get to.
Use different surfaces of the foot to move the ball around the hippos.
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| U6 / 4v4 | MOMENT | Attacking | DURATION | 60 MIN |  |  |
| Duration: 12 min. | Activity Time: | 3 min. | Rest Time: | 1 min. | Intervals: | 3 |

## Bulldogs Hunting for Milk-Bones:

Organization: In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, all the players with a soccer ball (the Bulldogs) \& the coaches are the guards of the milk-bones. The players dribble their ball and try to hit the coach below the knees to score a milk-bone.
Rules: Play starts when the coach asks, "does anyone want a milk-bone?" Coaches can only walk. Whoever scores the most milk-bones wins the round.
Key Words: Make the ball move faster with bigger kicks
Guided Questions: Did all the players have a chance to win a milk-bone at least once?
How can you get the players to use different surfaces of the foot to pass?
Answers: The coach can walk closer to the players who need more help so it is easier for them to get the prize. Award extra milk-bones if a player can hit the coach using surface other than the toe.

| $2^{\text {nd. }}$ PLAY PHASE: The Game $-4 v 4$ |
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## Bulldogs vs Dog Catchers:

Organization: In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, with a 5 yard zone in the middle \& 2 goals on 1 end line: divide the players into 2 teams; Bulldogs vs Dog Catchers. Coach stands between the goals with all the soccer balls. One team starts on the coach's right the other on his left. Coach plays a ball onto the field. 1 player from each team chases it. Whoever gets it tries to score in their opponent's goal.
Rules: Game starts when the coach passes a ball onto the field. Score with feet.
Key Words: Turn to score, Shoot
Guided Questions: Are the players trying to score from far away or very close to the goal? Can the players strike the ball from greater distances?
Answers: If they players are dribbling into the goal, award more points for goals scored from your middle zone on the field.
Point your toe down, make a big swing with your kicking foot \& try to hit the ball with your laces to make the ball go further.

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## Sid the Sloth vs Crash \& Eddy:

Organization: In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, 2 cone goals on each end line, the players (Crash \& Eddy the possums) try to dribble their soccer ball anywhere in the grid \& avoid Sid the Sloth. (coaches are Sid the Sloths \& can only walk): Crash \& Eddy try to dribble their soccer ball into as many goals as they can without getting tagged by Sid.
Rules: play begins when Crash \& Eddy are on the field. Crash \& Eddy get 1000 pts for every goal they can score by dribbling through. If they get tagged by Sid the Sloth, they lose all their pts and have to begin counting over.
Key Words: go around Sid, push the ball forward
Guided Questions: When do you want to go fast with the soccer ball?
Why would you use your laces to get away?
Answers: When Sid is chasing you, go faster with the ball.
If you point your toe down you can use your laces for longer/stronger touches on the ball to accelerate.


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## Saber tooth Squirrels (Scrat) Acorn Hunt:

Organization: In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, 2 cone goals on each end line, select 2 players to be Scrats, all other players have a soccer ball: the players try to dribble their soccer ball (acorn) anywhere in the grid \& avoid the Scrats.
The Scrats try to steal the acorns and hide them in any of the 4 goals (trees). Dribblers can steal their ball back from the Scrats or from the goal.
Rules: Play begins as soon as the Scrats enter the field. Scrats get 1 pt . for every ball they take to a goal. Any dribbler with a ball on the field after 90 seconds gets 1000 pts (even if they have to steal it back from a goal).
Key Words: Head up, keep your acorn away from Scrats.
Guided Questions: what can you do to avoid the Scrats?
Why is it important to dribble with your head up?
Answers: Turn away from them and accelerate.
Dribble with your head up to see where the Scrats are.
2. What did you do well?
3. What could you do better?




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| Take initiative, be pro-active |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U6 / 4v4 | MOMENT | Attacking | DURATION | 60 MIN |  |  |  |  |
| Duration: 12 min. | Activity Time: | 3 min. | Rest Time: | 1 min. | Intervals: | 3 |  |  |

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| PRACTICE (Activity 1): | Duration: 8 min. | Activity Time: | 40 sec. | Rest Time: | 20 sec. | Intervals: |
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## Sailing the Seas:

Organization: In a $15 W \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, all the players with a soccer ball (ships) \& the coaches the (ship's captain). The players dribble their ball and will change speed or direction based on the weather; high winds, go fast, no wind, go slow, hurricane, dribble in a circle, rogue wave, go backward. Each round, add a new direction, command or combine movements.
Rules: Play starts when the coach says, "ahoy mates, set sail".
Key Words: Keep the ball close, softer touches to slow the ball down
Guided Questions: What if the players are not engaged in the activity?
How can you help the players get more repetitions?
Answers: Use your imagination \& the theme of the activity to tell a story \& make the game more of an adventure.
After calling out a weather condition, allow the players time to respond and get the repetitions you desire.

| PRACTICE (Activity 2): | Duration: | 8 min . | Activity Time: | 30 sec. | Rest Time: | 30 sec . | Intervals: |  |
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## Pirates of the Caribbean: <br> Organization: In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, (the ship), place all the players one end line without a soccer ball (Captain

 Jack Sparrows). All soccer balls (cannon balls) are lined up on either side of the grid. Captain Jacks will try to run to the other side of the ship without getting hit by a cannon ball below the knee. Coaches (Barbosa) will start as the shooters.Rules: When the coach yells, "make it across or walk the plank" the players start across the grid. Pirates who get hit become Barbosas too. Hits below the knee change players from Pirates to Barbosas.
Key Words: Pass with the inside of your foot or your laces
Guided Questions: What do you do before striking the ball?
Where can you go if Captain Jack is too far away?
Answers: Light the fuse by moving the ball to the side before striking it.
Use the inside or outside of your foot to move the ball down the field before striking it at Captain Jack.


## Bruce the Shark \& Nemo:

Organization: In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, select $1-3$ players to be Bruce the Sharks without a ball (coaches can start as sharks too). The rest of the players are Nemo or Dori. They all have a ball \& start at one end of the grid. They have to swim (dribble their ball to the other side without losing their soccer ball to Bruce the Shark.
Rules: Game starts when Sharks yell, "Nemo, Nemo cross my ocean". Once a dribbler has reached the other side, he/she is safe.
Key Words: run with your ball, stop your ball
Guided Questions: What is a schemer?
How do you know where to cross the ocean?
Answers: The player who patiently watches \& waits for the best moment to go.
Play with your head up, move across the shore and look for the best place to cross.

| $2^{\text {nd. }}$ PLAY PHASE: The Game - 4v4 | Duration: | 24 min. | Activity Time: | 10 min . | Rest Time: | 2 min. |  | 2 |
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Pass, Dribble Forward or Steal the Ball

| - | 11/ | AGE GROUP | U6 / 4v4 |  |  | MOMENT | Att./Def. | DURATION | 60 MIN |  |
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| $1^{\text {st }}$ PLAY PHASE (intentional Free Play) |  |  | Duration: | 12 min . | Activity Time: | 3 min . | Rest Time: | 1 min . | vals: | 3 |

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Driving Through the Moving Tunnel:
Organization: In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, 2 coaches are joined by holding a pinny between them. They walk around the field to create a moving tunnel. Each player dribbles their soccer ball. The dribblers try to dribble or pass their ball through the tunnel. Count the number of times each can play their soccer ball through the tunnel in 1 minute. If needed, select to players to make a second tunnel so the dribblers have more chances to score. Remember to change the players after each interval.
Rules: Play begins as soon as the moving tunnel starts moving. Players must stay within the grid. Coach can award bonus points for dribbling with different surfaces of the foot.
Key Words: Move toward the tunnel. Watch out traffic around the tunnel.
Guided Questions: Did the players have a lot of chances to get through the tunnel?
What should you do if you see the tunnel is open?
Answers: The coaches can move closer to the players who are struggling to score or further away from the players who have scored more.
If you see that the tunnel is near \& open, point your toe down to push the ball in front of you so you can run through the tunnel.


## Police Patrol:

Organization: In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, select $2-3$ players to start as the (Police Patrol); they should wear pinnies. The rest of the players dribble their soccer ball with their feet (like crazy drivers). The police patrol dribble their soccer ball and try to ticket the crazy drivers by either hitting the driver's soccer ball with their ball or tagging the crazy drivers. Police patrol count the number of tickets they can give in 1 minute.
Rules: Play begins as soon as the coach says, "police are on patro!!". Players must stay within the grid. Coaches can start as the Police Patrol.
Key Words: Dribble fast away from the police patrol or put your body in the way to hide your ball (shielding).
Guided Questions: What should the crazy drivers do if their soccer ball gets away from them?
How do you know where the police patrol is?
Answers: Use softer touches to keep the ball close.
Dribble with your head up to see where the patrol is.
$2^{\text {nd. }}$ PLAY PHASE: The Game - 4 v 4

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## Crushing Monster Trucks:

Organization: In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ grid, select $2-3$ players to be Monster Trucks (no soccer ball). All other players dribble their ball around the grid \& avoid the Trucks. The Trucks are trying to smash (kick) the soccer balls out of the grid. If a ball gets smashed out of the grid, the dribbler must go get it \& re-enter the game. Coach can ask them to complete a task before re-entering such as 5 toe taps. Count the number of smashed trucks at the end of an interval.
Rules: Play begins as soon as the coach says, "let the crushing begin!". Players must stay within the grid.
Key Words: dribble forward, turn away from monster trucks and the sidelines.
Guided Questions: What can you do if the same player keeps getting his/her ball kicked out?
What can you do if you see a monster truck coming to kick your ball away?
Answers: The coach can be a monster truck \& encourage the player from staying away from the coach. You can also select that player to be a truck.
Use the inside or outside of your foot to move your ball out of the way of the Monster Trucks.

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