

GOAL: Improve preventing the opponent from scoring goals - 1 Decision making, focus, take initiative **PLAYER ACTIONS** 

**KEY QUALITIES** Protect the goal, press/cover, make it and keep it compact

**AGE GROUP** 1V1, 2V1, 2V2...3V3 U9-U10 / 7V7 / 12 Players 9 min

24

Defending Rest time:

Rest time:

**DURATION** 30 sec Intervals

Intervals

2 min

60 min 3

6

As players arrive, play Small Sided Games (1v1 -4v4)



2v3 TO A REGULAR GOAL AND A CONE GOAL:

OBJECTIVE: To prevent the opponent from scoring.

ORGANIZATION: Set up a 24Wx20L yard field with a regular goal on one end line and a 10 yard cone goal on the opposite end line. After receiving the ball, Red team attacks to score in the regular goal and the Blue team scores by dribbling through the cone goal. Play until one team scores. Afterwards, start a new 2v3 game. KEY WORDS: Defend the goal, pressure, block the shot.

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1.- Why do we want to protect the goal? 2.- What can you do to protect the goal? 3.- What should the other defender do?

ANSWERS: 1.- To keep the opponent from scoring. 2.- Go after the ball, get in front of the attacker and block the way to the goal and force him/her to the outside. 3.- Double team the attacker with the ball, tackle or steal the ball.

NOTES: Start with the Core Activity. If it is too difficult, switch to the Less Challenging Activity. If it is too easy, switch to the More Challenging Activity.

PRACTICE (Less Challenging):

PRACTICE (More Challenging):

**Duration:** 

24

**Activity time:** 

1min

MOMENT

2 min

Activity time: 2.5 min

**Activity time:** 

Rest time:

Rest time:

1 min

**Intervals** 

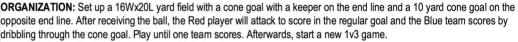
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1v3 TO GOAL:

**Duration:** 

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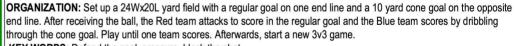
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2 min

24 Duration: Activity time:

3v3 TO REGULAR GOAL AND A CONE GOAL:

OBJECTIVE: To prevent the opponent from scoring.



KEY WORDS: Defend the goal, pressure, block the shot.

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1.- Why do we want to protect the goal? 2.- What can you do to protect the goal? 3.- What should the other defender do?

ANSWERS: 1.- To keep the opponent from scoring. 2.- Go after the ball, get in front of the attacker and block the way to the goal and force him/her to the outside. 3.- Double team the attacker with the ball, tackle or steal the ball.

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2<sup>nd</sup> PLAY PHASE

6v6 (1-2-3 v 1-2-3) **Duration:** 

27 min *Activity time*:

11 min

Rest time:

2.5 min

2 min

Intervals

Intervals

2

6

Finish the session with a scrimmage using all FIFA rules

## FIVE ELEMENTS OF TRAINING ACTIVITY

- **1. Organized:** Is the activity organized in the right way?
- **2. Game like:** Is the activity game like?
- 3. Repetitions: Are there repetitions when looking at the overall goal of the session?
- **4. Challenging:** Are the players challenged? (Is there the right balance between being successful and unsuccessful?)
- 5. Coaching: Is there the right coaching based on the age/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?