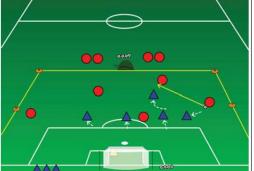


PRACTICE (Core Activity):

Improve preventing the opponent from scoring goals - 1 GOAL: Protect the goal, press/cover/balance, make it and keep it compact **PLAYER ACTIONS** Decision making, focus, take initiative **KEY QUALITIES** U13+ / 11V11 / 18 Players 60 min **AGE GROUP** MOMENT Defending **DURATION** 1V1, 2V1, 2V2...4V4 Duration: 9 min Activity time: 2.5 min Rest time: 30 sec Intervals

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



**Duration:** 24 **Activity time:** 3 min 6v5 TO A REGULAR GOAL AND A SMALL GOAL:

OBJECTIVE: To prevent the opponent from scoring.

**ORGANIZATION:** Set up a 50Wx40L yard field with a regular goal and a small goal on the opposite end line. Pay 5v5 with the Red team attacking the regular goal, the Blue team scores in the small goal. Play for 3 minutes minutes or until one teams scores. The Red team always starts with the ball. Rotate players every interval.

Rest time:

1 min

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**KEY WORDS:** Close the opening, pressure, cover, block the shot.

**GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1.-** What should we do to close the opening? **2.-** Where should you try to force the player with the ball? **3.-** What should the other defenders do?

ANSWERS: 1.- Get in front of the attacker with the ball to close the opening 2.- Force him/her away from the goal (sidelines or backwards). 3.- Get compacted behind the ball to provide cover, if possible double team the player with the ball.

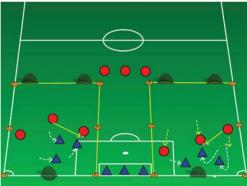
NOTES: Start with the Core Activity. If it is too difficult, switch to the Less Challenging Activity. If it is too easy, switch to the More Challenging Activity.

Rest time:

Rest time:

3min

## PRACTICE (Less Challenging):



3v3 TO A SMALL GOAL AND TWO COUNTER GOALSL:

**Activity time:** 

OBJECTIVE: To prevent the opponent from scoring.

Duration:

Duration:

**ORGANIZATION:** Set up two 25Wx35L yard field with a small goal in one end and two small goals in the opposite end. The The Red team scores in the small goal and the Blue team in either of the two counter goals. The Red team always starts with the ball. Rotate players every interval.

KEY WORDS: Close the opening, pressure, cover, block the shot.

**GUIDED QUESTIONS:** 1.- What can you do to protect the goal? 2.- Where should you try to force the player with the ball? 3.- What should the other defenders do?

ANSWERS: 1.- Go after the ball, get in front of the attacker with the ball to block the way to the goal. 2.- To the side line or backwards . 3.- Get compacted behind the ball to provide cover. If possible double team the player with the ball.

NOTES: Start with the Core Activity; if it is too difficult for your players, then switch to the Less Challenging Activity.

5 min

## PRACTICE (More Challenging):



8v9 TO REGULAR GOAL AND TWO COUNTER GOALS:

OBJECTIVE: To prevent the opponent from scoring.

24

**ORGANIZATION:** Set up a 50Wx60L yard field with a regular goal and a two counter goals . Pay 8v9 with the Red team attacking the regular goal and the Blue team scores in either counter goal small goal. The Red team always starts with the ball. Rotate players every interval.

**KEY WORDS:** Close the opening, pressure, cover, block the shot.

**Activity time:** 

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1.- What should we do to close the opening? 2.- Where should you try to force the player with the ball? 3.- What should the other defenders do?

ANSWERS: 1.- Get in front of the attacker with the ball to close the opening 2.- Force him/her away from the goal (sidelines or backwards). 3.- Get compacted behind the ball to provide cover, if possible double team the player with the ball.

NOTES: Start with the Core Activity; if it is too easy for your players, then switch to the Less Challenging Activity.

2<sup>nd</sup> PLAY PHASE

9v9(1-4-3-1v-2-3-3) *Duration:* 

*uration:* 27 min

Activity time:

11 min

Rest time:

2.5 min Intervals

2

4

6

**Intervals** 

**Intervals** 

Intervals

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?