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Soccer for Life **Practice Plan**

Topic: Ball Mastery - Dribbling Grassroots Development U13-U17 Players

Preferred Training Model

Station Time

12-15 Minutes

Organization

Organize players into groups of 6-8. Each station has a coach who leads that specific station for the session.

Area

Procedure

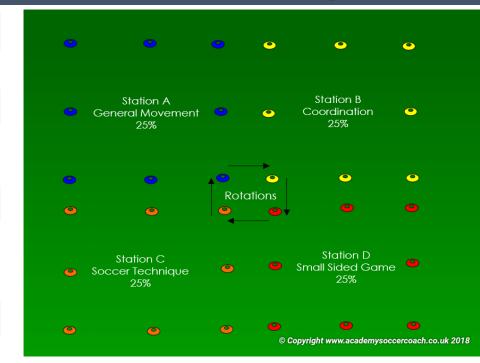
Players rotate every 6-8 minutes with a water break integrated into each station rotation. Keep station rotation as quick as possible so players stay on task.

Progression

Be prepared to progress an activity/game based on the level of the group.

Conditions

Be prepared to add a condition that challenges the group.



Objective

To provide a safe, challenging environment where players develop good training habits and a desire to want to train.

Technical	Psychological
Refine Techniques	FUN
Physical	Social
Physical Literacy	Decision Making

Outcome

Individual: Players develop good training habits. Collective: Players are challenged in a fun, engaging environment.



Warm-up-Rondo

Station Time	Area
10-12 Minutes	30m x 30m
Organization	

3 teams of 4 players.

Procedure

2 teams play together a possession game and 1 team defends. If the defending team wins the ball, then the team that lost it becomes defenders.

Progression

1. Limit number of touches of the attacking team.

2. Make it competitive – Play 1-minute games. The team that wins the ball as defenders wins and the team that wins the ball least does a punishment (5 somersaults)

Focus

Players are confident on the ball



Objective

Players can perform skills/moves while taking players on.

Psychological
Confidence Motivation Competitiveness
Social
Decision Making

Outcome

Individual: Players can use their body effectively to shield the ball Collective: Turning defense into offense



Soccer Game 3v3 to targets

Station Time	Area
12-15 Minutes	20m x 25m
Organization	

2 Targets – 1 in each end zone. 3 teams of 3 players. 1 team has 2 targets and 1 neutral players.

Procedure

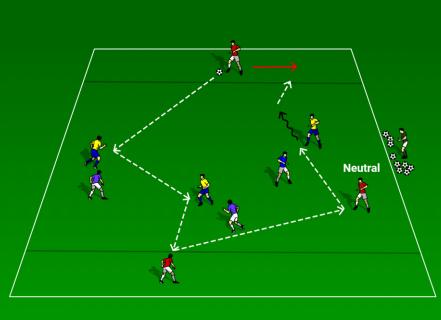
Players play a possession game and to score a point they must pass to the target on either side. Once they pass to one target, they have to pass to the other target to score another point. Play 2 minute games and then switch the targets and neutral player.

Progression

1 neutral can play on the inside but with limited touches.

Focus

Encourage receiving the ball to go forward.



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Players can perform skills/moves while taking players on.

Technical/Tactical	Psychological
Creativity 1v1 Attacking Dribbling	Confidence Motivation Competitiveness
Physical	Social
ABC,s Change of Direction Acceleration	Teamwork Communication Decision Making
Outcome	

Individual:

Can move effectively amongst the opponent to receive the ball.

Collective:

Players are unpredictable in attack.



Skill Activity – King Louis

Station Time	Area	
12-15 Minutes	25m x 35m	
Organization		

2 teams of 5. Field is split in half. Teams must stay in their own half.

Procedure

Ball starts from the goalkeeper and is passed to the outfield players. Every player must touch the ball before they can shoot, but the shot must be in their own half. Make sure everyone gets a chance to shoot. Add in a defender in the opponents half that can intercept the ball as well as receive a ball from their teammates

Progression

- 1. Add in a defender in the opponents half that can intercept the ball as well as receive a ball from their teammates.
- 2. Add multiple defenders.

Focus

Players find space to take a shot.



Objective

Players can keep the ball to take a shot under pressure

Technical/Tactical	Psychological
1v1 Attacking Dribbling Transition Counter Attack	Confidence Standards Motivation Concentration
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Physical	Social
Change of Direction Reactions Speed	Problem Solving Decision Making Patience

Individual: Players can receive the ball to face the defender Collective:

Players move off the ball to create space for themselves to go forward.



Small Sided Game – Match Play

Station Time	Area
12-15 Minutes	45m x 35m
Organization	
2 teams of 6.	
Procedure	

Normal soccer game

Progression

N/A

Focus

Receiving the ball in spaces to attack forward.



Objective	
Fun and creativity.	
Technical	Psychological
1v1 Attacking Passing Receiving Finishing Combination Play	Concentration Competitiveness Motivation Commitment Teamwork
Physical	Social
Stamina Speed Awareness Acceleration	Teamwork Communication Decision Making Discipline Patience

Outcome

Individual:

Players receive open and facing forward. **Collective:** Players look to create numbers up situations all over the field.

