Topic: Passing and Receiving - Possession with a Purpose

Objective: To improve the players' ability to know where and how to possess the soccer ball and to recognize when opportunities open up for the attack

| Technical Warm up | Organization | Coaching Pts. |
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| | | Passing: |
| www.sports-graphics.com. | Passing and Moving: Split the players into two groups, one with the ball and one without. The players with the ball must find a player without the ball. Coach: Place the following conditions on the players: ➤ Do not stop the ball when receiving it ➤ Receive, dribble the ball, and pass ➤ Take a long 1 st touch away from traffic and pass ➤ Receive, turn away with the ball, and pass | Toe up (inside) or down & turned in (outside) Placement of non-kicking foot and good balance Receiving: Keep feet moving before ball arrives and go to it Keep ankle of receiving foot locked and body behind ball Eye on ball at instant of reception Communication: Verbal and visual Time: 15 minutes |
| Small Sided Game | Organization | Coaching Pts. |
| www.sports-graphics.com | 3v3+2(1) Neutral to One Goal: In a 30x40 grid, two teams will play to score and defend the small 4 yard goals at the endline. The team in possession will be able to use the (1) 2 neutral players in order to keep the ball versus the three defenders. Coach: Change neutral players every so often. You can also play with passing restrictions such as: Attacking team may score after completing 4-5 passes in a row | Tech of passing and receiving Players in good supporting positions Options close and far Speed of play First Touch – Directional Recognizing when to keep the ball or attack Clear communication (demand the ball) Time 15 minutes |
| Exp. Small Sided Game | Organization | Coaching Pts. |
| | 5v5 or 6v6 +GK 's t o Four Goal s: In a 40x50 yard grid, two teams of 5 or 6 players and a GK each play to score and defend two goals. The goals are set on the 40 yard line. The GK on each team can help the possession by playing with his/her feet. | Supporting shape and balance for team in possession Change of rhythm to exploit opportunities to penetrate Movement and timing support Recognizing when to keep the ball or attack Time 20 minutes |
| Game | Organization | Coaching Pts. |
| 6v6 to 8v8 Scrimmage | If 6v6, play in a 45x60 yd. field. If 8v8, play in a 55x80 yd. field. Play with Goalkeepers and encourage them to communicate with teammates. | • All of the above Time: 30 minutes |
| COOL DOWN | Activities to reduce heart rate, static stretching & | k review session. Time: 5-10 Minutes |