





2012 - U12 - Fall Lesson Plan



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	Module I: Dri	bbling Topic: Dribbling	Basics
Stage	Organization	Objectives	Key Coaching Points
Stage I Technical Warm-Up		 6 Surfaces: Divide the team into 4 groups of 3 or 4 players. Place each group in a 6x6 grid. The players will perform the following ball touches with one foot: Outside of the foot touch - Inside of the foot touch Laces (instep) to push ball away - Bottom (sole) to drag ball back Toe to push the ball away -Heel to bring the ball back behind you to turn After the turn, the player should do it with the other foot. After a while, put the players in each square to compete. 	 Players should start slow and increase the speed as they go Touches should be soft but able to move the ball Keep the soccer ball close and under control Players should talk to their feet: "Outside –Inside - Laces -Sole, Toe and Heel Turn"
Stage II Small Sided Activity	www.sports-graphics.com	 Dribbling Reaction Circle: Take 6 tall cones and 6 discs and make a circle of about 10-15 yards in diameter. Make a circle or hexagon (stop sign shape) with the cones and discs. Make gates about 2 yards apart by alternating the cones and discs. 5 players will protect 6 gates by trying to dribble into the empty gate. All dribblers must move to cover any empty gate. When the Runner (the dribbler in the middle) gets to a gate and stops the ball under control, he will change with the player that did not move and allow him/her to enter the gate. Coach: <i>Try it without a ball first</i>. If you only have 5 players, make a pentagon. If you only have 4 players, make a square. 	 Keep your head up and use peripheral vision Keep the ball close to you under control Use all surfaces of the foot Inside/Outside (Changing direction) Sole (Stop and Changing direction Laces (Speed Dribbling) Change of direction and burst of speed When to turn What type of turn Encourage players to be creative with the ball at their feet
Stage III Expanded Small Sided Activity		<u>4v4 to End Zones</u>: Two teams play in a defined space with each team attacking an end-zone defended by the opponent. Teams score points when a player dribbles into the End-Zone. Coach: Encourage players to recognize opportunities to burst into space under control.	 Deception and disguise Encourage players to be creative with the ball at their feet – "Take risks" Identification of visual cues 1v1 no defender behind Free space in front of dribbler Near the attacking area Identification of verbal cues "take space", "time", "take him on" Correct shape and balance of team Attack at pace and set up the defender
Stage IV Match	6v6 or 7v7	Play with a formation: • 6v6: Gk-3-2 v Gk-2-1-2 or 7v7: Gk-3-1-2 v Gk-2-3-1	Reinforce all the coaching points from all the activities







	Module I: Dribbling	Topic: Dribbling – Runni	ng with the Ball
Stage	Organization	Objectives	Key Coaching Points
Stage I Technical Warm-Up		Man Utd. Running with the Ball: Make 10W x 30L yard grid. Divide the grids into two 5 yd. lanes. Place at least two players of different teams at the end of the lanes to the right of the grid. The activity starts by one of the players running with the ball. When the player in possession of the ball runs by the second cone, he/she can pass the ball to the next runner.	 Take an aggressive first touch forward into space Push the ball forward with the instep (laces and outside of the foot) Each touch of the ball should push it a few steps ahead of the dribbler Keep a natural running stride In between touches, the head is up and the eyes scan the field
Stage II Small Sided Activity		<u>3v3 to End Zones:</u> Two teams play in a 30Wx 40L yard grid space with each team attacking a 2 yard end-zone defended by the opponent. Teams score points when a player dribbles into the End-Zone. Coach: Encourage players to recognize opportunities to burst and run with the ball into space under control.	 Get the ball out of the feet – good first touch Run quickly with the ball Minimum number of touches Use the front of the foot – laces, to push the ball in front Use an unbroken stride and head up When confronted with defenders, take them on by changing direction of the ball and take a big touch
Stage III Expanded Small Sided Activity		 4v4 or 5v5 Dribbling forward – pass back or sideways: In a 35Wx40L area, two teams are trying to score in any of their opponent's three goals. The only way to move the ball forward is by dribbling. Players can pass but only backwards or sideways. To score the players must be within the 3 yard zone to score. Coach: after a while take the restriction of passing forward away but still encourage dribbling to score Scoring: Dribbling – 10 points Passing - 1 point 	 Decide when to pass or when to dribble Play with Off-sides Look for space to attack behind the defender Work together to score Use support players to make attacking decisions
Stage IV Match	6v6 or 7v7	Play with a formation: • 6v6: Gk-3-2 v Gk-2-1-2 or 7v7: Gk-3-1-2 v Gk-2-3-1	Reinforce all the coaching points from all the activities







	Module I: Dribbling	Topic: Dribbling - Beati	ng an Opponent
Stage	Organization	Objectives	Key Coaching Points
Stage I Technical Warm-Up	www.sports-graphics.com	 Diamond Dribbling: Have one diamond per four players. The players will dribble the soccer ball to the orange cone and they perform the move and go to the next cone Players will call their arrival by saying: First! - Second! When players arrive at their beginning cone, they must go the other way. Select and group the best players at each diamond and make them compete The moves are: Circle and take, Circle, circle and take, Fake and take, Fake, fake and take, Bish-bash, Drag-back and take, Stop and take 	 Use all surfaces of the foot Keep the ball close to you under control Execute a feint at the cone (to unbalance the defender) and dribble past him/her with a burst of speed Use the outside of the foot or laces when dribbling for speed with furthest foot from the defender Encourage players to be creative with the ball at their feet
Stage II Small Sided Activity	www.sbort-Grabyics.com	2v2 to 3 Goals: In a 20x20 square, set up 6 players in 3 groups: The dribblelinos (2 players), the defenders (2 players) and the servers (2 players) Place the dribblelinos and defenders by the yellow cones at the opposite side of the grid. The server, one on each side line, passes the ball to a dribblelino and he/she will try to score in one of the lateral goals (blue cones) or the middle yellow goal on the end line. The defenders will try to stop them from dribbling through any of the goals. If the defenders get the ball, he/she can also score in one of the three goals. When a player scores or the ball goes out of bounds, a new 2v2 will start. Each team plays for two services. Rotation: Server to dribbelino, defender to server, dribblelino to defender	 Keep the ball close to you under control Execute a feint to unbalance the defender and dribble past him/her with a burst of speed Change direction and pace Use the outside of the foot or laces when dribbling for speed with furthest foot from the defender Encourage players to be creative with the ball at their feet
Stage III Expanded Small Sided Activity		 3v3 or 4v4 - 5 Million Point Game to End Zones: Two teams play in 25Wx35L yard grid space with each team attacking a 2 yard end-zone defended by the opponent. Teams score points when a player dribbles into the End-Zone. Coach: Encourage players to recognize opportunities to burst into space under control. Scoring: Player dribble into the zone: 3 points Player dribble an opponent with one of the moves above is worth 1 million points The game is up to 5 million points 	 Deception and disguise Encourage players to be creative with the ball at their feet – "Take risks" Identification of visual cues 1v1 no defender behind Free space in front of dribbler Near the attacking area Identification of verbal cues "take space", "time", "take him on" Correct shape and balance of team Attack at pace and set up the defender
Stage IV Match	6v6 to 7v7	Play with a formation: • 6v6: Gk-3-2 v Gk-2-1-2 or 7v7: Gk-3-1-2 v Gk-2-3-1	Reinforce all the coaching points from all the activities







Module II: Passing and Receiving

Topic: Passing and Receiving Basic

Stage	Organization	Objectives	Key Coaching Points
Stage I Technical Warm-Up	www.sports-graphics.com	Passing Houses:Place two boxes of 2or 3yards each about 7-10 yards awayfrom each other. Place a player inside the box and call it thehouse. Players will pass to each other. In order to score points,the pass must be made and received inside the house and gointo the house through the front door.Coach, start with:1. Pass right receive right/ Pass left receive left2. Pass right, receive left/ Pass left receive right3. First touch outside a window (side of the square)pass through the door	 Passing: Toe up (inside) or down & turned in (outside) Placement of non-kicking foot and good balance Surface of the Foot and Surface of the Ball to strike 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
Stage II Small Sided Activity		 3v3 Hit the Ball Off the Cone: Play a 3v3 game in a 25Wx35L yard grid with a 2 yard end zone. On the end line, place two cones about 4 yards apart and place a soccer ball on each cone. Scoring: Hit the ball on the cone: 10 points Put the soccer ball between the cones: 1point No players are allowed in the end zone. 	 Tech of Passing and Receiving Possess the ball to look for an opportunity to hit the ball on the cone Head up to make eye contact Weight and accuracy of the pass First touch (To prepare the ball) Surface of the foot Surface of the ball
Stage III Expanded Small Sided Activity		 4v4 to Small Goal – Goal equals number of passes: In a 30W x 40L yard grid, play a 4v4 game with one goal on each end line. The players will try to connect as many passes as they can before they can pass the soccer ball through the goal. Scoring: If a team completes 3 passes and scores their goal, it will be worth 3 points. 	 Technique of passing and receiving First directional touch Possess the ball to look for an opportunity to score Players in good supporting positions Decision making: safety versus risk Communication Good team shape
Stage IV Match	6v6 or 7v7	Play with a formation: • 6v6: Gk-3-2 v Gk-2-1-2 or 7v7: Gk-3-1-2 v Gk-2-3-1	Reinforce all the coaching points from all the activities







Μ	Module II: Passing and Receiving Topic: Passing and Receiving for Possession			
Stage	Organization	Objectives	Key Coaching Points	
Stage I Technical Warm-Up		Box 8 Passing: Have two players 5 yards a part, one with a soccer ball. He/she passes the ball pass the soccer ball between the two cones 3 yards a part. The receiver then will have a directional first touch towards the right or the left of the cones, and passes back to the supporting players waiting outside of the same cone (see diagram). The new receiver will first touch the ball toward the middle of the cones and pass the ball. Coach the players are making a figure 8 with their passes	 Passing: Toe up (inside) or down & turned in (outside) Placement of non-kicking foot and good balance Surface of the ball to strike 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 First Touch – Directional 	
Stage II Small Sided Activity	www.epots-graphics.com	3v3 Game Everyone Touches the Ball: In a 25wx 35L yard grid, play a 3v3 game with one goal on each end line. The players will try to connect as many passes as they can before they can pass the soccer ball through the goal. Scoring: All the players on the team in possession must have a touch on the ball before scoring. If they lose possession, they need to start again.	 Tech of passing and receiving Pace of the pass and accuracy of the pass First Touch – Directional Clear Communication (demand the ball) Surface of the foot Surface of the ball Players in good supporting positions to facilit possession Good team shape 	
Stage III Expanded Small Sided Activity		<u>4v4 to Four Small Goals:</u> In a 35Wv40L yard grid place two small 3 feet cone goals on each side of the 35 yard line, near each corner. Each team defends and attacks two goals. If playing with 4 players, the attacking shape should be a diamond or 3-1. If playing with five players, the attacking shape should be a 3-2 or 2-1-2.	 Tech of passing and receiving Pace of the pass and accuracy of the pass First Touch – Directional Possess the ball to look for an opportunity to score Players in good supporting positions Decision making: safety versus risk When and how to switch the point of attack Communication Good team shape 	
Stage IV Match	6v6 or 7v7	Play with a formation: • 6v6: Gk-3-2 v Gk-2-1-2 or 7v7: Gk-3-1-2 v Gk-2-3-1	Reinforce all the coaching points from all the activities	







Module II: Passing and Receiving Topic: Passing and Recei			ing for Penetration
Stage	Organization	Objectives	Key Coaching Points
Stage I Technical Warm-Up	WWW REprint / Provide Augusta	 Pass and Move in 3's II: Split players into groups of 3 players each (color-coded). Each group has a ball, inter-passing within their group. All groups are in the same grid playing through each other 1. Pass and move – (See red team in diagram) 2. Pass, and run between the next passer and receiver making 3rd player to move to support (See white in diagram) 3. Pass and run behind receiver (See Blue team in diagram) 	 Technique of passing 1st touch - Directional Technique of receiving Vision to making splitting passes Communication: Verbal and Non Verbal Supportive body position Visual cues
Stage II Small Sided Activity	www.sports-graphics.com	 <u>3v3 to Targets:</u> In a 30Wx35L yard grid, play a 3v3 game with one target player in the opposite end zone. The players will try to connect with the target in order to score. Scoring: Connecting with the target: 5 points Connecting with the target after splitting the defense : 10 points 	 Pace, accuracy and timing of the pass First Touch – Directional Vision to split defenders with a pass Clear Communication (demand the ball) Surface of the foot Surface of the ball Good team shape Possession vs. penetration Proper angle and distance of support off the ball
Stage III Expanded Small Sided Activity		 <u>4v4 or 5v5 to End Zones:</u> Set up a 35Wx40L yard grid. Play 4v4 with 2yard end-zones. To score the attacking team needs to pass to a teammate in the end zone. The attacking player must time his/her run to receive the ball inside the end zone and score. A player cannot enter the end zone before the soccer ball. Coach: Help the players to time their runs into the end zone to receive the ball. Scoring: Receiving a timed pass into the end zone: 10 points Dribbling into the end zone: 1 point 	 Pace, accuracy and timing of the pass First Touch – Directional Shape, width, and depth Players in good supporting positions Vision to split defenders with a pass Decision making: when to penetrate or possess Communication Good team shape & Body position open to field
Stage IV Match	6v6 or 7v7	Play with a formation: • 6v6: Gk-3-2 v Gk-2-1-2 or 7v7: Gk-3-1-2 v Gk-2-3-1	Reinforce all the coaching points from all the activities







Module III: Shooting

Topic: Shooting I

Stage	Organization	Objectives	Key Coaching Points
Stage I Technical Warm-Up		Shooting Wars – Set, Shoot, Save and Switch: Place a player in each goal about 12-15 yards apart. Have a player standing by in each goal with a ball in hand. The white player will set up the ball to shoot it. He must do it from behind or at the line of his/her goal line. The red player in the opposite goal needs to make the save. If he makes the save or gets scored on, he/she goes out and a new player comes in. Now the new red player sets up his/her ball to shoot it. Keep changing and keep score. Goals are below shoulder level	 Shooting Technique Body position and balance Eye on the ball at moment of contact Strike ball with ankle locked and hard bone on top of foot Non-kicking foot directed at target Surface of the Ball Surface of the Foot to strike the ball
Stage II Small Sided Activity	ver sports graphics con	<u>3v3 to One Goal+Gk:</u> Inside the box, cone an area 20Lx26W yds. just like in the diagram. Two teams of 3 players each will try to score. The team that gets to 3 goals first wins the first bout. The Coach will be at the top on the "D" with the soccer balls. He/she will serve a new ball when it goes out of bounds or in goal. Place the stand-by team by the goal; their job is to fetch the soccer balls. Coach: Rotate the GK	 Proper technique and body control Quality preparation touch Proper selection of contact surface ✓ Instep ✓ Inside ✓ Outside ✓ Poke Type of shot ✓ Driven Low High
Stage III Expanded Small Sided Activity		$\frac{GK's + 4v4:}{Make 3 teams of 4 players. Two teams will play to score by creating as many scoring opportunities and taking as many shots on target as they can in 2 minutes. The team with the most goals wins that bout and stays in. The standby team comes in to play for another two minutes.$	 Hign Lofted or Chip Poke Timing and shape of attacking runs Creativity and deception Rebounding
Stage IV Match	6v6 or 7v7	Play with a formation: • 6v6: Gk-3-2 v Gk-2-1-2 or 7v7: Gk-3-1-2 v Gk-2-3-1	Reinforce all the coaching points from all the activities







Module III: Shooting

Topic: Shooting II

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Stage	Organization	Objectives	Key Coaching Points
Stage I Technical Warm-Up		Shooting Wars II: Divide your team into groups of 2 and make as many shooting station as you need. The shooting station is a 10Wx15L yard grid with a 2 yard zone in each goal end. Place a player in each 7 yard goal and one will start with the ball. The shooter will strike the ball inside the 2 yard zone towards the other goal. The GK in that goal will catch, or deflect to prevent his opponent from scoring, and start the process again. Play for 3 minutes and switch players at the end of 10 minutes. Check to see who the player with the most goals is.	 Shooting Technique Body position and balance Eye on the ball at moment of contact Strike ball with ankle locked and hard bone on top of foot Non-kicking foot directed at target Surface of the Ball Surface of the Foot to strike the ball Against a Goalkeeper Keep the shot low Try to hit the area near the cones Use instep for power or inside of the foot to place the ball
Stage II Small Sided Activity		 <u>3v3+Gk's Long Shot and Rebounds:</u> In a 25Wx30L (Twice of the Box) area, place two goals with corner flags or cones. Divide the area into 3 zones - two end zones of 8 yards and a central zone of 14 yards long. Encourage players to shoot from the middle zone. Scoring: Directly from the middle zone: 10pts Rebound goal: 5pts Inside the zone shot: 1pt Play to 20 pts. and switch teams if you have one standing by 	 Proper technique and body control Placement vs. power Quality preparation touch Timing and shape of attacking runs Finishing rebounds Creativity and deception Combination Play Proper selection of contact surface Instep Inside
Stage III Expanded Small Sided Activity	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	 4v4 or 5v5+GK's Long Shot and Rebound : Play in a 40Wx45L yard grid with goals. Players will be awarded points on the goals they scored depending on the distance from goal: From the team's defending end: 10 points From team's attacking end: 3 points From Rebound: 5points 	 Outside Poke Type of shot Driven Low High Lofted or Chip Poke Timing and shape of attacking runs Creativity and deception Rebounding
Stage IV Match	6v6 or 7v7	Play with a formation: • 6v6: Gk-3-2 v Gk-2-1-2 or 8v8: Gk-3-1-2 v Gk-2-3-1	Reinforce all the coaching points from all the activities







Module IV: Defending		Topic: Defending/I	Topic: Defending/Intercepting a Pass	
Stage	Organization	Objectives	Key Coaching Points	
Stage I Technical Warm-Up	new stolps Gubyers con	Interceptor 1: In a 10W x15L grid, place one player on the each end line and one player in the middle of the grid in a one yard zone. The two players on the end lines will try to connect as many passes as they can. They will score a point for every pass completed. The Interceptor must try to either intercept the pass or deflect the pass out of bounds. 3 Interceptions and the players rotate or 5 deflections and the players rotate. All players get to defend in the middle.	 Defender reading passer visual cues: Where is the passer looking Shape of his body When is he/she striking the ball Getting in-line with the ball Quick lateral movement. Do NOT allow straight passes down the line! 	
Stage II Small Sided Activity		Interceptors 2: In a 15W x 20L grid, place two players on the each end line and two players in the middle of the grid in a two yard zone. The outside players will try to connect as many passes as they can. They will score a point for every pass completed that beats the defenders. The Interceptors work together to either intercept the pass or deflect the pass out of bounds. 3 Interceptions and the players rotate or 5 deflections and the players rotate. All players get to defend in the middle.	 Defenders reading passer visual cues: Where is the passer looking Shape of his body When is he/she striking the ball Pressing defender getting in-line with the ball Working together as a unit Quick lateral movement Telling each other: 	
Stage III Expanded Small Sided Activity	Uver sport-synaphies. Lorri	Interceptors 3: In a 30W x 40L grid, place three players on the each end line and three players in the middle of the grid in a three yard zone. The outside players will score a point for every pass completed that beats the defenders either through or over them. The Interceptors work together to either intercept the pass by dropping or stepping at the appropriate moments and by "shifting" together left and right. 5 Interceptions and rotate the players.	 "Shift right" "Shift left" "Johnny! - Press" "Drop" (whole team) Leadership How to deny penetration Patience when defending Lateral compactness 	
Stage IV Match	6v6 or 7v7	Play with a formation: • 6v6: Gk-3-1-2 v Gk-2-1-2 or 7v7: Gk-3-1-2 v Gk-2-3-1	Reinforce all the coaching points from all the activities	



2012 - U12 - Fall Lesson Plan - Week 10 Module IV: 4v4 Conditioned Game



Topic: Games for Understanding

Games	Organization	Objectives	Key Coaching Points
Warm UP	www.epott-graphe.com	 <u>6 Surfaces:</u> Inside a 25Wx30L grid, divide the team into groups of 2 players. The player with the ball will perform the 6 touches and turn and pass to his/her partner. The receiving players must always be facing the partner before the pass. Sequences: 1. Start with one foot: does the 6 surfaces: Outside of the foot touch - Inside of the foot touch - Laces (instep) to push ball away - Bottom (sole) to drag ball back - Toe to push the ball away - Heel to bring the ball back behind you to turn and - Pass 2. Two feet do the 6 surfaces and pass 	 Players should start slow and increase the speed as they go Touches should be soft but able to move the ball Keep the soccer ball close and under control Players should talk to their feet: Outside –Inside - Laces -Sole, Toe and Heel Turn and Pass Receiver must get into position to face the passer
Conditioned Game I	ma.etifang-thage.www	 4v4 to End Zones: Set up a 30Wx40L yard grid. Play 4v4 with 2 yard end-zones behind the 35 yd. line. To score, the attacking team needs to pass to a teammate in the end zone. The attacking player must time his/her run to receive the ball inside the end zone and score. A player cannot enter the end zone before the soccer ball. Coach: Help the players to time their runs into the end zone to receive the ball. Scoring: Receiving a timed pass into the end zone: 10 points Dribbling into the end zone: 1 point 	 Encourage players to be creative with the ball at their feet – "Take risks" When to dribble, when to pass Identification of visual cues 1v1 no defender behind Free space in front of dribbler Near the attacking area Good team shape & body position open to field First Touch – Directional Vision to split defenders with a pass Decision making: when to penetrate or possess Communication
Conditioned Game II	WWW.sports-graphics.com	 <u>4v4 Hit the Ball Off the Cone:</u> In a 30Wx40L yard grid with a 3 yard end zone, place 3 soccer balls on top of three cones. Two cones are about 5 yards from the corners and one is central. Place a soccer ball on each cone. Two teams of 4 players each will try to score by knocking the soccer ball off the cone. Scoring: Hit the ball on the cone: 10 points Put the soccer ball between the cones: 1point No players are allowed in the end zone. 	 Tech of Passing and Receiving Possess the ball to look for an opportunity to hit the ball on the cone Weight and accuracy of the pass First touch (To prepare the ball) Players in good supporting positions Decision making: safety versus risk ✓ Possession vs. Penetration When and how to switch the point of attack Communication Good team shape







Module IV: 4v4 Conditioned Game

Topic: Games for Understanding

Games	Organization	Objectives	Key Coaching Points
Conditioned Game III	www.sports-graphics.com	Everyone Gets Back 4v4 or 5v5: In a 30Wx35L grid, two teams of 4 players each will play to improve their team's small group defense. Each will try to defend by getting behind the ball ASAP. The defensive team should get organized behind their own Midline . The defending team will work as one unit applying the principles from the activities above. As soon as the defending team regains possession, the attacking team will try to set up a defensive block. Scoring: If the attacking team scores, they will get an extra point for every defensive player not in their defensive half. Coach: You may add two Gk's to make it 5v5.	 Working as a Unit Working together as a unit When and how to pressure and cover Learning to stay in a defensive block Transition & Angles of recovery – When & Where? When to press & when to drop off
Conditioned Game IV	A Real Provide A Real ProvideA Real ProvideA Real ProvideA Real ProvideA Real ProvideA Real Prov	GK's + 4v4 or GK's + 3v3 "THE LAST GOAL": In a 30Wx35L yard grid, two teams of 4 players each with a Gk will play to score the last goal. Play 2-5 minute bouts. The team with the last goal wins.	 Proper technique and body control Quality preparation touch Proper selection of contact surface Type of shot Timing and shape of attacking runs Creativity and deception Rebounding