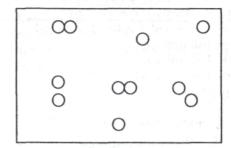
#### Practice Plan Week 1

#### 1st Activity (warm-up) Greeting Game

All the players run around randomly inside a rectangle. The coach calls out various types of greetings, which each players then has to carry out with others: shake hands, high fives (one hand), high fives (other hand), shoulder to shoulder, back to back, etc. Progressions: Add dribbling.



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Activity Foot Skill Drill

While standing with the ball at their feet, the player touches the ball with inside of the foot then the outside of the foot, then the top of the foot (shoelaces) then does a pull turn all with the same foot. Then repeat with the other foot.

#### **Coaching Points**

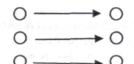
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- Head up
- Balls of feet
- Small touches

#### 3rd Activity Passing

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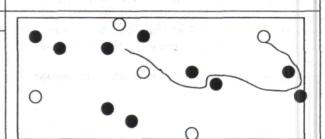
<u>Progression:</u> right foot, left foot, outside right, outside



#### 4th Activity Goal Chase

The coach sets up several small goals or gates (two cones a yard apart) inside a larger area. There should be at least one or two more gates than there are players. Have the players start running around; on the coaches signal the players try to run through as many gates as possible, keeping track of how many. Play for 30 seconds at a time.

Progressions: Each player has a ball.



#### 5th Activity (the game) Numbers Game

Split the players into two teams and have them stand on opposite end lines. The game is played on a small soccer field. Assign each player a number on each end (1-5 on one side and 1-5 on the other side). Play a ball into the area and call out a number; those players must then sprint onto the field and play 1v1. Play until a goal is scored or the ball goes out of bounds.

<u>Progressions:</u> Have more than one 1v1 game going on at the same time. Call out two numbers. Mix up the numbers.

#### **Coaching Points**

- Don't be afraid to have more than one 1v1 or 2v2 games going on at the same time
- Encourage players to shoot whenever they have a clear line of sight to the goal

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Activity Dribble Across   | Coaching Points   |
| <ol> <li>12 x 12 yard grid</li> <li>Each player with a ball; divide team evenly on sidelines.</li> <li>Coach calls GO, each player must dribble across grid and at the line perform a turn (pull back, step over pull back, chop inside/outside of foot)</li> <li>Each turn is worth 1 point—1<sup>st</sup> player to 12 points wins</li> </ol>   | Knees Up     Keep ball close to foot     Low center of gravity     Stamina  |
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| A ball between 2 players. Players start 5 yards apart and pass back and forth. Players use inside of foot, toe pointed up, and ankle locked. Plant foot should point towards the target. Players then move back to 10 yards apart and repeat.  Progression: right foot, left foot, outside right, outside left  |   |
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