Kentucky Youth Soccer Association Coach Education Lesson Plan

Topic: Combination Play in Central Attacking Areas
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Training Objectives: To help the midfielders, specifically the \#8 \& \#10 to combine with the striker \#9 to create and finish goal scoring opportunities.

Warm Up Part I


Warm-Up Part II


## Duration: 12-15 Mins <br> Repetitions: 15

## Organization

* $20 \times 20$ yard grid, divided into quarters.
* Two teams of four, with a player from each team in opposite quarters and a target player on each end.
* Target player passes the ball into the first player
* Player opens up their hips and plays to their team mate on the opposite side, who then plays to the target.
* The ball is then switched to the other team.


## Coaching Points

* Timing of the runs
* Open up the hips, looking over the shoulder; lead the player into the next pass.

| Duration: $\mathbf{2 0}$ Mins | Activity Intensity: Low-Medium |
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| Repetitions: 15-20 | Recovery Time: 2-3 minutes |

## Organization

* The grid is the same set up as warm-up part I
* Players in possession can go in any area of the grid
* Defensive team has to stay in their own half
* The team in possession has a target play on each end, if possession is lost the target players switch.
* Teams try to play from one target player and back to the other.
* Target player cannot play to each other, have to connect in the middle.

Double points if both central players touch make a pass.

## Coaching Points

* Verbal and Physical Communication
* Movement off the ball (including the target players


## Small Sided Activity



## Duration: 25-30 Mins Activity Intensity: Medium-High <br> Repetitions: 8-10 <br> Recovery Time: 2-3 minutes

## Organization

* Add 5 yard end zones on the top of the grid.
* The CF (\#9) goes in the end zone, with the midfielders in the main area
* Teams try to play it into their target who passes the ball back for a player to dribble into score
* If the team is successful, possession changes. Teams cannot defend the target but can use the end zones to build up in.


## Coaching Points

*Team Shape and Movement to create space

* Timing of the runs \& weight of passing
* Look forward to penetrate, if not on look to possess


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## Expanded Small Sided Activity Game



## Duration: $\mathbf{2 0}$ Mins <br> Activity Intensity: Medium- High Recovery Time: 2-3 minutes

## Organization

* 7v7 in a 52 yards x 44 yard area
* Place two offside lines just slightly off the top of the 18 yard box
* Teams are set up in a 1-2-3-1 formation
* Players are allowed inside the whole area, but teams need to look to combine to beat the offside line. Normal offside rules still apply past the offside line.


## Coaching Points

* Speed of play, play quick and with a purpose when it is on to penetrate.
* Movement off the ball and interaction between the players (don't stay in the one position)

9v9 Game


Duration: $\mathbf{2 0}$ Mins
Repetitions: 1

Activity Intensity: High
Recovery Time: 2-3 minutes

## Organization

* 9v9, one team plays in a 2-3-3. Another team plays in a 3-2-3
* Field is a $90 \times 45$
* Look for coaching patterns and instruct using the Coaches Tool Box when the team fails to create an attacking opportunity in central areas using the key players


## Cool Down

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[^0]:    * Players light jogging \& stretching
    * Juggling

