Season Spring 2016
Age Group U8
Week
8

## Stage 1 Pairs Passing Competitions

Duration
8 mins
In a 15Wx20L yard grid, players select a partner with one soccer ball per pair. Players start between 5 and 10 yards apart. On coach's command players will pass the ball back and forth as many times as they can. After making a pass, players must move into a new space on the field.

| Variations | Activity Time 90 secs | Rest 30 secs | Intervals 4 |
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Round 1-2: How many passes can you make, beat your score.
Round 3-4: How many passes with your non-favorite foot, beat that score.
Round 5+: After receiving the ball, a player must dribble the ball first, then pass to their partner.



## Stage 2 Pairs Passing with Defenders <br> Duration <br> 8 mins

In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ yard grid with a goal on each end, all players are in pairs with a ball. Select one pair to be the Defenders without a ball. The Defenders try to steal the ball from the passers and put it in a goal. The passing pairs can take the ball back from the Defenders. If the Defender succeeds in putting the ball in the goal the passing pair become additional Defenders.

| Variations | Activity Time 90 secs | Rest 30 secs | Intervals 4 |
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Round 1: Two coaches start as the Defenders.
Round $2+$ : Select 2 players to start as the Defenders.

## Stage 3 2v1 to Goal

In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ yard grid with a goal on each end line, coach has all the balls on the sideline at midfield. Coach divides the the players into 3 groups; 2 striker groups and 1 group of defenders. The coach passes the ball to one of the groups lines. The first player in each line enters the field. Play until a goal is scored or the ball goes out of bounds. Rotate the attacking and defending groups after a few rounds.

| Variations | Activity Time 90 secs | Rest 30 secs | Intervals 4 |
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Round 1: Bonus points awarded for scoring a goal after a pass.
Round 2: Bonus points awarded for scoring a goal after a turn.
Duration
8 mins


## Stage 4 2v2 to Goals at Either End

 Duration8 mins
In a $15 \mathrm{~W} \times 20 \mathrm{~L}$ yard grid, coach has all the balls on the sideline at midfield. Coach divides the players into 2 teams, a team is on either side of the coach. When the coach plays a ball onto the field, the first 2 players from each team will step on the field. Both teams can score on either goal.

| Variations | Activity Time | 90 secs | Rest | 30 secs | Intervals | 4 |
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Round 1: Award bonus points for scoring goals after a pass.
Round 2: Award bonus points for scoring goals after a turn, or move.
Round 3: Play 3v3.

Game-4v4
Duration - $\mathbf{2 5}$ mins Set up a 20W x 30L yard field and scrimmage. Take plenty of breaks for rest and water.

