





Training Session (2)

Team: U6 Group (2012's) Duration: 1 hr. Age Group Leader: J. Marshall Topic: Dribbling (1)

Time	Activity & Description	Coaching Points	Field Layout
5 mins	Whole Group Ball Mastery: (Warm-up) - All players with a ball, arm's length apart, where they can see instructor - On coach's command, players try to touch the ball as many times as possible while doing a specific ball mastery skill. Ball Mastery Skills: Toe Touches, Foundation (inside/inside), Drag/Drag, Pull/Push, V's, etc Station 1: Eggs in the Nest (Technical Activity)	 Coaches walk around teaching and correcting technique. During this time players get split into groups Coaches: All 	Open space
8 Mins.	 Soccer balls "eggs" are all in the center of the grid "nest". Players are spaced out evenly around the center "nest" with their own "nest". May need additional nest to accomidate more players Set up into teams of 2 On coach's command, players race to the center "nest" and steal as many "eggs" as possible by bring them back to their personal "nest". 	 Keep the ball close Eyes up to see around you Look for the open gate 	^ ^ Center Nest
	 Progress to: (1) Players must only use their feet (2) only 1 egg at a time (3) Use only the top of the foot "Laces" (4) Use only the bottom of the foot "Sole" to bring ball back (5) Use only R or L foot (6) Only 1 player can leave the nest at a time (high difficultly level) 	Coaches: 1-4 coaches	^ ^ ^ ^ ^
8 Mins.	 Station 2: Freeze Tag (Tag Game) All soccer balls touching each other on the sideline All players start playing Freeze Tag without soccer balls When a player is frozen they must stand with their legs spread apart and become unfroze when a teammate crawls through their legs. Players then get their soccer balls and Coach plays tag against players using his/her soccer ball to freeze players. 	 Eyes Up Keep the ball close Passing accuracy. Coaches: 1-2 coaches	Rectangular Gird

	 Players are froze with the tagger's soccer ball strikes the players soccer ball. Frozen players stand with legs spread apart and teammates must pass their soccer ball through their legs to unfreeze them. 		
8 Mins.	 Station 3: Lightning Fast (Body Awareness Exercise) All players with a ball. On coaches' command players start dribbling in the space. Coach then calls out a number (1-2-3-4-5-ect) Players then stop the ball and try to touch the ball with as many different body parts as the number that was called out. Progress to: Foot (top, bottom), Knee, Stomach, Head, Ear, Bottom, Shin, Toe, Elbow, Eye, Nose, Heel, etc 	 Keep the ball close Protect your ball by keeping your body between the ball and the opposition. Eyes up Coaches: 	Rectangular Grid
8 Mins.	 Station 4: Knock Out (Competition Game) All players with a soccer ball On coach's command, players dribble around the circle trying to "knock" the other player's soccer balls "out" of the circle/grid. If a player can catch their soccer ball before it stops rolling, that player jumps back in the circle with their ball to continue the game. If the ball stops before the player catches it, they must perform an exercise before returning to the game Consequence Exercises: 3-5 Toe Taps, Foundations, I'm A Stars, Donkey kicks, Jumping Jacks, etc 	 Keep the ball close Eyes up (so they don't run into anyone) Push the ball with your foot (don't just kick it away) 	Circle or Grid (adjust circle throughout the game if needed: larger to smaller)
8 Mins.	Station 5: 1v1 Race to the Middle (2 pugg goals) - Split kids into 2 groups (one with training vest, one team without). - Players run around the cone set up between the goals and call for the ball - Coach plays ball to whoever calls for the ball first - Players score on opposing teams goals *** Coaches Tip — Call out time limits if it last too long or have multiple groups going at the same time.	 Keep the ball close Eyes up Dribble away from the crowd to get to the goal. Coaches: 3 coaches needed	X X Coach X Goal ^ Goal Coach Full Field O Goal ^ Goal O Coach O
8 Mins.	Station 6: 3v3 w/pugg goals (2 Small fields) - Teams play 3v3. - If the ball goes out a coach or volunteer plays a new ball in. *** Coaches Tip – Play the ball into the player who touches it least OR into a space on the field without any players.	 Keep the ball close Eyes up Dribble away from the crowd to get to the goal. Coaches: 2 coaches needed	Full Field

	If the activity is not working, CHANGE IT! Play OUCH! - Pass the ball into the coach's legs while walking. Coach yells "OUCH!" when he/she got hit. Play Head Catch - All players stand arm's length apart with in a semi-circle around the coach. - Coach uses a soft or flat soccer ball and tells the player to either "head" or "catch" the ball. - Then coach tosses the ball to the player who must complete that task. ***** Coaches tip: have players do the opposite for a more challenging game and have a 3-strikes and you're out rule if the player follows the wrong instruction.	 Keep the Soccer ball close. Eyes up Passing Technique (pass using the inside of the foot, non-passing foot pointed towards target, follow through and land on passing foot Eyes open to see the ball Strong neck to head it back Make sure to move towards the ball, don't let it just hit you in the head Ball should hit the forehead NO WHERE ELSE! 	Circle or Grid
5 Mins.	 Cool Down: Players end by picking up as many cones as possible. "Who can get the most cones?" Players sort them by size and color. Split into 2 large groups and have all players put their hands in the middle and yell "1,2,3, I Love Soccer!" 	Coaches: All	

1,2,3 "I LOVE SOCCER!"