

**Coaching Manual
August Program**

Week 1 Under 3, 4 and 5



Session Plan



- 6:00pm Introductions
- 6:10pm Warm up
- 6:20pm Drills
- 6:45pm Game

Tonight is session 1 and the first time to meet everyone. Spend some time finding out each players name and don't forget to introduce yourself

Drill 1



Focus: Physical Literacy
Activity Name: Follow the leader

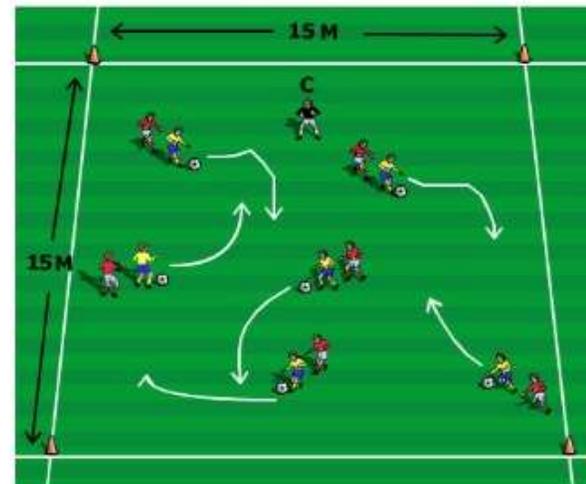
Introduction

Each child partners with his/her parent and finds space inside the playing area not too close to other pairs. As well as being purposeful each exercise described should be treated as fun/inventive and is performed alternately by the child and parent together. Jogging forward – child follows parent – parent weaves around the area. As coach shouts change they quickly switch roles:

Variations

As above but skipping, hopping (one foot), bunny hopping (two foot) giant steps, walking backwards

Coach calls out commands, touch ground with hand, sit down, stand up, dive and roll on ground etc



Emphasis

Listening
Following Instruction
Physical Literacy
Having Fun!



Drill 2



Focus - Ball Literacy
Name of Game: Making friends with the ball

Organization

Players partner with their parents and find space in the area. Game starts with parents rolling the ball back and forth with the children. Parent and children take turns tossing and catching the ball back and forth to one another. Parents then hold the ball out (quite low to start) and drop it letting the child control it with the bottom of the foot. Have the child shout "Ole!" when successful in controlling the ball. Parents can play a pass 5-6 yards away and have child run and get the ball and bring it back. Parent send with legs shoulder width apart and child kicks the ball between their legs – child then dives on the ball on the other side. Repeat with child retrieving the ball with feet. Switch role to have child play a pass and parent retrieving the ball. Have parents set up a small net with cones and have them act as a passive goalkeeper with child taking shots on them to score.

Alternatives

Harder – Instead of parents perform in partners. Increase distances and add Competition between partners



Emphasis

- Becoming familiar with the ball
- Basic kicking/passing motions
- Fun with mom or dad

Drill 3



Focus – Ball Literacy
Name of Game - King/Queen of the Ring

Organization

Players have a ball each. Players must keep ball within a defined area .
Players are encouraged to kick other balls out of area. When a player gets their ball kick out of the grid, they must leave the grid and practice a skill (3 juggles, toe taps etc) and then they are allowed to return to grid.
Ask players to keep track of how many times they lost possession.

Alternatives

Easier – Parent and child can play keep away in pairs. Parent letting child enjoy success

Harder - Progress to last man standing (King/Queen of the ring). When a player gets their ball knocked out of the square they are now "out" and are not allowed to return to the grid. They remain outside the grid cheering for their teammates. Continue this until everybody is knocked out and there is only one player left. This player becomes the King/Queen of the Ring.



Emphasis

- Keep Ball close
- Dribbling
- Shielding ball
- Moving away from danger
- Having Fun



Game



Start your game 15 minutes from the end of the session

Divide your team into 2 squads

Each squad to wear pinneys

Set up a field with the cones and use the pugs

Change goal keepers 3 or 4 times

