

Lesson Plan Form



Coach:	Session date:	Team/Age:	U7s
Theme:	Session 1: Ball Touch		

Session 1: Ball Touch

Stage Activity 1 AIR BALL: (10-15)

Coach calls out an activity like: touch a cone, sit down and get up, touch elbows to the ground etc... Kids throw the ball in the air and then do the activity. They try and catch the ball before it bounces 3 times.

Activity 2

Make a square. Kids dribble in one direction. You yell

out commands: reverse,

across, fast, slow, tag etc...

Activity 3

Kids partner up. They are to

partner in the square. Their

ball is the "paint brush" and

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they try and try and paint

the entire square.

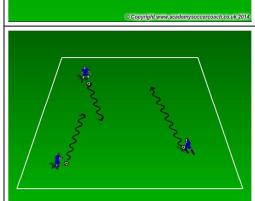
dribble and pass to their

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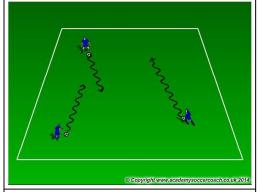
(15-20min)

SQUARE DRIBBLE

(10-15min)



Organization (Diagram+Rules)







Key Coaching Points Objectives -Listening and reacting -Be as quick as possible. Balance and body control -Effort: might not get it but keep -Coordination trying. -Space and being aware of others

Progression: -They control the ball with their feet. -Let kids call out an activity.

-Different parts of the foot can be used for different objectives -Keeping possession regardless of direction

Progression -Right foot or left foot only. -Hold up numbers and have kids yell out the number.

-Appropriate touch on ball (close not far away) -Using all parts of foot -Keep head up

Discovery question: -When did you use the inside of your foot? outside? -What did you need to think about when going across? changing direction?

-Teamwork/ communication -Accurate passing

-Keeping possession of dribble

-Proximity to teammate -Appropriate foot and portion of foot when passing -Being ready to receive

Progression: -Add cones that they need to avoid -Have them make a certain number of touches before passing.

-Give them 40 seconds and see how much they can paint. Challenge them to paint more the next time.

Discovery Questions: -How did you know if your partner was ready to get a pass? -What did you need to think about when dribbling? Passing?

Have fun

Point out any of the above objectives to kids as they are playing

- Limit comments to one or two of the above coaching points COACHING REMINDER: Build the ABC's Agility Balance

HOMEWORK:

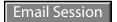
Coordination

Throw the ball up in the air and control it without using your hands (20 times)

5v5 (20-25min)









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Key Coaching Points

-Head and eyes help keep balance

-Keep body parts bent and flexable

-What did you do to get away from

-When is it hard to keep balance in

-What balance move was hard?

-All body parts can be used to

-Move body in different and/or

using ___ to dribble the ball?

uncomfortable positions to get the

DISCOVERY OUESTIONS:

-Use of arms

the tagger?

What was easy?

a soccer game?

control the ball

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Organization (Diagram+Rules)

Stage

Activity 1 BALANCE TAG (10-15min) One kid is it. When they tag someone the person tagged needs to perform a balancing move (coach can give idea for first few times) like stand on one foot. make a bridge, stand on tippie toes. Kids remain doing this until they are tagged by another play and then

they are back in the game.

Activity 2 **BODY PART DRIBBLE** (10-15min)

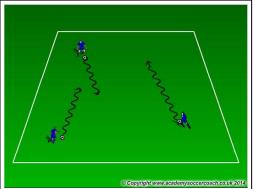
Each player has a ball in an area. The coach yells out a body part and the players must move the ball with that body part. Examples include: hands, elbows, shoulders, feet, buttocks, patella (see what they do, it should be the knee).

Activity 3

CRAB SOCCER (15-20min) Have two teams going for each other's goal in a "Crab Soccer Game". The crab position is hands behind the back on the ground. belly up, and knees bent. Throw in a second ball if it gets boring.

Final Game 5v5 (20-25min)









Objectives -General balance -Changing speed and cutting while staying on feet

Progression -Have two kids be it. -Have kids run with ball in hand and then do balancing with ball: straight legs and touch ball, hold ball in one hand while standing on

-Using all parts of our body to control the ball Balance and coordination -Body awareness

one foot etc...

Progressions: Introduce tick-tock (passing the ball between the inside DISCOVERY QUESTIONS: of the left foot and the inside of the -What did you have to do when right foot back and forth) and tap dance (lightly touch the ball with the bottom of the right foot and then the bottom of the left foot, the ball should not move).

-Playing in uncomfortable position: confidence to play the ball even if not perfectly prepared -Coordinating more than one body movement at a time

Progression -Use more than one ball (Tell the kids they can rest on their butts but only kick when their butt is off the ground.)

-Using different parts of the foot -Keep butt of the ground DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

-What did you have to do with your hands when you kicked the ball? -When was a good time to rest?

Have fun

Point out any of the above objectives to kids as they are playing

- Limit comments to one or two of the above coaching points COACHING REMINDER: Kids have short bursts of energy and then need rest so having a couple rest times during an activity is fine.

HOMEWORK:

Dribble around the yard and touch the grass 10 times with your right hand and 10 times with left hand









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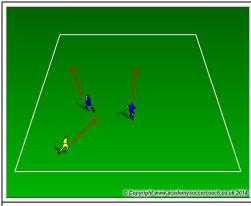


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Activity 1 COLOR TAG (10-15min) With players moving around freely in the penalty box area, the coach calls a color. Whoever is wearing that color is it. He chases and tags for 10 seconds. All tagged players must stand frozen for a count to be taken.



Organization (Diagram+Rules)

Objectives	Key Coaching Points
	-Look quickly -Don't forget to look at yourself

Discovery question:

-What did you do when you saw

someone wearing the color?

Activity 2 NUMBER DRIBBLE (10-15min) Have players dribble in a grid. When players see coach hold up some fingers, they must sit and hold up the same number of fingers. The first one that does this correctly becomes coach.



-Dribbling without looking at ball	-Scanning and quick looks at ball
-Using peripheral vision	then people
-Quick looks	-Slow down, learn to do it right



Progression -Have someone trying to steal the ball Only left foot/right foot -Coach move around while holding

someone sitting on the ball what information do they have?) Discovery question -Why do we need to keep our head -When did you see someone else

-Using all information around (ie

RUN AWAY (15-20min) groups of 5-6. One player throws the ball in the air and calls the name of one of the others. The player whose name is called runs to get it and immediately yells halt. Players freeze. Player w/ the ball places it on the ground and kicks it until he hits another player.

5v5 (20-25min)

Activity 3

up fingers

-Reaction -Judgment

Progression:

-Play with a ball.

with a number before the coach? Is this ok? Why

That player is now catcher.

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Progression: -Kids running away need to hop, skip, run backwards. -Put some obstacles in the grid

(pugg goals, cones).

thrown as to where you might run. Discovery questions

-Think ahead, before the ball is

-How did you choose who to try and kick the ball at? -When running away what did you do other than try and get far away?

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- Have fun
- Point out any of the above
objectives to kids as they are
playing

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COACHING REMINDER: The same discovery questions can

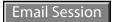
be used multiple times during training and during future weeks as some kids don't hear questions the first time and repeating the same points is important at this age.

HOMEWORK:

Do 20 toe taps with your eyes open and 20 with your eyes closed









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Key Coaching Points

What part of the foot did you use

-Locked ankle, inside of foot, hit

-What did you have to do to kick

ball at or above center

DISCOVERY QUESTION

the ball harder? Softer?

-Keep ankle locked Let the ball fall

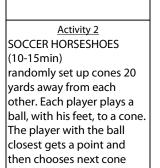
the most?

-Try kicking hard and soft DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:

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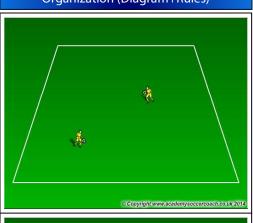
Activity 1
JUGGLING 1st STAGE
(10-15min)
Ask players to play their ball
from foot to hand and from
thigh to hand. For a greater
challenge, ask them to try
foot to thigh to hand.
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Activity 3

BACK TO BACK (15-20min) Pairs stand back to back each holding a ball. Coach says go kids throw their ball and then turn to find partners ball that had been thrown. Players run to get ball and dribble back. First across gets point.

Final Game 5v5 (20-25min)



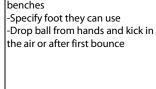


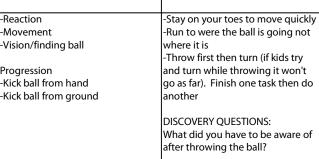


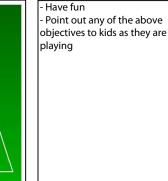


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	-Ball control -Coordination -Balance
	Progression -thigh to foot - kick twice
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-Technique
-Accuracy
-Appropriate pace on bal
Progression
-Use objects such as trees
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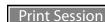


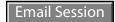
- Limit comments to one or two of the above coaching points COACHING REMINDER: Tell kids thanks: "Thanks for working hard", "Thanks for trying that", "Thanks for listening"

HOMEWORK:

Drop the ball from your hands to your feet and kick it back up. 20 times with each foot.







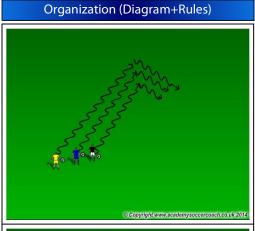


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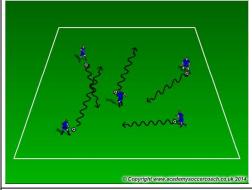
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Activity 1
FOLLOW THE LEADER
(10-15min)
Dribble around the field
making various turns, going
around obstacles, and
changing speeds.



Objectives	ricy coderning romas
-Appropriate touch on ball	-Keep head up
-Turning and cutting	-Push ball into space not into other
-Awareness of others	players or other balls
	-Keep kids tight
Progression	-
-Have different kids lead	DISCOVERY QUESTION
-Divide into 2 groups	-What did you need to think about
	when dribbling?
	-How did you avoid hitting
	someone else?

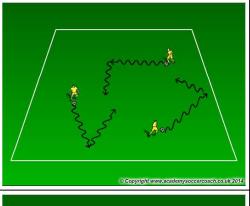
Activity 2 NUMBER DRIBBLE GROUP (10-15min) Players jog with a ball at their feet. When you call a number, that many players must come together with balls touching each other. Example: the call is three, the units of three must be formed by the players.



-Thinking and decision making with -Talk to teammates -Keep ball close -Communication -Head up and watching players -Teamwork DISCOVERY QUESTION -Moving to space -How did you decide who to join Progression: with? -Have kids dribble in various directions

Activity 3

STOP & GO (15-20min) Every player dribbling a ball. On whistle, stop ball and then go with speed. Coach demonstrates stop & go, and players try to copy. Players invent their own stop & go



-See ball through bottom of eyes	-Quick first step
-Keep ball rolling	-Appropriate distance to push ball
-Use foot brake	out
-Creativity	-Different parts of the foot
Progression:	Discover Questions:
-Add cones as obstacles	-What do you need to do when
-Need to change direction	making the quick first step?
-	-What happens if you play the ball
	too far out? Too close?

Final Game 5v5 (20-25min)



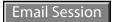
Have fun Point out any of the above objectives to kids as they are playing

Limit comments to one or two of the above coaching points COACHING REMINDER: Kids are still trying to understand the characteristics of the ball and how it reacts to them and how they need to react to it.

HOMEWORK Dribble in the yard and every time you come to a tree (or other object) change and go the opposite direction. Go to 20 objects









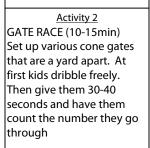
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Theme: Session 6: Ball Control & Dribbling 2 Organization (Diagram+Rules) Stage **Objectives**

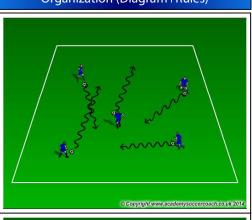
Activity 1 UP DOWN DRIBBLING (10-15min) Kids dribble around in grid. Coach calls out out moves that require kids to go down and then up again. Example: Touch ground with right hand, lay on back, put knees on ground, put forehead on ground

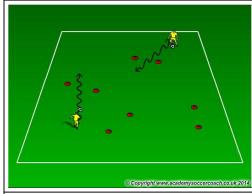


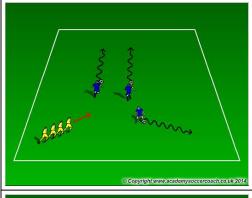
Activity 3 SNAKE TAG: (15-20min) kids need pennies. One without the ball is the snake. Try and tag other kids as they are dribbling. Once kid is tagged they become part of the snake by holding on to the others

Final Game 5v5 (20-25min)

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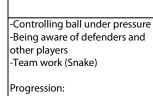


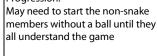


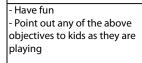
-Movement and balance -Body control Progression -Do without ball -Add cones as obstacles -Tell kids they need to do the move and get to the ball before it stops rolling -Kids do move and then need to find another ball

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Ī		-Quickness
l		-Thinking and planning ahead
ı		-Use of space
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ı		Progression
ı		-Kids can't go through the same
ı		gate twice (before making this rule
l		see if any kids figure out that this
ı		can really increase their number)
		-After going through a gate they
ı		must touch the ground, jump, etc

-Add more/less gates







Key Coaching Points -"Falling" happens in the game, getting up quickly is important. Try and keep you eye on the ball as much as possible.

DISCOVERY OUESTION -What did you have to do when getting up? -When might you fall in a game?

-Look for another gate as you are entering current gate. - Change pace so you are not

standing and waiting. Always be moving.

DISCOVERY QUESTION -Is the closest gate always the best option? Why/why not?

-Change of speed (not always going fast or slow with the ball) -Thinking ahead and planing where to go

-Communication between snake members

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS -What did you need to do to keep from being tagged by the snake? -If you were a snake what did you have to do in order to tag the others?

- Limit comments to one or two of the above coaching points COACHING REMINDER: Help kids to self challenge as opposed to group challenge. For example: "Can you do 2 more than last time?" Instead of say, "Everyone get 10."

HOMEWORK: Do 20 dribble only using right foot and 20 only using left foot.









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Session 7: Ball Control & Dribbling 3

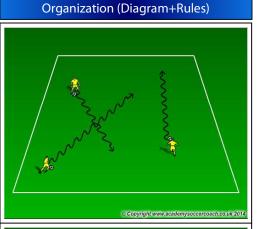
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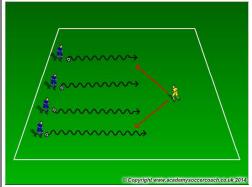
Activity 1 CARS (10-15min) Players do their car impression. Each player dribbles around area according to the "traffic conditions" that are called out: Green: go, Red: stop, Yellow: change direction, First gear: slow, Turbo: fast, Reverse: backwards, Bump: throw ball in air and control on bounce

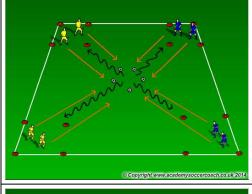
Activity 2 CROSS THE RIVER (10-15min) The players go "boating" from one "shore" (line) to another. In the river are "piranhas" that try and tag boaters. Once tagged boaters become piranahs

Activity 3 CAPTURE THE BALL (15-20min) Equal teams each team's home in the corners. Soccer balls in the middle. All players starting inside their home bases. On command, players each get one ball. They try to dribble it into their home base. Players can steal balls from opponent's home bases.

Final Game 5v5 (20-25min)









Objectives - Changing speed and cutting while |-Use all parts of the foot controlling ball Head up

Progression: Add cones or other obsticals that they go around or avoid.

Change to bumper cars where they give each other "nudges" to get used to body contact and controlling the ball.

-Planning movement -Slowing and speeding up -Cutting and changing direction

Progression -Play without a ball Piranhas need to be in crab position to move -Specify way kids need to dribble go quickly -Use the entire "river" DICOVERY OUESTION -When did you slow down/speed

-Look ahead and plan route

-Times to be patient and times to

Key Coaching Points

-Quick first step when changing

-Keep ball close (as appropriate:

closer at slower speeds further at

-What was easiest to do? Hardest?

direction

Most fun?

faster speeds).

DISCOVERY OUESTIONS:

-What did you do to get by the piranhas?

Short and long touches -Speed -Teamwork

Progression -Change the number of soccer ball -Restrict dribbling options

-Appropriate touch and pace on ball

-Control ball at "base" -Team communication

DISCOVERY QUESTION: -When did you take long touches? Short touches

- (less balls than players) How did you decide who was going to get a

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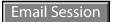
- Limit comments to one or two of the above coaching points COACHING REMINDER: If something isn't working don't force it. Move on to another activity.

HOMEWORK:

Dribble the ball and try not to let it stop moving and try not to let it hit any object in the yard









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Session 8: Striking and Shooting

Stage

Activity 1

LEG SHOOTING (10-15min) Players stand with their back to goal and their feet apart. Each player releases his ball through his feet, and then chases it to shoot on goal. Let them explore using all parts of the foot to shoot (even toe because there are times for toe shots/passes in the game)

Activity 2

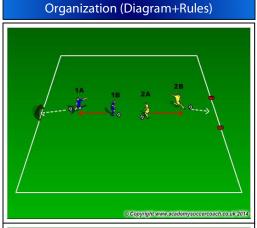
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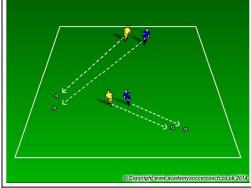
Each person w/ ball but kids in pairs. First kid kicks ball 5-10 yrds away. Other player passes their ball and tries to hit first players ball. If hit they get a point. If not then first player tries to hit 2nd player's ball. Restart after each point

Activity 3

CLEAN YOUR ROOM Two teams. Divide gird into three portions. The central portion (the buffer zone) is 6yds wide and no one can enter it. Place three goals (3yds each) at the far ends of the grid. Players in each team will try to shoot/pass and score below knee height in any of the other team's goals

Final Game 5v5 (20-25min)









Objectives -Shooting technique/ keep ball low Body and ball awareness -Accuracy

Progression: -Have the player release the ball over his head and shoot on goal before the third bounce.

- -Use both feet. -Hit ball before it stops rolling.
- **Key Coaching Points** -Ouick shot not power -Strike ball at or above center -Proper body position (next to ball, leaning over etc...)
- DISCOVERY QUESTION -What did you have to do to get the ball in the goal? -What part of your foot did you
- Proper technique -Accuracy
- Progression: -Specify how the ball must be struck

-Ankle locked, non-kicking foot toward target, Head up -Proper pace on the ball

Discover Question: -Where do you need to strike the ball? Why?

-Accuracy -Dribbling and shooting -Technique

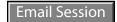
-2 touches before shot

- Progression -Ball must be moving when it's hit -Weak foot only
- Head up and find target then head down and strike ball -Technique especially planting foot -Choosing correct goal DISCOVERY QUESTION
- -What did you have to think about before shooting -What part of the foot did you use? Why?
- Have fun
- Point out any of the above objectives to kids as they are playing
- Limit comments to one or two of the above coaching points COACHING REMINDER: Kids need to learn basic terms like: offense, defense, goal side, end line, goal kick. Ask them often what they mean, they will forget from one week to the next.

HOMEWORK: Have kids do "Leg Shooting" activity 10 times right foot 10 times left









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Session 9: Striking and Shooting 2

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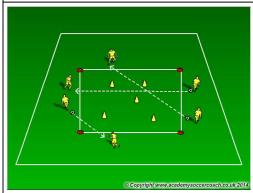
Activity 1 MOVING GOAL (10-15min) Coaches or coach and player hold a penny between them and form a goal. Players pass the ball through the goal. After a few goals player and coach move to another position



Organization (Diagram+Rules)

Key Coaching Points Objectives -Movement with ball -Have head up so you can prepare -Passing while moving to pass -Techniques -Lock ankle, non-kicking foot at target, strike ball at or just above Progression: center Play in pairs -Ball needs to stay close so you can -Only certain parts of foot can be pass quickly used **Discovery Questions** -What did you need to think about when dribbling?

Activity 2 PASS THROUGH: (10-15min) Put cones or balls randomly within the grid. All kids outside of grid. 1 ball for about every 3 kids. Kids pass ball to one of the other sides. Ball can't hit cones or other balls being played.



technique for the ball -Timing of pass -Decision making -Calling for ball when open -Choice of who to pass to Discovery Question: Progression

touch a corner cone or a cone in after the pass and not just stand and watch)

-When did you make a pass? What did you need to decide? -After a pass have the kids run and -What did you do after making a pass? the middle (teaching them to move

-When to call and when not to call

Activity 3 AROUND THE WORLD

(15-20min) Put 4 cones around the field and give them a country name. Players start in the middle each with a ball. Coach calls out a country. Kids dribble around that country and then shoot the ball in the Pugg goals that are in the center.



-Shooting moving ball -Appropriate power on shot -Dribbling and shooting technique -Shot timing

-Limit number of touches after

-Have them go around more than

-Say "Everyone wearing black go

around X and everyone wearing

going around the cone

red go around Y."

-Accuracy. This comes with proper

-Add more balls

Progression

one cone -Add cones

-Technique: Head down, hit ball above center -Follow ball after shot -Need space (only a little) for shot

Final Game

5v5 (20-25min)



- Have fun Point out any of the above **Discovery Question:** -What did you have to do before vou could shoot? -Why do we run after the ball after shooting it?

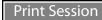
objectives to kids as they are playing

- Limit comments to one or two of the above coaching points COACHING REMINDER: When kids have questions encourage them to ask teammates for answers (especially if you have said it a couple times).

HOMEWORK:

Have kids dribble around an object in the yard. Go to a different object each time. 20 times.









Lesson Plan Form

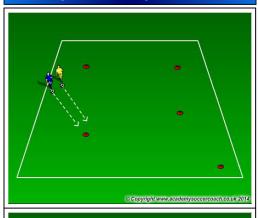


y Coaching Points

Coach:	Session date:	Team/Age:	U7s

Theme:		Session 10: Striki	Session 10: Striking and Shooting 3		
	Stage	Organization (Diagram+Rules)		Objectives	Key

Activity 1 SOCCER GOLF (10-15min) Use objects (trees, bench or cones) to make a golf course. Have kids try and get to the hole in the least number of kicks as possible



	-Move after hitting ball
-Movement and balance	-Strike center of the ball
-Appropriate power	-Look at target then at bal
	DISCOVER QUESTION
	-When did you need to kick it hard? soft

Activity 2 AROUND THE WORLD (10-15min) Put 4 cones around the field and give them a country name. Players start in the middle each with a ball. Coach calls out a country. Kids dribble around that country and then shoot the ball in the Pugg goals that

-Shooting moving ball -Appropriate power on shot -Dribbling and shooting technique -Shot timing

-Technique: Head down, hit ball above center -Follow ball after shot -Need space (only a little) for shot

Discovery Question:

are in the center.



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FOX AND HUNTERS (15-20min) Players on outside have ball and are foxes, players on the inside are hunters. Players on the outside try and kick the ball to hit one of the foxes. If the fox is hit

Activity 3

around X and everyone wearing red go around Y." -Vision

-Shot choice/timing

-Accuracy

Look at target then strike ball -Quick shooting can catch someone off guard -Use both feet

Final Game 5v5 (20-25min)

they come out and do something (juggle, toe tap) and then go back in.



Progression -Foxes can start by doing crab -Hunters have to shoot a moving ball

DISCOVERY QUESTION -What did you have to do to get the ball to go where you wanted? -What did you need to do before shooting? After shooting?



Have fun Point out any of the above objectives to kids as they are playing

Limit comments to one or two of the above coaching points

COACHING REMINDER: Sometimes a little chaos is they best way to have kids learn. They begin to work it out for themselves.

HOMEWORK: Kids stand by a tree and take 2-3 big dribbles away from tree. Then turn and pass/shoot ball at tree. 20





