



# MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH SOCCER



**GOAL** Building up on Own Half in Order to Create Scoring Chances 1

**Key Qualities** Make decisions, Take initiative, Focus

**Age Group** 12-U

**Team Tactical Principles** Pass/Dribble Forward, Spread out, Create options and Support the attack

## PLAY - SMALL SIDED GAMES

### Objective:

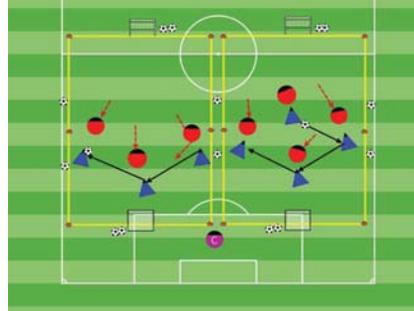
To play a game as the players arrive with the purpose to move the ball forward to score goals.

### Organization:

Set up two or more 20Wx30L fields with a goal at each end. As the players arrive, play 1v1, 2v1, 2v3, up to 4v4.

**Time:** 4 games of 2 minutes with a 30 second rest for a total of 10 minutes.

**Rules:** Out of bounds - Pass or dribble the ball in



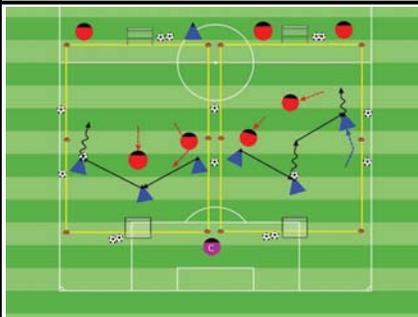
**Key Words:** Go to goal, Be available to receive a pass.

### Guided Questions:

- Why does the coach connect with every player as soon as they arrive to training?
- How are the players engaged?

**Answer:** Because it establishes a good line of communication to be more effective when coaching them. They are playing, trying to move, pass and dribble forward to score goals.

## PRACTICE - CORE ACTIVITY

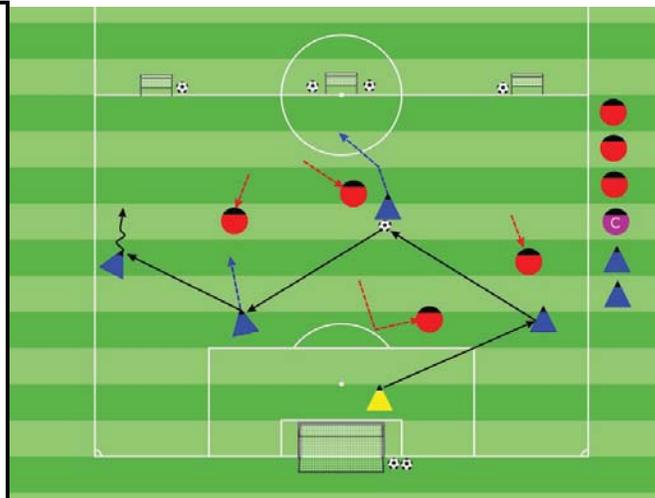


### Less Challenging Activity

### Organization:

- Play 3v2 in a 20Wx30L field with a small goal at each end.
- Substitute players every two intervals.

**Rules:** Out of bounds/goal the blue team restarts with the ball.

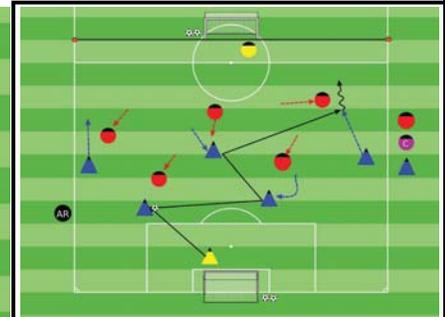


**Activity Duration** 24 min

**# of Intervals** 6

**Time Active** 3 min

**Active Rest** 1 min



### More Challenging Activity

### Organization:

- Play 6v6 in a 50Wx45L field with two regular goals.
- Substitute every two intervals.

**Rules:** All FIFA Laws apply.

### Objective:

To possess the ball to disorganize the opponent in order to pass and dribble forward to create scoring opportunities.

### Organization:

- Play 5v4 in a half field (50Wx37L) with a regular goal and two counter goals at each end line.
- Scoring: Blue in the counter goals, Red in the regular goal.
- Change the the blue and red players every two intervals.

**Rules:** All FIFA Laws Apply. After a goal Blue gets a goal kick, Red passes the ball in from the midline.

**Key Words:** Make diagonal passes, Move the ball to move the opponent, Get Behind, Forward and to the Sides of the ball, Be available to receive a pass.

### Guided Questions:

- When should the players pass backwards?
- Why do we want to move the ball and the opponents?

**Answers:** The player with the ball has defenders in front and can't penetrate but has a supporting player behind him/her. To create openings in their defense and pass or dribble forward.

## PLAY - LET THEM PLAY

### Objective:

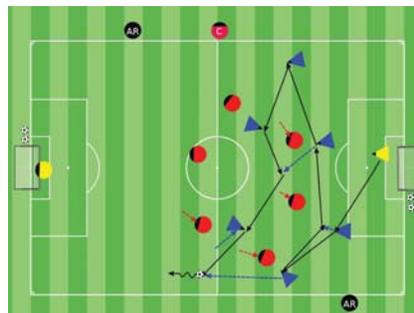
To possess the ball to disorganize the opponent to pass and dribble forward to score goals.

### Organization:

- Organize two equal teams with the players you have at practice up to 9v9 in a 50Wx75L field with two regular goals.

**Time:** 2 halves of 13 minutes, 2 minutes rest for a total of 30 minutes.

**Rules:** All FIFA Rules Apply.



**Key Words:** Make Diagonal Passes, Move the ball to move the opponent, Get Behind, Forward and to the Sides of the ball, Be available to receive a pass.

### Guided Questions:

- What actions let you know that players learned in training today?

**Answers:** Players pass diagonally forward, backwards and side ways to probe the defense to find an opening to move the ball forward.