Bedford Youth Soccer U8 Week 3

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Warm up: Pass and Move	Set up	Explanation	Coaching points
	Players in groups of 3 or 4 with 1 ball for each group Each group has one ball, and at least 1 more cone than the number of players Cones are marked into a square about 7 yards on each side, with an optional (depending on numbers)cone in the middle	One player starts with the ball and passes to a teammate. The player who made the pass then makes a run to one of the open cones The sequence is then repeated by the receiving player After a practice period, whichever team can make the most passes in 1 minute, or whichever team can be the first to 15 passes, wins each round. Progression: Have the players move the cones they are using into a random shape to create different angles and lengths of pass.	 Try to receive and make the pass with the inside of your foot. Once you make a pass, quickly move to the open cone so you can be available to receive again. Which parts of your foot can you pass with? How can you play quicker? Are there different techniques you can pass with?
Opposed practice: Passing Tournament	Set up	Explanation	Coaching points
\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Sets of 2 yard cone "goals" are placed in sequence across the playing field. Players are placed about 3 yards back on either side of the goal, facing their opponent.	 Players make passes through the cone "goal" to their opponent. The receiving player has 2 touches to return the ball - one touch to receive, one touch to pass. Players take a step backwards everytime they make a good pass (through the "goal"), or a step forwards if the pass was unsuccessful The player who is furthest from the goal after 1 minute, wins the round - players then find another opponent for round 2 	Receive with the inside of your foot. Lock your ankle when passing the ball. Be on your toes and try to keep the ball in front of you. What should a good pass look like? - It should be firm, it should roll and it should be on target!
Small Sided Game: Kick off (passing transition)	Set up	Explanation	Coaching points
Ball 1 Ball 2 Ba	 A 20x30 field is set up with 2 goals at either end (one goal would work too) Teams are set up in a diamond shape, each in their own half, with one ball for each team. Teams are named or numbered by the coach 	Each team passes their own ball amongst themselves while maintaining their diamond shape. Coach will call out the name or number of one team, and the ball that team was using becomes the game ball in a 4v4 scrimmage. The team whose name/number were not called out must pass their ball to coach and transition to defend the attacking team. If a goal is scored or the ball goes out of play, the game begins again with both teams passing their own ball.	Try to react quickly to the transition from passing sequence to game Try to keep your diamond shape - dont all get drawn to the ball! Try to find an open pass - if you are in possession and more than one defender is pressuring you, There is an open teammate somewhere on the field!