Bedford Youth Soccer U8 Week 4

Dribbling/Turning to Shoot



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Warm up: 4 Goal shooting	Set up	Explanation	Coaching points
	 A box about 25x25, with a goal (cones are fine) on each face of the box and a team placed next to each goal. A collection of soccer balls are placed in the center of the box. 	On coach's command, the first player from each team comes into the center, turns with a ball and shoots toward their own goal. Once they shoot, they return to the line and high five their team mate, who then completes the same sequence. Once a player has high fived their team mate, they must retrieve the ball they shot and roll it back into the middle of the field. Balls returned to the field can be shot from where they lie, so returning the ball carelessly to the field may lead to an opposing team having an easy shot. The team with the most goals in 3 minutes wins the round.	Be sharp into the ball and quick to turn. What different techniques can you use to turn/shoot Can you shoot with both feet?
Opposed practice: Feint to Score	Set up	Explanation	Coaching points
	 2 Goals are set up 20-25 yards apart, with a cone/group of cones in the center of the field. Each player has a ball, and are set up in 2 groups about 3 to the side of each goal. 	On coaches command, the first player in each line dribbles towards the cones in the center (which act as the "defender") The player dribbles/feints around the cones, and shoots at the opposite goal. The player then retrieves their ball and joins the back of the other line. Coach can pick up the speed of the drill by releasing the next player as soon as the player in front has passed the cone/taken their shot. As a progression, take the cones away and have the 2 dribblers approach each other and feint each other out before shooting at the goal.	 Dribble at the defender quickly with the ball close. Vary the way you feint around the defender. Turn your toe down to lock your ankle, and try to drive the ball with pace.
Small Sided Game: Triangle Goal Game	Set up	Explanation	Coaching points
大 大 大 大	 Mark a field about 30x30 (or use your space accordingly) with a triangle of cones (5x5) in the center. Two teams of 4 in the field, with a goalkeeper positioned in the triangle. 	 The 2 teams play a regular game and can score by shooting the ball through any side of the triangle. The game is continuous as long as the ball is in play - if a goal is scored through the triangle and the scoring team retrieves the ball before it goes out of play, they keep possession. The goalkeeper can be a team of their own - everytime they make a save, they get a point. 	Team in possession should attempt to move the ball quickly to an unguarded side of the triangle goal. Every angle is a shooting angle! Team on defense should stay compact and protect the area around the triangle, rather than get spread out chasing the ball around the field