



# United States Youth Soccer Association

## Practice Plan

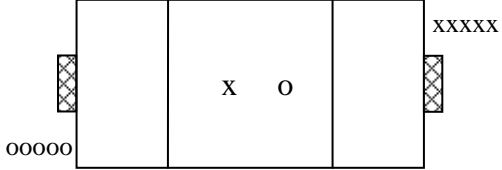

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Age Group: U12

Theme: Attacking/Finishing

### Activity

### Coaching Points

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<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Activity (warm-up) Partner Passing</b></p> <p>2 players are passing 10 yards apart, on coach's signal whoever has ball tries and keeps it and partner now tries to take it away. After approx. 30 seconds. Stop and start passing ball again.</p> <p>Progressions: Have players move around and pass. Make groups of 4 who are passing, but have two teams (2 blue, 2 red). On signal they play 2v2. Cooperative/Competitive. 3v3? 4v4?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good passing/receiving technique. Transition on signal. Support angles.</li> <li>Shielding, turning, change of speed</li> <li>Have endlines behind players to try and attack as another progression</li> </ul>
<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Activity 1v0 Finishing</b></p> <p>Make 2 lines of players on opposite sides of each endline. First players in each line dribble to line and shoot at goal. Retrieve ball and go to opposite line. Next shooter attacks after shooter shoots.</p> <p>Progressions: 1) Check towards opposite line, receive pass and turn and shoot on goal 2) Have target, x and o set-up a wall pass 3) x and o set-up a drop pass</p>	
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Activity 1v1 Thunder</b></p> <p>Play 1v1 w/recovery. Instant attacker shoots, they defend player from opposite line (o shoots against x, new x attacks o who shot ball)</p> <p>Progression: Play 2v2</p>	
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Activity Queen/King of the Court</b></p> <p>Set up a playing field with 1 goal. Divide into three teams. 2 teams are playing against one another. Other team is standing out with coach about 35 yards away from goal. The team that scores stays on and the team that gives up the goal runs back to coach. Coach then plays a new ball to the team that was off waiting. Keep the game flowing. If a team scores three times in a row they come off as retired champions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The players should look to attack at speed and play the ball to a teammate if they are open. Great attacking activity (favorite!)</li> <li>If ball goes out, coach just plays a new ball to whichever team didn't kick ball out. If goalie saves ball have them practice throwing or kicking ball back to coach who can start a new ball in.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Activity (the game) Game</b></p> <p>Make 3 teams of 4 players. Play regular game but move goals in close (35-40 yards apart). Encourage risk and shooting even when off-balance or not in a good position. "Finishers mentality".</p> <p>The 3<sup>rd</sup> team acts as "bumpers" (b) and passes balls to attackers. Team that scores stays on, other team switches with "bumpers"</p>	