BYSA COACHES PRACTICE GUIDE



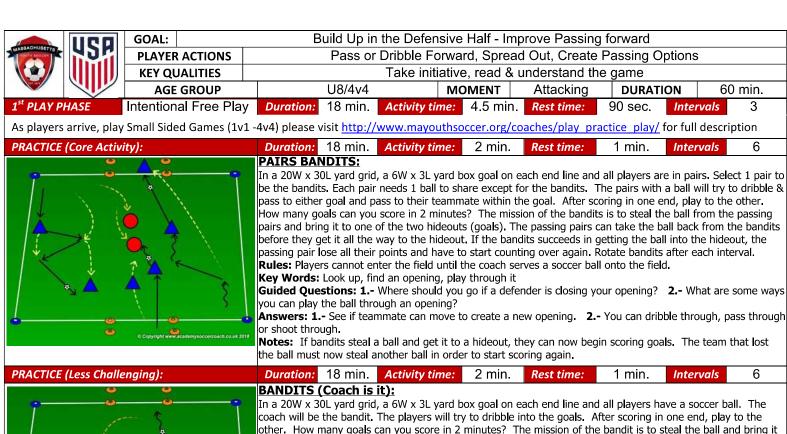
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other. How many goals can you score in 2 minutes? The mission of the bandit is to steal the ball and bring it to one of the two hideouts (goals). The player can steal his/her ball back from the bandits before they get it all the way to the hideout. If the bandit succeeds in getting the ball into the hideout, the player loses all their points and have to start counting over again. After 2-3 rounds, select up to 2 players to take the role of the bandit. Remember to change bandits after each interval.

Key Words: support your teammate, find avoid the coach, go for goal

Guided Questions: 1.- Where should your teammate move to if you have the ball? 2.- When should you nass?

Answers: 1.- Try to move forward and into openings, 2.- If a defender is blocking your opening, pass to your teammate to see if he/she can play forward through an opening.

Notes: Once the players understand the direction and where to score, challenge them to work with a partner. The 2 players now need to move the ball from one goal to the other.

PRACTICE (More Challenging):



Duration: 2v2 to Goal:

18 min. Activity time:

2 min.

Rest time:

1 min.

Intervals

6

In a 20W x 30L yard grid, a 6W x 3L yard box goal on each end line, coach will create teams of 2 players. Two teams will play against one another and, on the same field and at the same time, two other teams will also play against one another. Each team will defend 1 goal and score in the other. A goal is scored by either dribbling the ball into the opponent's box or passing the ball to your teammate in the box. After a goal is scored, the scoring team backs up to allow the ball back into play and the game continues. If you have more than 4 teams of 2, either rotate teams onto the field or create a second field.

Key Words: play through, look up

Guided Questions: 1.- What are some things you have to look for in this game? 2.- Why should you try to keep the ball instead of kicking it away?

Answers: 1.- You have to look for your teammates, the goal, the other players. 2.- It is much easier to get the ball to your teammates if you receive it first, pick your head up and pass it to them.4

Notes: Coach can add passing or scoring incentives as needed to further challenge the players.

2nd PLAY PHASE

The Game - 4v4

Duration: 24 min.

Activity time:

10 min. Rest time:

2 min.

Intervals

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GOAL:		Improve the techniques of passing, dribbling
PLAYER ACTIONS		Shoot & Pass or Dribble Forward

Take initiative, be pro-active

AGE GROUP

KEY QUALITIES

U8/4v4 20 min.

15 min.

MOMENT

Attacking

DURATION

Intervals

Intervals

Intervals

Intentional Free Play **Duration:**

Duration:

Activity time:

Activity time:

Activity time:

5 min.

20 sec.

Rest time:

Rest time:

Rest time:

1.5 min. **Intervals**

30 sec.

30 sec.

1 min.

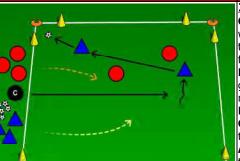
60 min.

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PRACTICE (Core Activity):



2v2 to 4 Corner Goals:

Organization: In a 20Wx30L grid, a cone goal in every corner, the coach starts at the center of a side line with all the soccer balls. Divide the group into 2 teams; one team on the coach's right & one on the left. Each team will have 2 goals to defend and 2 goals to score in. The coach will play a ball onto the field. 2 players from each team go after the ball and try to score by striking the ball into either of their opponent's 2 goals. Rules: Play starts when the coach passes a ball onto the field. Team's get 1,000 points if they can score a goal. Once a goal is score or if the ball goes out of play, game over and coach serves a new ball out for the next players to play.

Key Words: Find the open goal, go, help your teammate

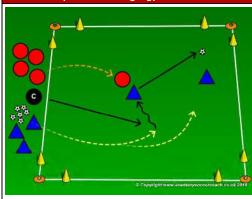
Guided Question: 1.- What can you do to trick the opponent? 2.- When would you use your laces to strike the ball?

Answer: 1.- Pretend to go to one goal then change direction to go to the other. 2.- Use your laces to strike the ball toward the goal.

Notes: Rotate the area of the field the ball is served into to change the starting points of the attacks. You can also serve a ball closer to a player who has not had many opportunities to play the ball.

20 sec.

PRACTICE (Less Challenging):



2v1 to 4 Corner Goals:

Duration:

15 min.

Organization: In a 20Wx30L grid, a cone goal in every corner, the coach starts at the center of a side line with all the soccer balls. Divide the group into 2 teams; one team on the coach's right & one on the left. Each team will have 2 goals to defend and 2 goals to score in. Prior to playing a ball onto the field the coach will announce which team gets 2 players and which team only gets 1. Once the ball is played onto the field, both teams go after the ball and try to score by striking the ball into either of their opponent's 2 goals.

Rules: Play starts when the coach passes a ball onto the field. Team's get 1,000 points if they can score a goal. Once a goal is score or if the ball goes out of play, game over and coach serves a new ball out for the next players to play.

Key Words: Find the open goal, go, help your teammate

Guided Question: 1.- Where can you play the ball if the opening to one goal is blocked by the defender? 2.- When would you use your laces to strike the ball?

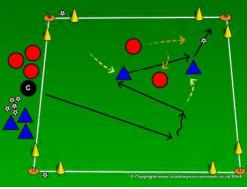
Answer: 1.- Try to play the ball to the other goal. Use your teammate to help if you have one. 2.- Use your laces to strike the ball toward the goal.

Notes: Play the ball in the area closest to the team of 2 to help them build the attack. Don't worry, the next ball may be played closer to the other team.

Rest time:

1 min.

PRACTICE (More Challenging):



Duration: 14 min. **Activity time:** 2v2 to 4 Corner Goals (3 serves):

Organization: In a 20Wx30L grid, a cone goal in every corner, the coach starts at the center of a side line with all the soccer balls. Divide the group into 2 teams; one team on the coach's right & one on the left. Each team will have 2 goals to defend and 2 goals to score in. 2 players from each team will start on the field. The coach will play a ball onto the field to start the game. When the ball goes out of play, or a goal is scored, the coach serves another ball onto the field. After 3 soccer balls have been served onto the field and either scored or knocked out of play, the game is over and the next players enter the field. Rules: Coach serves the ball for all restarts. Laws of the game apply.

Key Words: Find the open goal, go, help your teammate

Guided Question: 1.- Once a goal is scored or the ball goes out of play, what should you do next?

2.- When should you kick the ball toward the goal (shoot)?

Answer: 1.- Find an opening where you can get the ball. 2.- When you see an opening to the goal (no opponents in your way).

Notes: Players do not have to be ready when you play a ball onto the field. The ball in play will tell them it is time to be ready.

2nd PLAY PHASE

The Game - 4v4

Duration: 26 min.

Activity time:

11 min.

Rest time:

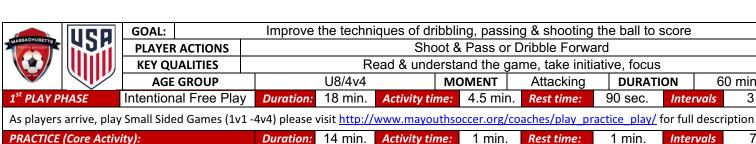
2 min. Intervals

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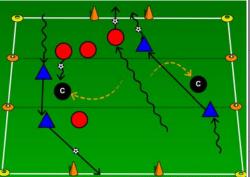
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14 min. **Activity time: Duration:** Boston Bulldogs (with partners):

Organization: In a 20Wx30L grid, with a 5 yard zone in the middle (the dog pound) & a cone goal on each end line. Coaches start in the pound as the dog catchers (dog catchers do not use a soccer ball & must stay in the pound). Each player has a partner and one soccer ball to share. Players start on one end line. Players (bulldogs) try to sneak through the dog pound without waking the catchers. If they can get through the dog pound without losing their ball and score in the goal, their team gets 100 points. Once they have scored, they can go back through the dog pound to score in the other goal.

1 min.

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Rules: When the coach yells, "Who let the dogs out?" the players start across the grid. If a dog catcher steals your soccer ball you and your partner lose your points and have to start scoring again.

1 min.

Key Words: Slow the ball down, dribble (or pass) through the pound

Activity time:

Guided Questions: 1.- How can you get the ball through the dog pound the fastest? 2.- Once you get past the dog pound, what part of your foot can you use to score?

Answers: 1.- You can kick the ball through the pound but it is helpful if your partner is on the other side. 2.- You can point your toe down so you can strike the ball with your laces.

Notes: Players can start as dog catchers also but will be in the pound with their partner. After a few rounds, if the dog catcher steals a ball, the dog catchers and bulldogs can switch roles.

1 min.

PRACTICE (Less Challenging):



Duration: 14 min. Dogs Gone Wild:

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Rest time:

Rest time:

Rules: When the coach yells, "Who let the dogs out?" the players start across the grid. Can kick the ball through the goal or dribble through for points.

Key Words: Go to goal, dribble (or pass) through the pound

Guided Questions: 1.- How can you get the ball through the dog pound the fastest? 2.- Once you get past the dog pound, what part of your foot can you use to score?

Answers: 1.- you can kick the ball through the pound but it is helpful if your partner is on the other side. 2.- You can point your toe down so you can strike the ball with your laces.

Notes: Coaches can step into the dog pound as obstacles to see if the players can play the ball around the coaches (dog catchers).

PRACTICE (More Challenging):



14 min. **Duration: Activity time:**

Boston Bulldogs (no dog pound):

Organization: In a 20Wx30L grid, with a cone goal on each end line. Coaches 2 players to start as dog catchers (dog catchers do not use a soccer ball. The rest of the players have a partner and one soccer ball to share. Players start on one end line. Players (bulldogs) try play past the dog catchers without getting caught. If they can get past the dog catchers without losing their ball and score in the goal, their team gets 100 points. Once they have scored, they can go back past the dog catchers to score in the other goal.

1 min.

Rules: When the coach yells, "Who let the dogs out?" the players start across the grid. If a dog catcher steals your soccer ball you and your partner lose your points and have to start scoring again.

Key Words: Go fast, find your partner

Guided Questions: 1.- How can you get the ball through the dog pound the fastest? 2.- Once you get past the dog pound, what part of your foot can you use to score?

Answers: 1.- You can kick the ball through the pound but it is helpful if your partner is on the other side. 2.- You can point your toe down so you can strike the ball with your laces.

Notes: After a few rounds, if the dog catcher steals a ball, the dog catchers and bulldogs can switch roles.

2nd PLAY PHASE

The Game - 4v4

Duration: 28 min.

Activity time:

12 min. Rest time: 2 min.

Intervals

60 min.

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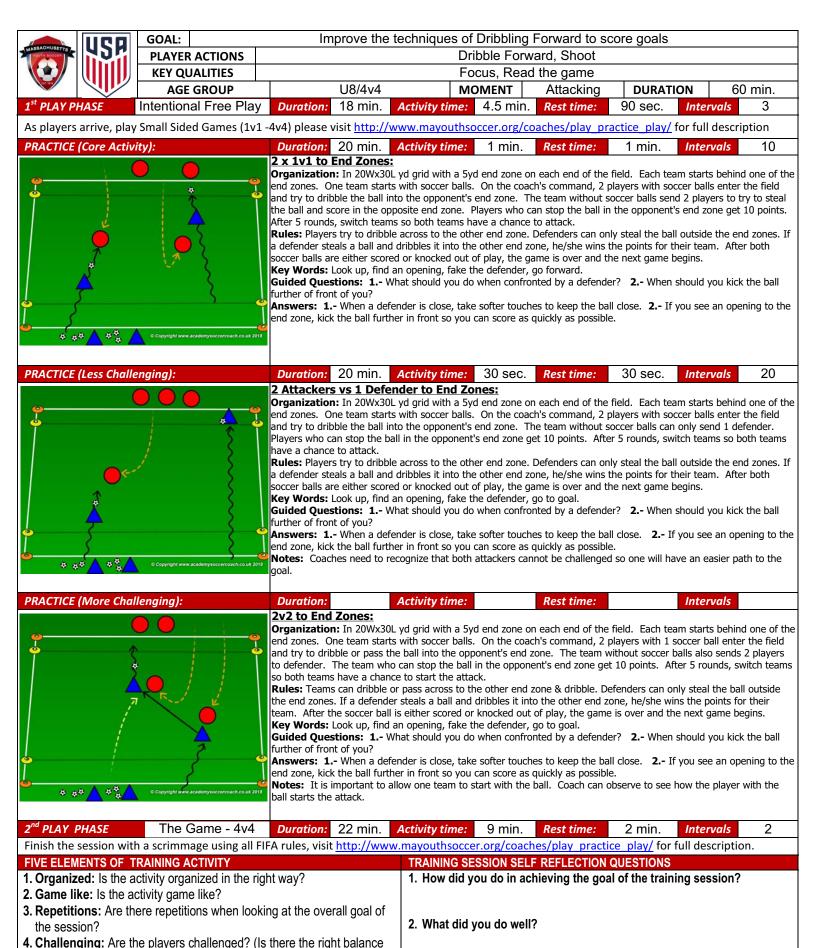
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between being successful and unsuccessful?)

players?

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Improve defending in the defensive third GOAL: **PLAYER ACTIONS**

Protect the goal, steal the ball

1 min.

KEY QUALITIES Read and understand the game, focus

AGE GROUP Intentional Free Play

U8/4v4 18 min. MOMENT

Defending

Rest time:

Rest time:

DURATION 90 sec. **Intervals**

60 min. 3

Duration: As players arrive, play Small Sided Games (1v1 -4v4) please visit http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/coaches/play practice play/ for full description

Activity time:

Activity time:

4.5 min. Rest time:

30 sec.

Intervals

12

PRACTICE (Core Activity):

18 min. **Duration: Guard The Goals:**

Organization: In a 20Wx30L grid, with several 3 yard triangle shaped goals. Select enough defenders so there is 1 less defender than goals. The rest of the players have a partner and a soccer ball for each pair. The players with a soccer ball try to dribble or pass through as many goals as they can in 1 minute. The defenders must guard all the goals and tackle the ball away if a team tries to score.

Rules: Defenders cannot enter the triangles so if an attacking team can stop the ball in a triangle they can

Key Words: try to win the ball, pressure the ball, tackle the ball.

Guided Questions: 1.- How do you know where the attackers are? 2.- What can you do if no one is attacking goal you are closest to?

Answers: 1.- Keep your head up and always look around to see if they are close. 2.- Move to help one of your teammates to protect a different goal.

Notes: Don't worry if an attacking team stops to rest in a goal. The emphasis is on the teams without the ball. If a team is stopped in a goal, they cannot continue to score.

1 min.

PRACTICE (Less Challenging):

18 min. **Duration:**

Guard The Goal Tag:

Organization: In a 20Wx30L grid, with two 3 yard triangle shaped goals. Select 2 defenders, 1 defender defends each goal. The rest of the players have a partner and share a soccer ball. The players with a soccer ball try to dribble or pass through as many goals as they can in 1 minute. The defenders must guard all the goals. If the defender can poke their ball away or even tag them, the attackers score goes back to zero. Rules: Defenders cannot enter the triangles so if an attacking team can stop the ball in a triangle they can

Key Words: try to win the ball, pressure the ball, tackle the ball.

Activity time:

Guided Questions: 1.- When should stay close to the goal you are defending? 2.- What can you do if the attackers kick the ball too far in front of themselves?

Answers: 1.- If the attackers are close to your call, stay back. If the defenders are far away, step up. 2.- Step closer to the ball to see if you can poke tackle it away.

Notes: If too many goals are still getting scored, add another defender who can roam all over the field.

18 min. **Duration:**

Activity time:

2 min.

Rest time:

1 min.

30 sec.

Intervals

Intervals

6

12

3v3 Guard The Goal:

Organization: In a 20Wx30L grid, with two 3 yard triangle shaped goals. Select 2 teams of 3 players each. Each team defends 1 goal and scores in the other. The team with a soccer ball tries to dribble or pass through the opponent's goal. If the defending team must wins the ball, they can attack the goal at the other end of the field.

Rules: Defenders cannot enter the triangles so if an attacking team can stop the ball in a triangle they can rest.

Key Words: try to win the ball, pressure the ball, tackle the ball.

Guided Questions: 1.- When should 2 defenders be close together? 2.- What can you do if the attackers kick the ball too far in front of themselves?

Answers: 1.- If the other team has has more players on one side the defending can send players over to help. 2.- Step closer to the ball to see if you can poke tackle it away.

Notes: If too many goals are still being scored, reduce the number of attackers on the team who is scoring the most so the focus will remain on defending.

2nd PLAY PHASE

The Game - 4v4

Duration: 24 min.

Activity time:

10 min. Rest time:

2 min.

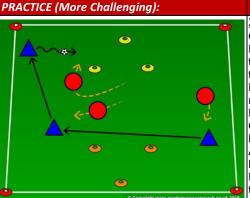
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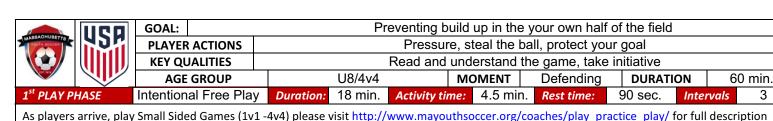
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18 min. **Duration:** Activity time:

4 Corner Shooting/Defending:

Organization: In 20Wx30L yard grid with a goal on each end line. Players of the same team are placed by the corner cones of the end line they are defending. Half of the team is in a line at one cone and the other half at the other cone. The coach is standing outside the middle with all the soccer balls. The game starts when the coach serves the ball into the field. One player from each corner comes out to play 2v2. The game is over when one team scores by shooting into the opponent's goal. If the ball goes out of bounds, all players leave the field. The coach will play a new ball onto the field for the next round to begin.

Rest time:

Rest time:

30 sec.

30 sec.

30 sec.

Rules: Players cannot enter the field until the coach serves a soccer ball onto the field.

Key Words: step to the ball, pressure, block your goal.

Guided Questions: 1.- What should you do if you team doesn't have the ball? 2.- Where should you go if the attacker gets past you?

Answers: 1.- Get as close to the ball as you can and block the attacker from going to your goal. 2.- Run back to your goal then try to get close to the ball again.

Notes: Serve the ball to one team or the other so it is clear which team initiates the attack and which team starts as defenders.

30 sec.

PRACTICE (Less Challenging):

18 min. **Duration: Activity time:**

4 Corner 1v2 to Goal:

Organization: In 20Wx30L yard grid with a goal on each end line. Players of the same team are placed by the corner cones of the end line they are defending. Half of the team is in a line at one cone and the other half at the other cone. The coach is standing outside the middle with all the soccer balls. The game starts when the coach serves the ball into the field. Whichever team gets the serve can only attack with 1 player. The team that does not get the ball gets 2 players. The game is over when one team scores by shooting into the opponent's goal. If the ball goes out of bounds, all players leave the field. The coach will play a new ball onto the field for the next round to begin.

Rules: Players cannot enter the field until the coach serves a soccer ball onto the field.

Key Words: help your teammate, pressure, close the opening to goal

Guided Questions: 1.- What should you do if you teammate is closest to the ball? 2.- What happens if your teammate gets beat?

Answers: 1.- Get behind them to help them protect the goal. 2.- Step closer to the ball to see if you can win

Notes: Serve the ball to one player. Rotate who the serve is played to so all players have rounds they defend.

PRACTICE (More Challenging):

Duration:

Activity time:

1 min.

Rest time:

30 sec.

Intervals

12

3

18

18

Intervals

Intervals

4 Corner 3v4 to Goal:

18 min.

Organization: In 20Wx30L yard grid with a goal on each end line. Players of the same team are placed by the corner cones of the end line they are defending. Half of the team is in a line at one cone and the other half at the other cone. The coach is standing outside the middle with all the soccer balls. The game starts when the coach serves the ball into the field. Whichever team gets the serve can attack with all 4 players. The team that does not get the ball gets 3 players. The game is over when one team scores by shooting into the opponent's goal. If the ball goes out of bounds, all players leave the field. The coach will play a new ball onto the field for the next round to begin.

Rules: Players cannot enter the field until the coach serves a soccer ball onto the field.

Key Words: step up, steal it, get the ball

Guided Questions: 1.- What is meant by close an opening? 2.- What happens to the openings when the attackers make a pass?

Answers: 1.- Close any space between defenders or to the goal that the attackers can play a ball through. 2.- There may be new openings so you have to move to close the openings.

Notes: Serve the ball to one player. Rotate who the serve is played to so all players have rounds they defend.

2nd PLAY PHASE

The Game - 4v4

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Activity time:

10 min. Rest time:

2 min.

Intervals

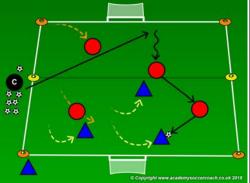
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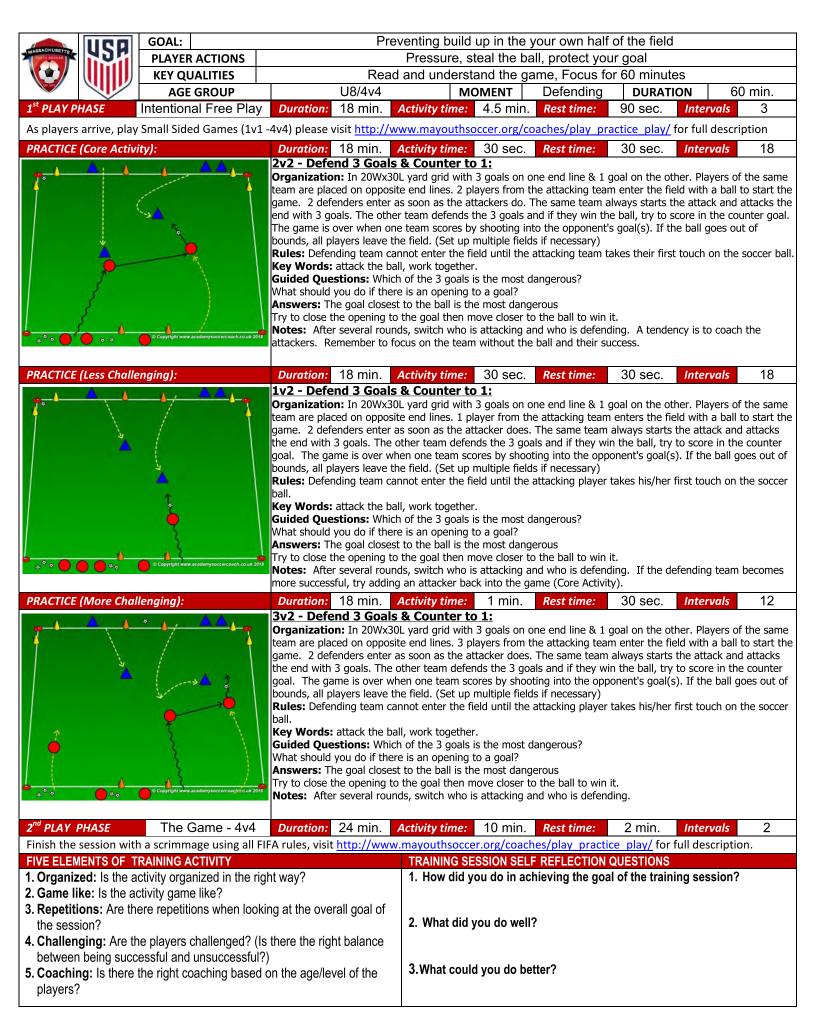
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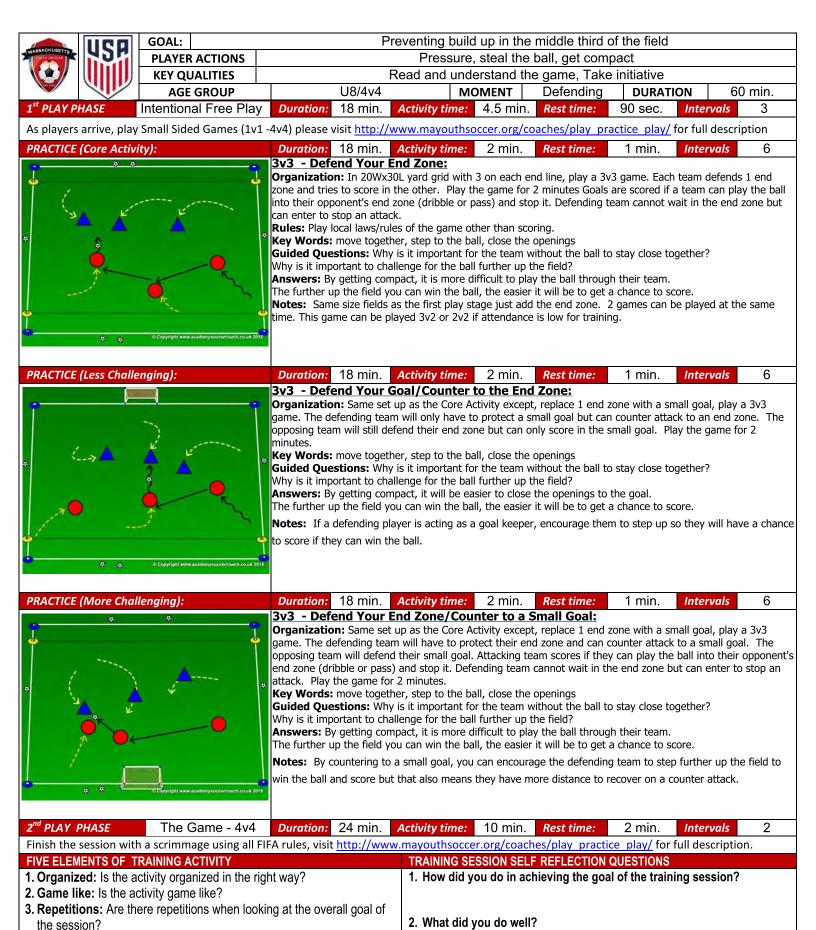
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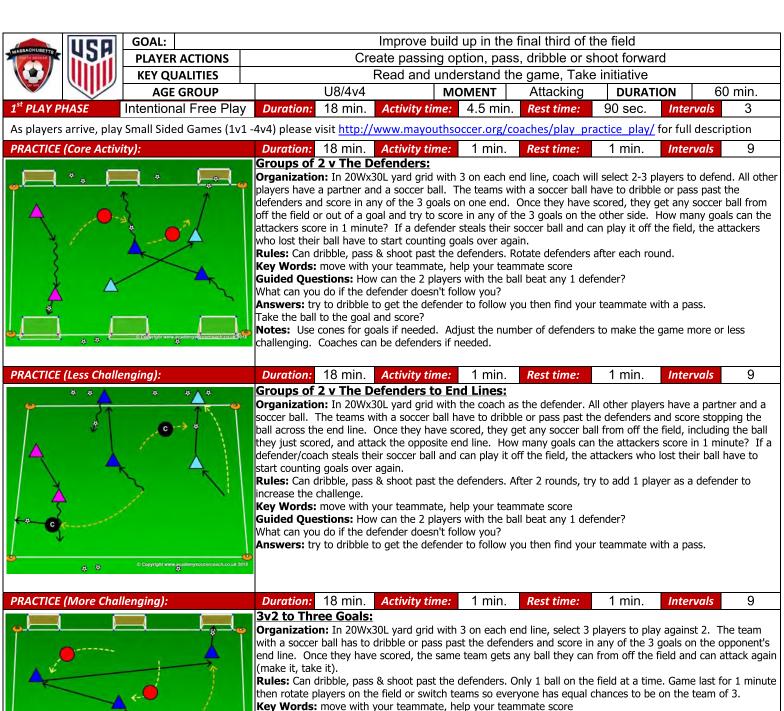
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Guided Questions: How can the 2 players with the ball beat any 1 defender?

What can you do if the defender doesn't follow you?

Answers: try to dribble to get the defender to follow you then find your teammate with a pass.

Take the ball to the goal and score?

Notes: Use cones for goals if needed. Set up multiple fields if needed.

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The Game - 4v4

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24 min. Activity time:

10 min.

Rest time:

2 min.

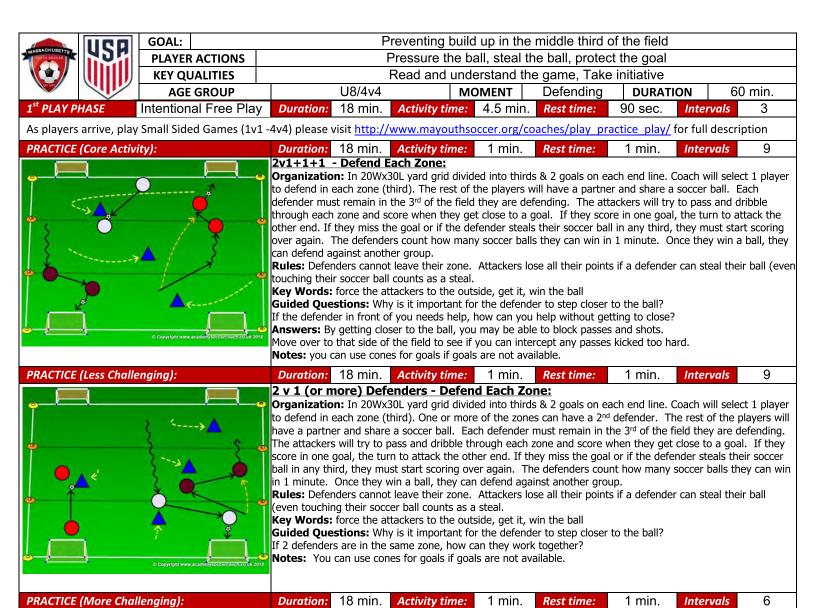
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Multiple Teams of 2 v 3 Defends to Goal:

Key Words: force the attackers to the outside, get it, win the ball

Notes: You can use cones for goals if goals are not available.

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Duration: 24 min. Activity time: 10 min. Rest time:

Guided Questions: Why is it important for the defender to step closer to the ball? If the defender in front of you needs help, how can you help without getting to close? **Answers:** By getting closer to the ball, you may be able to block passes and shots. Move over to that side of the field to see if you can intercept any passes kicked too hard.

2. What did you do well?

3. What could you do better?

defend against another group.

2nd PLAY PHASE

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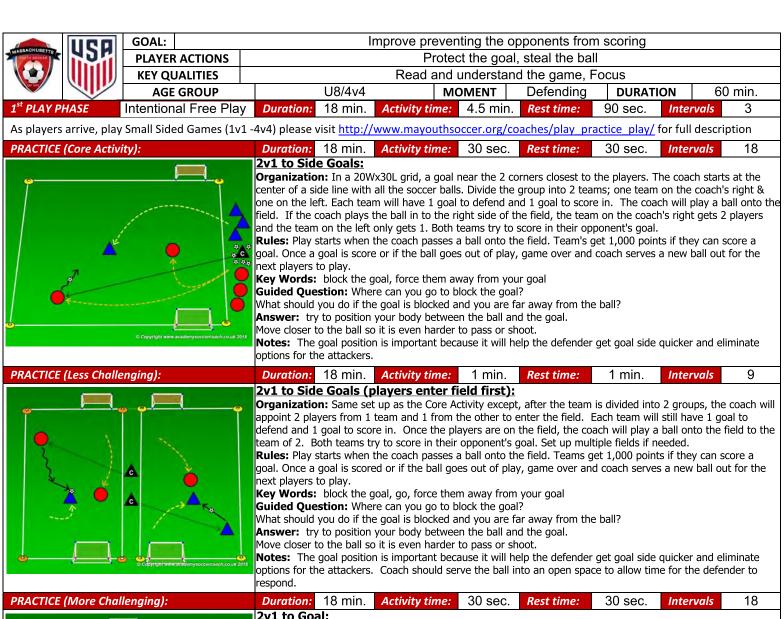
Rules: Attackers lose all their points if a defender can steal their ball (even touching their soccer ball counts

TRAINING SESSION SELF REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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2 min.

Intervals



2v1 to Goal:

Organization: In a 20Wx30L grid, a goal in the middle of each end line. The coach starts at the center of a side line with all the soccer balls. Divide the group into 2 teams; one team on the coach's right & one on the left. Each team will have 1 goal to defend and 1 goal to score in. The coach will play a ball onto the field. If the coach plays the ball in to the right side of the field, the team on the coach's right gets 2 players and the team on the left only gets 1. Both teams try to score in their opponent's goal.

Rules: Play starts when the coach passes a ball onto the field. Team's get 1,000 points if they can score a goal. Once a goal is score or if the ball goes out of play, game over and coach serves a new ball out for the next players to play.

Key Words: block the goal, force them away from your goal

Guided Question: Where can you go to block the goal?

What should you do if the goal is blocked and you are far away from the ball?

Answer: try to position your body between the ball and the goal.

Move closer to the ball so it is even harder to pass or shoot.

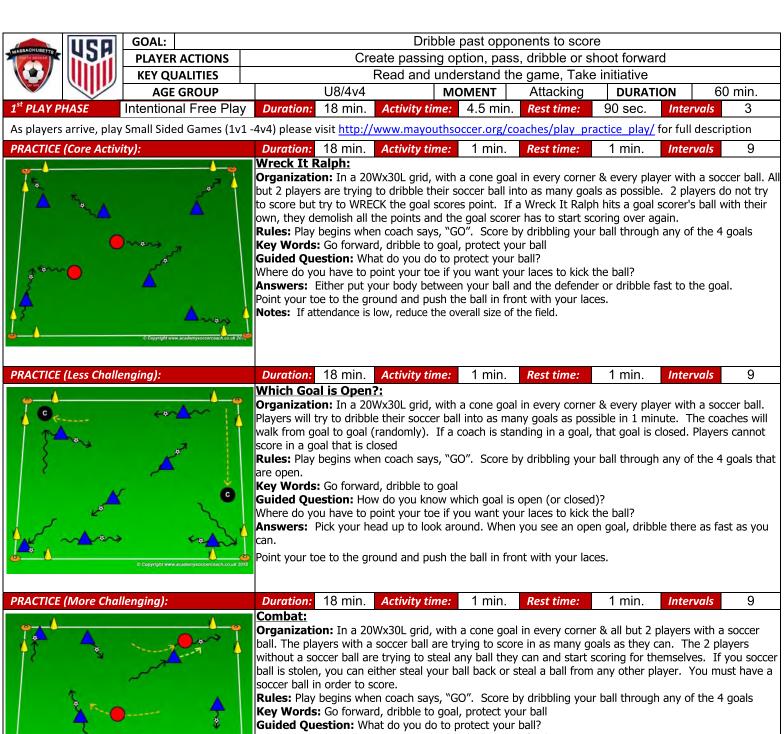
Notes: By moving the goal into the middle of the field, the defender will have to decide how to prevent goals from his/her left side, right side & middle. Observing and adjusting the player's body position is key.

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Where can you go if you see a goal is blocked by a defender?

Answers: Either put your body between your ball and the defender or dribble fast to the goal.

Turn away and attack an open goal.

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