

Video Clips for Each Phase of the Session

Phase 1, Extended Warm Up: <http://youtu.be/ommClpAitgo>

Phase 2, Whole (1): <http://youtu.be/Jmpb4JDySZs> and <http://youtu.be/h5EpSIG1bnE>

Phase 3, Part: http://youtu.be/KnzSGiE_tjE

Phase 4, Whole (2): http://youtu.be/_NM9lxYK1co

Phase 5, Game: <http://youtu.be/OC4vUL3OprU>

Below the original session plan is a copy of the session plan with additional coaching notes as delivered by the Colorado Rapids Youth Academy staff.



Collective Possession to Advance - Creation and Use of Space

Category: Tactical: Decision making practices
Skill: U16

Pro-Club: Colorado Rapids Soccer Club
Danny Stone, Las Vegas, United States of America

Description

PHASE: Collective Possession to Advance

GAME PRINCIPLE: Creation and use of Space

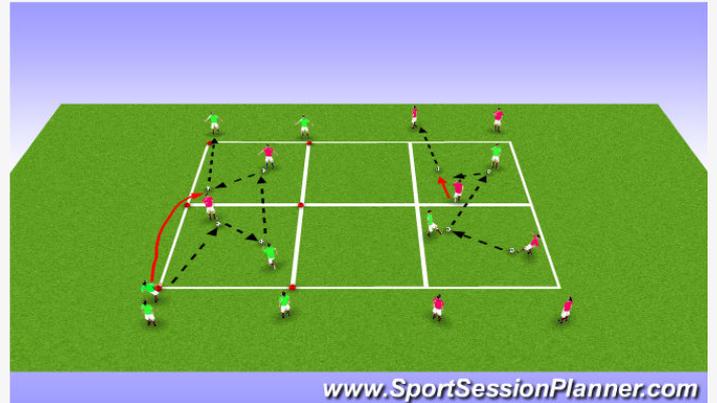
Technical passing. Warm up extension (10 mins)

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- Find and maintain a rhythm of play and a tempo to the ball movement.
- Communication with body language as well as voice.
- Vary type of pass, length of pass, add disguise when appropriate, be creative, clever.
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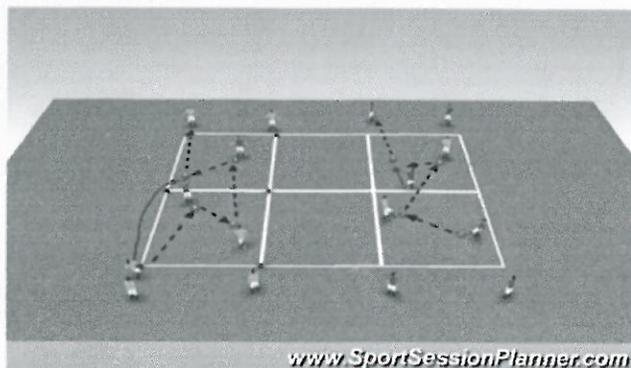
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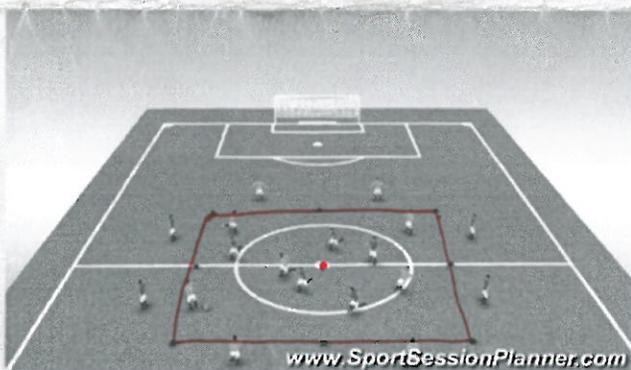
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Intro game - stage 2 - stage 3

1: Quick recap from warm up.

2/3: After intro stage, add this info.

- With ball: QUICK + SIMPLE.
- Without ball: Intelligent movement - for a reason, why?
- In possession: Awareness of movement of teammates and defending team - dictates use of ball/choice of pass. Why choose a certain pass?
- Timing of pass: Also a reason, give next player more time. Draw a defender to the ball.

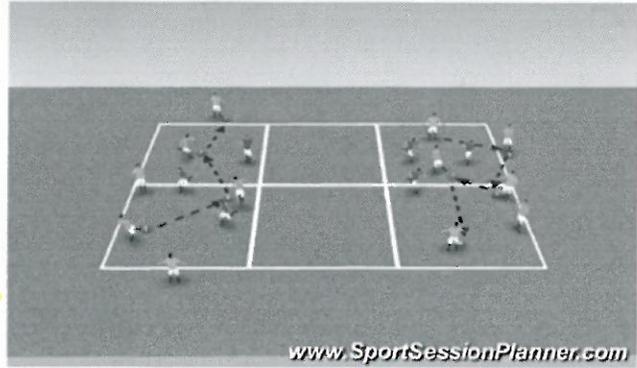
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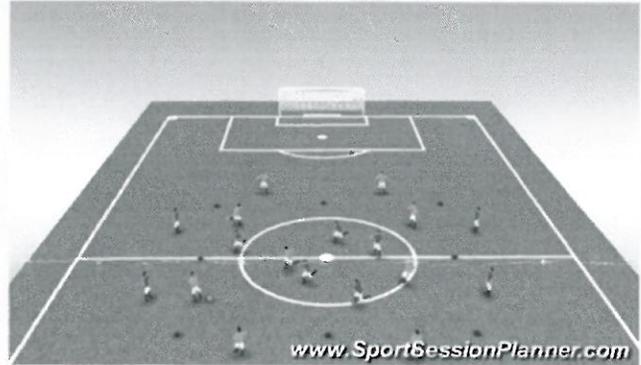
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- Demonstrate how shorter passing + longer passing (or simply body language) creates different space + options for pass.

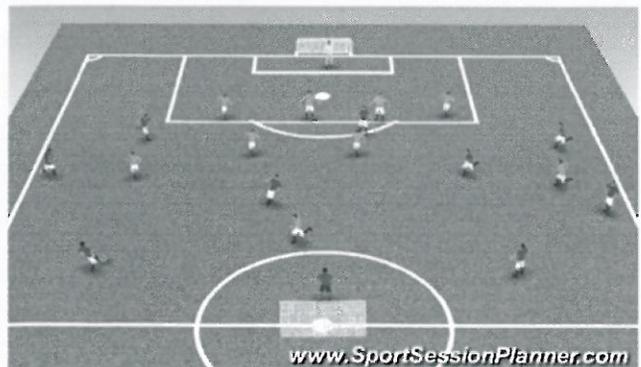
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