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National Youth Certificate Course

Lesson Plan



Topic: Tackling

Age: U10

Activity Name	Description	Diagram	Purpose/Coaching Points
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"Rehearsal"	 Have 2 players stand 2-3 steps on either side of the ball. On command both players should squarely step to address and block the ball. 		 Players rehearse safely a "block" tackle. Inside of foot to ball. Get weight into the tackle. Do not stretch or go to ground.
2			
1 vs. 1 "Faced Up"	 1 vs. 1 to goal. Coach serves ball to slightly favor one player. If you have 10+ players use 2 grids. 	$ \begin{array}{cccc} 10x12 & & & \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X} \\ $	 Close to the ball. Maintain a good distance to tackle and recover. Get body behind tackle. Tackle without crossing feet.
3			
1 vs. 1 "From Recovery"	 1 vs. 1 to goal. (As above but) Players attack goal they start at. Defender must recover goal side. 	$ \begin{array}{c cccc} 10x12 & & & XX \\ $	 Recover goal side. Do not tackle from behind. Face up to opponent. Tackle firmly with closest foot.
4			
2 vs. 2 "Decisions"	 2 vs. 2 to goal. Restarts are passed in. Play 3-4 minute sets with good rest. 	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	 Defender not on ball must be ready to close. Close as ball is traveling. Ensure proper tacking technique.
5	1		
6 vs. 6 "The Game"	 6 vs. 6 including keepers. No conditions on play. Be prepared to stop 2-3 times in 15 minutes to review topic. 	40x50 GK	 All tackles should be made from the front. Avoid going to ground. Tackle with either foot as situation demands. Do not reach, stay compact.