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UNRESTRICTED SPACE – WARM UP	 ORGANIZATION Players in groups of four Two attackers stand in a line and pass ball back and forth between them When the ball is passed the defenders move to pressuring and covering positions Each time the ball is passed the defenders switch roles 	 KEY COACHING POINTS Immediate pressure on the ball – takes away time and space Select proper angle of challenge – come at attacker at an angle to cut off options Select proper speed of challenge – quickly but not too fast as to be easily beaten Proper distance and angle of cover Cover defender tracks supporting players
RESTRICTED SPACE	 Team plays 2v2+1 in a 35-x-30 yard area Triangle is a neutral player who plays for both teams Teams try to complete 5 consecutive passes – get one point for doing so 	 Immediate pressure on the ball – takes away time and space Select proper angle of challenge – come at attacker at an angle to cut off options Select proper speed of challenge – quickly but not too fast as to be easily beaten Proper distance and angle of cover Cover defender tracks supporting players 1st def push 1st att to sideline or to 2nd def
ONE GOAL WITH COUNTER	 Play 4v3 to goal Team of four attacks goal After defending team wins ball they can score by passing to the target player 	 Immediate pressure on the ball – takes away time and space Select proper angle of challenge – come at attacker at an angle to cut off options Select proper speed of challenge – quickly but not too fast as to be easily beaten Proper distance and angle of cover Cover defender tracks supporting players 1st def push 1st att to sideline or to 2nd def
GAME – TWO GOALS 4 v 4	 4v4 + GK game No restrictions on players 	Observe to see if players are provide good pressure and cover