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UNRESTRICTED SPACE – WARM UP	ORGANIZATION  Everyone finds a partner  One person in the pair is designated as the leader, the other shadows that person  Switch roles after 60 seconds  Stretch  Repeat with a ball at a faster speed	KEY COACHING POINTS     Defenders should keep their eye on the ball     Defenders want to be close to the attacker, close enough so that in a game the attacker would look down at the ball
RESTRICTED SPACE	<ul> <li>Play 4v4 in a 40-x-30 yard area</li> <li>Teams try to complete 5 consecutive passes</li> <li>Players must mark up on someone on the other side and cover only them the whole game</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Defenders should stay ball-side and goal-side of their mark</li> <li>Defenders should position themselves so that they can always see their mark and the ball at the same time</li> <li>When applying pressure, the defender should focus solely on the ball</li> </ul>
ONE GOAL WITH COUNTER	<ul> <li>Play 4v4 in a 40-x-30 yard area</li> <li>Teams attack and defend a goal</li> <li>Just as above, the players must mark up with someone on the other team and only cover that person</li> <li>Should a defender be beaten, no one on his/her team can help them out, they must recover</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Defenders should stay ball-side and goal-side of their mark</li> <li>Defenders should position themselves so that they can always see their mark and the ball at the same time</li> <li>When applying pressure, the defender should focus solely on the ball</li> </ul>
GAME – TWO GOALS  4 v 4	<ul> <li>4v4 +GK game</li> <li>No restrictions on players</li> </ul>	Observe to see if the team has good marking ability