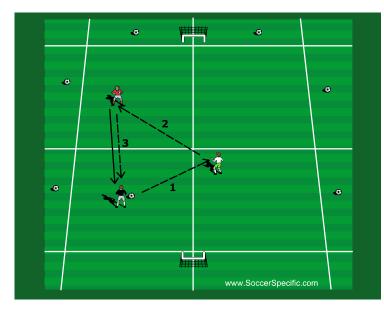
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#### **ACTIVITY #1**

Set up: Warm up

20 x 20

Bibs to distinguish teams

Supply of footballs

Group s of three.

One ball between three.

**Instructions:** Players pass the ball amongst themselves,

Randomly a player passes then closses down the pass. The player on the ball attempts to dribble the ball over the end line in the

direction s/he's facing.

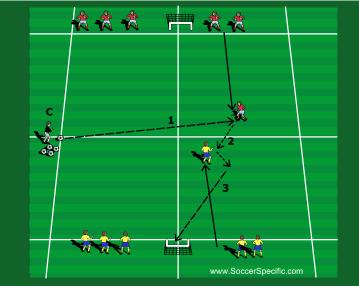
**Coaching Points:** Move as the ball moves with pace.

Steady on arrival.

Limit passing options of opponent

Deny opportunity to penetrate.

Select correct momonet to intercept the ball.



#### **ACTIVITY #2**

**Set up:** 20 x 20 field Two teams 6 v 6 play 1 v 1

Bibs

Small goals

Supply of footballs

**Instructions:** Coach serves the ball into the field, one player from each team steps out to compete. Teams score by passing

theball into their opponents goal.

**Coaching Points:** Pressure or delay pressure? (Tactics)

Move into line of ball and goal.

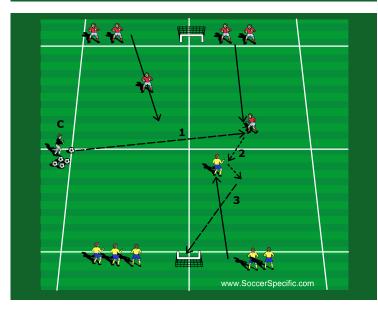
Make up ground as the ball is traveling.

Deny the opponent the opportunity to penetrate

Technical breakdown (How to close down the opponent)

Select correct moment to intecept the ball.

Counter attack.



### **ACTIVITY #3**

Set up: 20 x 20 field

Two teams of 6 v 6 play 2 v 1

Bibs

Small goals

Supply of footballs

**Instructions:** Coach serves the ball to one team (Attacking team), Two players from the attacking team step out to compete against one defender. Teams score by passing the ball into their

opponents goal.

**Coaching Points:** Pressure or delay pressure? (Tactics)

Move into line of ball and goal.

Make up ground as the ball is traveling.

Deny the opponent the opportunity to penetrate

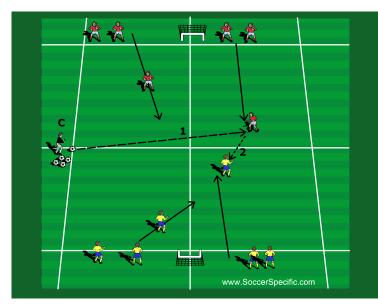
Isolate man on the ball (Limit attacking options) create 1 v 1

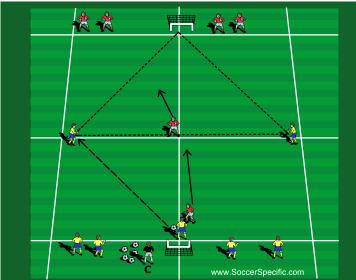
Technical breakdown (How to close down the opponent)

Select correct moment to intecept the ball.

Counter attack.

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#### **ACTIVITY #4**

Set up: 20 x 20 field

Two teams 6 v 6 play 2 v 2

Bibs

Small goals

Supply of footballs

**Instructions:** Coach serves the ball to one team (Attacking team), Two players from the attacking team step out to compete against two defenders. Teams score by passing the ball into their opponents goal.

**Coaching Points:** Pressure or delay pressure? (Tactics)

Move into line of ball and goal.

Communication - Visual and verbal

Make up ground as the ball is traveling.

Deny the opponent the opportunity to penetrate

Isolate man on the ball (Limit attacking options) create 2 v 1,

Pressure and cover

Technical breakdown (How to close down the opponent)

Select correct moment to intecept the ball.

Counter attack.

#### **ACTIVITY #5**

**Set up:** 30 x 20 field

Two teams 6 v 6 play 3 v 2 offside law applies on the half way line. Organization as shown.

Ball is served wide to attacking midfielder and game starts. Teams score by playing the ball into their opponents goal. If Defending team wins it, they get two points for scoring.

Bibs

Small goals

Supply of footballs

**Instructions:** Delayed pressure from last defender. Recovery of central midfielder. Limit scoring options of attacking team.

**Coaching Points:** Pressure or delay pressure? (Tactics) Move into line of ball and goal. (Defensive Triangle)

Communication - Visual and verbal

Make up ground as the ball is traveling.

Deny the opponent the opportunity to penetrate

Isolate man on the ball (Limit attacking options) create 2 v 1,

Pressure and cover

Technical breakdown (How to close down the opponent)

Select correct moment to A CETENTIAN 1#61.

Setupe: Offside Law applies on the edge of the penalty area.

3 + v 4

Dark team score in the two counter goals. Light team score in the.

**Instructions:** Pressure or delayed pressure.

Keep play in front of defense.

Track a man or pass him on.

Isolate man on the ball (Limit passing options)

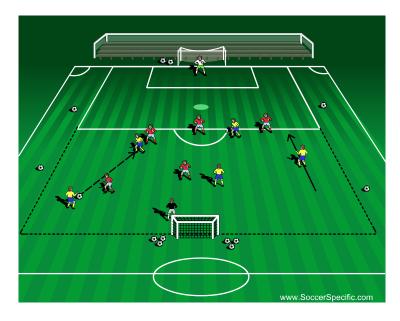
Prevent opponent from turning (1 v 1)

Recovery runs (Team compactness)

Communication - Verbal and visual.

**Coaching Points:** 

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### **ACTIVITY #7**

**Set up:** Two team play 6 v 6 which includes goalkeepers

Offside Law applies in opponents half. Bibs, Supply of footballs, Full sized goals.

**Instructions:** Bringing it all together. **Coaching Points:** Mental concentration

Maintain two lines of defense

**Tactical Cues** 

Technical Performance

Counter attacking (Defensive cover)