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	 ORGANIZATION Players need to pair up and pass the ball back and forth while moving On the coaches signal the player who does not have the ball pressures his/her partner and tries to take the ball away until the coach gives the signal to start passing again 	 KEY COACHING POINTS Good defensive stance Body weight on front of feet Eyes on the ball Slightly angled – one foot closer to attacker Close enough to make attacker look at ball
	 Play 1v1 in a 10-x-20 yard area Two 2 yard goals are placed in opposite corners of the end lines Players are assigned one goal to attack and one to defend Winner is first to three goals or whoever has more goals after 60 seconds 	 Good defensive stance Apply pressure to take away space/time Priorities are: win ball back deny penetration limit the attacker's vision and options Approach quickly but not too fast Angle approach to limit options Body feint to throw off 1st attacker
	 Two teams send out one person each into a 15-x-10 yard area with 2 yard deep end zones at each end A server roles a ball into the area and the players attempt to score by dribbling the ball into the end zone and stopping it with the bottom of their foot First team to 8 goals wins Progressions: Send out more than one person at a time. Add cone goals for the players to score in instead of end zones. 	 Good defensive stance Approach quickly but not too fast Angle approach to limit options Body feint to throw off 1st attacker Funnel first attacker to: Dribble away from center of field Towards a tight space (touchline) Into a covering defender Make the attacker play the ball with a weaker foot
GAME – TWO GOALS	 Play 4v4 + GK's No restrictions on players 	 Observe to see if players realize when to become the pressuring defender Observe to see if players apply smart pressure