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UNRESTRICTED SPACE – WARM UP	ORGANIZATION	KEY COACHING POINTS
	 1v1, slow pace Defenders work on turning If attacker takes short steps so does the defender Use head fake without moving feet to throw off attacker Progress to defender tackling only when the ball is off the dribblers foot 	 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
RESTRICTED SPACE	 Short line of players behind the circle and the square Circle pass to square and then pressures Square gets one point for dribble past endline and three points for dribbling through small goal Circle gets one point for getting the ball out of bounds and three points for stealing it and dribbling it across the far endline 	 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
ONE GOAL WITH COUNTER	 Same as above but play 2v2 Progressions: Move the goal to the center of the rectangle. The defender must then move more in front of the attacker to prevent a shot on goal. 	 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	 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