



U5-U6 - Second Practice

Objectives:

1. “Fun” games for skills and agility – emphasize dribbling and a soft first touch
2. Same games as last week to reduce the “down time” needed to explain new games
3. Teach very basic game concepts

Time	Activity
20 min	Before Practice
	Arrive early to lay out cones and disks for grids before the players arrive.
20 min	Fundamentals Games – skill development with one player per ball
	Red Rover - Start without a ball to develop agility. Then repeat with each player dribbling a ball. Players start in a line at one end of the grid, with the coach in the middle. The coach calls “Red rover, red rover, send everybody over” (or substitute shirt colors, etc.). The coach tries to tag players as they try to reach the other side of the grid. If they do, they turn around and wait for the coach to call again. If they are tagged, they are also “it” in the middle with the Coach. Break Body Part Dribble - Every player starts with a ball in a grid. On command all players dribble in the grid. The coach yells out a body part and the players immediately stop the ball with that part. This activity helps players learn to keep the ball under control and close enough to stop quickly.
20 min	Match Related Games – more than one player per ball
	Pac-Man – Place the balls just outside of the grid within easy reach. The players try to stay inside the grid. One player, usually a better player, starts with a ball inside the grid. On command, the player with the ball has to dribble the ball under control while attempting to tag the others. If he tags a player, that player gets his ball and attempts the same. Break Math Dribble - Every player has with a ball in a grid. On command, the players dribble in the grid. The coach then gives the players an equation and the players must get into group equal to the answer to the equation. For example, the coach yells “2+3” and the players must quickly get into groups of five. Players should dribble their ball to the group and link their arms to signal that they have the correct amount.
20 min	Match Conditions – Scrimmage
	Hand out scrimmage vests. Briefly remind players of game concepts as appropriate: 1) no hands; 2) keep the ball inside the grid; 3) kick the ball through their goal; 4) stop the other team from kicking the ball through your goal; 5) if the other team kicks the ball out, your team throws it in; and 6) how to do throw ins. Help players to learn on their own by keeping instructions occasional and brief.
5 min	After Practice
	End on a positive note, remind families about the next practice, and answer questions.