

**PRACTICE PLAN**

**Team:** Nelson Express  
**Location:** Nelson County  
**Topic:** When to Pass/ When to Dribble

**Number of Players:** 12  
**Date:** 5-Oct-11

**Organization:** Half Field  
 -GKs are needed for last 45 min  
 -organize group into their teams

**Warm-Up/Stretch:** (12 players)

[Use Center Circle]

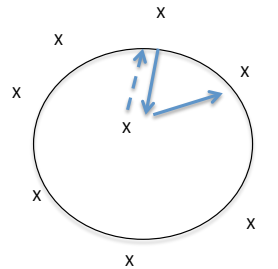
**Circle Activity**

**\*Pass/Dribble**

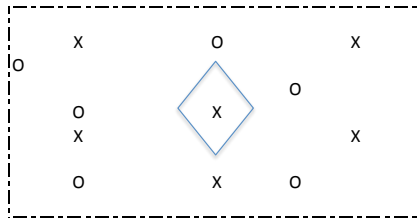
-1/2 players with ball, half without. Dribble to middle, pass to outside and switch  
 -progress to playing a 1-2 to switch with teammate

**\*Add decision making on movement**

- 3 players in the middle (only 1 shown)
- 3 balls, balls start on the outside
- play ball into middle player, go take his place
- ball is passed to the player ahead but place is taken of player who passed the ball.
- clockwise, counterclockwise, specific feet, different movements in and out.
- add 2 cm to combine with players as they come through area

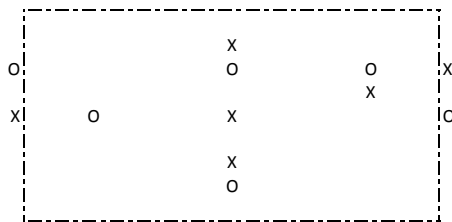


**I.** 6 v 6, with target area in middle (30x40)



**\*Possession:** get a point if you can find a teammate in "target" area  
 -progress to either find person or if you can get through "target" area via a pass or dribble

**II.** 4 v 4, to targets (30x40)



**\*Possession to targets:** Play to team and switch with player  
 -progress to player who plays ball to target-can't switch (must be a player off the ball filling in as target)

**III.** Small sided game (6v6) to Full Goals

[1/3 field to goal]

**COACHING POINTS:**

- Passing** Tech. detail (weight, accuracy-to proper foot, on the ground); if you can't pass--must shield and keep it
- Receiving** Tech. details (position body to see field, know what is around you, choose surface etc...)
- Dribbling** Tech. details (change of pace, direction, dif-open field, with pressure, shielding)
- Attacking** The decision, dribble vs pass (areas of the field; where are the defenders-space in behind; is a pass -- faster than dribble)  
 Role of Principles

**COACHING STAFF GOALS:** Establish "flow" and then get coaching in  
 Guide players to decisions  
 Allow players to make their own decision -- especially when risking, must promote attack