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Activity Name	Description	Diagram	Purpose/Coaching Points		
1 Juggling with a Partner					
	Two players compete against other pairs to keep the ball up in the air using as many touches as needed in 3-minute period.		-Move to get behind and in line with ball. -Select the surface quickly.		
2 Soccer Newcomb		I			
Use a size 3 ball not too inflated	20 x 15 (one yd. "dead space" for net). 2 teams of 2 play toss-receive-catch over the net. If caught = 1 point - if the ball hits the ground no point - toss it over. Allow 1 bounce. Partner helps catch/control.	$X \qquad 0 \\ X \qquad 15 \text{ yds}$ $X \qquad 0 \\ 20 \text{ yds.}$	-Move quickly to get behind and in line with flight of ball -Select surface early -"Withdraw" on contact		
3 Volley Game Cooperative – Competitive					
Set up 15 x 15 yard grids. Two players and one ball in each grid.	Two players freely passing a ball inside the grid. Try to keep the ball in the air. The ball may not bounce more than twice before it is played. Count the passes inside the grid each pass is a point. Go for thirty seconds. Try to get more points than other pairs.	X • 15 yds. X 15 yds.	 Get in "line of flight" quickly. Ready, balanced to receive. Choose body surface. Withdraw surface. Scoop/"spoon" ball with foot. 		

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4 Pong			
This is a simple game.	Two players play against each other and share a ball. They place two cones anywhere from 2-8 yards apart. They choose! Players pass back and forth to each other. The rules are that the ball must never stop, must always stay on the ground and must go through the two cones without touching them. Whenever this is violated the other person receives a point. Because of the rule that the ball must never stop, players have to play 1-2 touch. The closer the two cones are the closer the pairs are probably going to be. The farther apart they are, the more they will have to move laterally and look more like the old arcade "pong" game. Play for time and see who can become the PONG Champ!		
5 2v2 Get Outta The	ere		
X & O = players C = coach . = ball	 a. coach as boss of the balls b. coach passes ball onto field to start play c. two players from each team play until a goal is scored or the ball goes out of bounds d. out of bounds, coach yells "get outta there," and two new players from each team go on with the next ball e. goal is scored, two players who scored stay on and two new players from the other team play against them 	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	 a. see ball through bottom of eyes b. keep ball rolling c. first try to solve game by dribbling d. player w/o ball find big,
			easy spot to receive a pass