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Lesson Plan



Topic: Tackling

Age: U10

Activity Name	Description	Diagram	Purpose/Coaching Points
1 "Rehearsal"	 Have 2 players stand 2-3 steps on either side of the ball. On command both players should squarely step to address and block the ball. 		 Players rehearse safely a "block" tackle. Inside of foot to ball. Get weight into the tackle. Do not stretch or go to ground.
2			
1 vs. 1 "Faced Up"	 1 vs. 1 to goal. Coach serves ball to slightly favor one player. If you have 10+ players use 2 grids. 	$ \begin{vmatrix} 10x12 & XX \\ \triangle & & \triangle \\ \triangle & & X \\ 0 & X \\ 0 & Coach \end{vmatrix} $	 Close to the ball. Maintain a good distance to tackle and recover. Get body behind tackle. Tackle without crossing feet.
3			
1 vs. 1 "From Recovery"	 1 vs. 1 to goal. (As above but) Players attack goal they start at. Defender must recover goal side. 	$\begin{vmatrix} 10x12 & XX \\ \triangle & & & \triangle \\ \triangle & 0 & \cdot & X \\ 0 & 0 & Coach \end{vmatrix}$	 Recover goal side. Do not tackle from behind. Face up to opponent. Tackle firmly with closest foot.
4			
2 vs. 2 "Decisions"	 2 vs. 2 to goal. Restarts are passed in. Play 3-4 minute sets with good rest. 	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	 Defender not on ball must be ready to close. Close as ball is traveling. Ensure proper tacking technique.
5			
6 vs. 6 "The Game"	 6 vs. 6 including keepers. No conditions on play. Be prepared to stop 2-3 times in 15 minutes to review topic. 	40x50 GK X X X O O O GK X O	 All tackles should be made from the front. Avoid going to ground. Tackle with either foot as situation demands. Do not reach; stay compact.