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Activity Name Description Diagram **Coaching Points** 1 Technical Warm-Up: Windows I $Grid = 15 \times 15 \text{ yds.}$ Players on the inside dribble & Key coaching point 7 players around the make passes to outside players who (CP) throughout the return the pass 1 or 2 touch. Inside session will be: early outside of the grid. 7 players on the inside of players practice 1st touch to space, vision & decision. the grid, each with a ball. Q: How do you know turns & dummies. Then dribble to find a new open outside player. in which direction to Part 1. After 3 minutes switch receive the pass? Q: What ways can you roles. After 2 rounds add a defender turn with the ball? (Part 2) inside the grid 2 Small-Sided Activity: Windows II $Grid = 30 \times 20 \text{ yds.}$ Initially make 2v1 set ups with one CP: when under pair of attackers w/o opposition. 6 players (red) on the pressure 1st touch inside with 3 balls. Rotate 2v1 match ups. Central toward support inside attackers use flank support players or outside or drag back. 2 defenders (white) on the inside. when needed. Attackers score by Q: Why would you take 6 players (blue) on the dribbling or passing to a teammate your 1st touch to outside outside along the under control across the goal line. support? Score at one end & then go to Q: How do you gain touchline. opposite end. Switch roles of all more time for a players every 5 minutes. controlled 1st touch?



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3 Expanded Small-Sided Activity: 3 goals One team attacks the full size goal CP: Team attacking the Grid: 34 of the field. in which a goalkeeper is playing. large goal looks for 1 regulation goal, 2 small counter goals, 4 corner Rotate the goalkeeper every 5 drag back, lay-off or minutes. roll turn. flags. The opposite team attacks the small Q: When could an 7v5+GKRed team attacks the large counterattack goals. attacker roll with the goal. Both teams look for proper 1st touch ball around a tight to shoot, pass, dribble or shield the Grey team attacks the marking defender? Q: How can a 1st touch small goals. ball. into space set up a penetrating shot or pass? 4 Match: 7 vs. 7 Play 7 vs. 7 using US Youth Soccer Regulation U12 field and Observe the players goals. Modified Rules for the U12 age recognition of 1st touch 4 corner flags. away from pressure group. Red & grey training bibs. moments. 1 ball. Observe player Spare balls with the execution of skill in coach. those moments. Occasionally reinforce previous coaching points.

Cool-Down

