



# Kentucky Youth Soccer Association Soccer Learning University



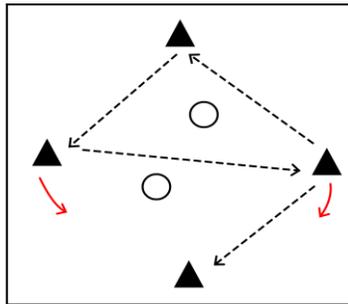
**Coach : Tim Carter = Academy Director Minnesota United**  
**Topic: Collective Passing to Advance**

**Session Objectives:**

Technical (Individually) Ability to possess and circulate ball as well as play balls forward with confidence; quickly change from possession play to finishing.

Tactical (Collectively) Maintaining team shape and movement of up-front players to find space between the lines in order to receive a pass; use of combination play to achieve penetration on flanks or centrally

4v2 - Break imaginary line between two defenders to score



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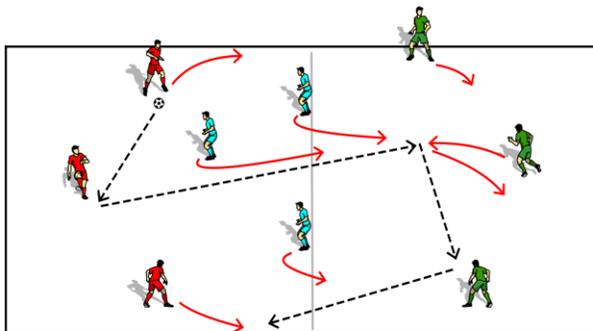
**Activity Organization**

To score four players must break imaginary line between two opponents 3 times; defender touches ball they change and go onto team of four

**Coaching Points:**

- a) Body position open to field; b) vision to see gap between defenders before ball arrives; c) ball circulation to open space between the two opponents; d) quality of 1st touch to collect, prepare and protect ball if necessary; e) accuracy of pass to break line; f) ability to adjust supporting position quickly as ball moves, and; g) movement of player in advance of the ball to show in the "gap" for thru pass

Play 3v1 with objective to break line to player showing for ball in gap



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**Activity Organization**

Group of three must make one pass in their end before attempting to break line with pass; if defending team wins ball they pass ball to opposite end of grid and game restarts; subs enter at end of each 2 min game; center defending line changes after two rounds; team breaking line gets 3 points for ball played between two defenders and 1 point for ball played between defender and touch line.

**Coaching Points**

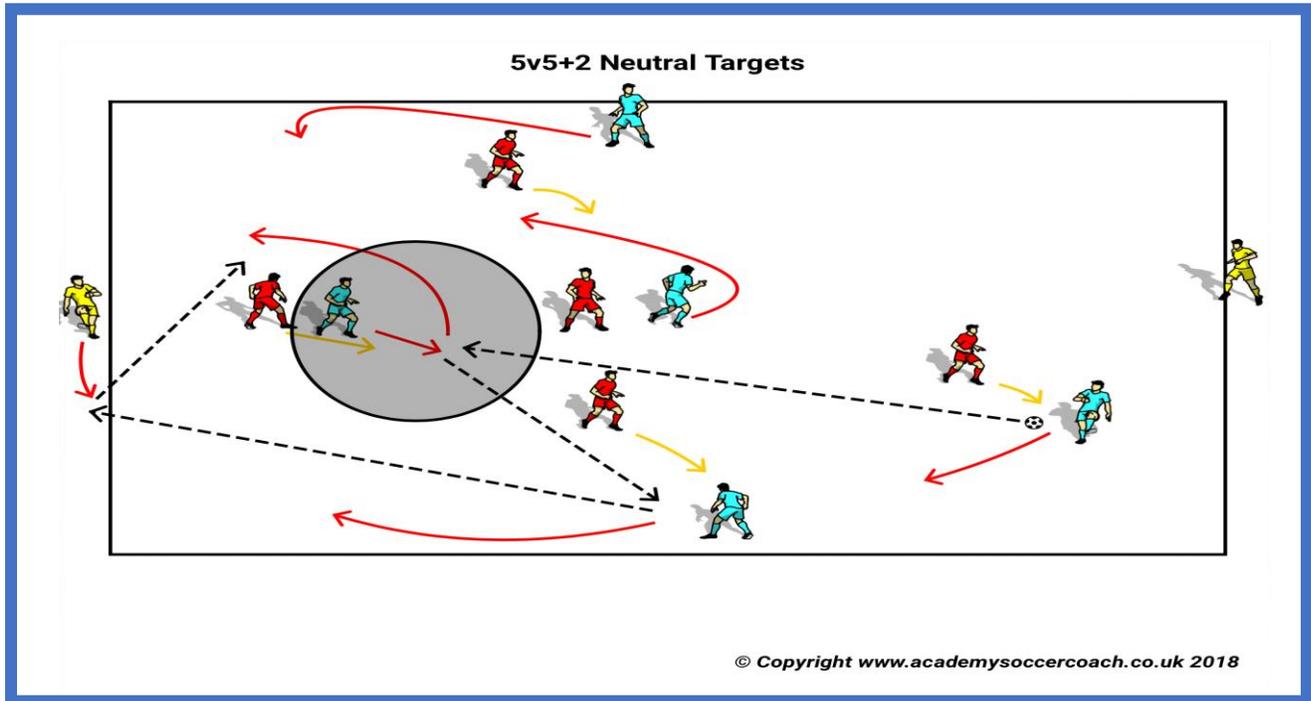
- a) always take supporting position that will allow you to play forward; b) first touch must prepare ball in front of you to play forward quickly; c) constant vision of field - do not just follow the ball as it doesn't provide the most information; d) eye contact between ball carrier and player behind defensive line to time pass and run; e) speed of passing important to open gap up between defenders; f) if not able to break line keep ball moving and retain possession.



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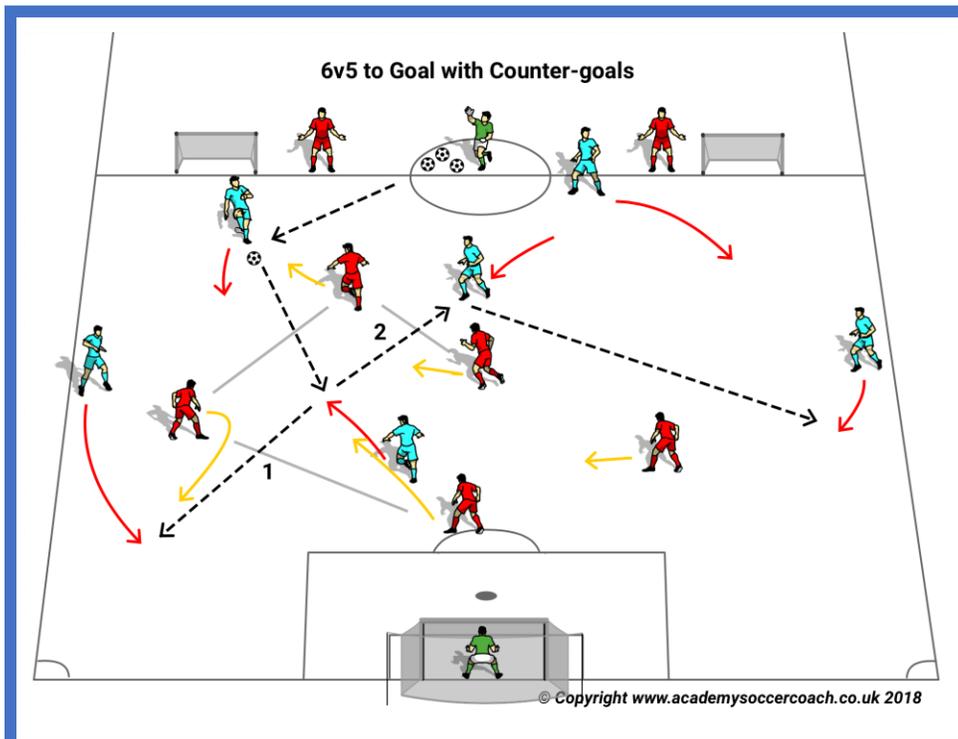


**Activity Organization**

Each team takes shape of 1-3-1; End players only limited to 2<; ball returned to play with kick-in; three points for team in possession connecting both targets. Progressions: Breaking line with pass required before playing to target player. Must play into deep player before playing into target player

**Coaching Points:**

- a) maintain shape and supporting positions/angles to player in possession; b) ball circulation to open space up between opponents and well as use of width when in possession; c) eye contact between ball carrier and player behind line and in gap; d) timing of movement into space for pass; e) constant scanning of field to see positioning of opponents and the opening of space; f) don't play and stay - move to new supporting position to advance attack



**Activity Organization**

OSL in effect; Attacking team transitions to defending target players and small goals on loss of possession; defending team cannot score directly on small goals but must play into target player first; shape of attacking team is 2-1-3 versus 3-2

**Coaching Points:**

- a) #6 and #8 look to break lines by finding players in advance of ball; b) use of width and playing wide in order to open up space centrally that will allow them to play into; c) movement of front player to come off opponent into the space existing between lines for a pass; d) use of 2 or 3 player combinations to aid in breaking a line and penetrate; e) movement of front players to come for pass to feet or for pass into space behind the back line; f) runs of players into the box for service, e.g., near post, far post and near post top of box, and; g) composure to finish in and around the box.