## TRAINING PLAN u-10 GoALkEEPING

## TECHNICAL WARM-UP



## ORGANIZATION/RULES

- 20x20 grid. 1 ball per player, in GK position w/ ball in hands.
- GKs skip around area.
- Coach makes 4 calls for the GKs to respond to:
- Up: GKs w/ ball in hands, jump up lifting the ball above their head \& make the call "keepers."
- Right: GKs shuffle 4 steps to right w/ ball in hands \& in front of body.
- Left: GKs shuffle 4 steps to left w/ ball in hands \& in front of body.
- Down: GKs drop ball \& react by bending one knee to follow the ball and pick it up.

Player leads stretching (light at this age but teach proper form).


COACHING POINTS

- Goalkeeper Position: Knees slightly bent, body weight forward on the balls of their feet. Hands must be positioned in a central location, palms facing out, thumbs close together for ease of catch and movements.

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## ACTIVITY I

Individual \&
Pair Work
Competition \& Teamwork

2 v 2 \& 3 v 3


To see this activity in
action visit
http://bit.ly U7EtmT

## ORGANIZATION/RULES

- $20 \times 20$ grid. Set cones in line for 3 GKs.
- GKs w/ ball in hands side-step through the cones moving forward (accustoms GKs to working angles).
- "W"/ ball in hands, GKs maintain good GK position \& awareness of handling while moving.
- > Once competent at movement w/ ball in hands, coach (assistant, parent) becomes server(s). As GKs move through cones, coach serves ball to make sure GK position is good \& to increase awareness.
- > Coach varies serves. High means GK catches ball at height; low requires a bent knee to get down to ball (knees bent also serve as protection if ball beats hands). Serve to right/left of GK requires side steps \& getting in line with the ball.



## COACHING POINTS

- Maintain good GK position throughout movement, hands in front of the body and thumbs almost touching.
- Keep head up as much as possible to be aware of the location of the ball (U10 GKs tend to look at their feet as they maneuver cones).


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## ACTIVITY II

Opposition (attack \& defense)

Directional Play (w/goals or targets)
Expanded Num.
(3v3 to 6v6)
Most Game Aspects

To see this activity in action visit http://bit.ly/ XIq18w

## ORGANIZATION/RULES

- $30 \times 20$ grid, split into 3 sections. 2 goals w/ GKs.
- 2 teams pass/move in central grid.
- When GK calls a specific player, whoever has the ball at that time, shoots at that GK's goal. All shots are taking from inside central grid.
> Allow a player from the other team to pressure the shooter.
> Player must pass ball to another player who then shoots.



## COACHING POINTS

- All general goalkeeping techniques apply (see section on Goalkeeping Techniques).
- Goalkeepers must stay focused at all times
- Goalkeepers must recover and react after shot and/or save.
- Face opposition at all time and adjust body position for angled shots adjusting to ball line and arc accordingly.

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## ORGANIZATION/RULES

SMALL-SIDED MATCH

Cool Down/Debrief

- Small sided match with general rules. Rotate players through GK position.

Player leads stretching (light at this age but teach proper form), brief review on lesson and any announcements.


## COACHING POINTS

- Emphasize quality GK technique but let them play.

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