### **MERIDIAN SOCCER**

#### **UNDER 7 WEEK 1**

#### TOPIC: PHYSICAL LITERACY, SKILL-BALL CONTROL

#### **ACTIVITY 1- BEAVER TAG - BALL TAG ORGANIZATION** COACHING POINTS/KEY FACTORS •PLAYERS BEGIN BY HAVING A BIB TUCKED •SOCCER IS GAME THAT INVOLVES THE INTO THE SIDE(BEAVER TAIL) COORDINATION OF JUMPING, TWISTING, • CAN PLAY IN TWO WAYS- EVERYONE IT TURNING, KICKING, ETC - ENCOURAGE THIS AND ALLOWED TO PULL OUT THE BIB PURPOSE IS TO INTRODUCE PLAYERS OF PLAYERS WHO CANNOT RE ENTER GAME THE SKILL SET TO "SHIELD A SOCCER BALL" • OR 1 OR 2 PLAYERS IT TRYING TO PULL FIRST BY TURNING AWAY FROM PRESSURE THE BIBS OF ALL PLAYERS USING A BIB, OR THE BALL •PROGRESS TO A BALL IN HAND, TAGGING •PHYSICAL COORDINATION, TURNING, PLAYERS ON THE BACK WITH THEIR BALL FUN • CAN PLAY WITH RE ENTRY OR A WINNER 10 MINUTES **ACTIVITY 2-1 VS 1 GAME** 1V1 •COACH SERVES BALL INTO EITHER PLAYER COACH NEEDS TO ROLE BALL IN AT A SPEED Os SCORE ON GOAL A, Xs SCORE ON GOAL B THAT THE PLAYER CAN RECEIVE NOT A 50/50 BALL PROGRESSION: PLAYER NEEDS TO BRIBBLE AND TRY TO CHANGE DIRECTION THAN SHOOT •0s SCORE ON GOAL B, Xs SCORE ON GOAL A **:**∍ ₀ **ENCORAGE DEFENDING AS WELL** 10 MINUTES O **ACTIVITY 3 - JUNGLE GAME** PLAYERS START ON ONE SIDE OF THE JUNGLE. WHEN COACH YELLS • ENCOURAGE PLAYERS TO DRIBBLE GO, PLAYERS AND DRIBBLE BALL **OBSTACLES WITH QUICK FEET** TO OTHER SIDE. THEN "GO" AND BACK • ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY, IMAGINATION • BEGIN WITH AN EMPTY JUNGLE •EVERY FEW TIMES THE PLAYERS GO THERE COACHES USE PERSONALITY AND BACK, THE COACH ADDS MORE THINGS AND ALL PLAYERS WILL LOVE THIS GAME TO THE JUNGLE TO BE DRIBBLED AROUND YELLOW CONES=ROCKS, RED CONES=LAVA •CAN LAST A BIT LONGER THAN OTHER GAME: BIBS COULD BE WATER, JUNGLE ANIMALS TREES, ETC. 10 MINUTES •USE IMAGINATION **ACTIVITY 4 - GAME** 4 VS 4 NO GOAL KEEPERS 20 MINUTES

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#### **UNDER 7 WEEK 2**

#### **TOPIC: PHYSICAL LITERACY, SKILL-BALL CONTROL**

#### **ORGANIZATION ACTIVITY 1- HIT THE GROUND** COACHING POINTS/KEY FACTORS • SET UP LIKE SQUARE DANCE, DRIBBLING A COMBINATION OF PHYSICAL LITERACY MIXED WITH TECHNIQUE THE BALL KEEPING IT CLOSE. • A DIFFERENT WAY TO DO SQUARE DANCE •WHEN THE COACH YELLS OUT TO "HIT THE •QUICK DRIBBLING, QUICK FEET, TAKE A GROUND", THE PLAYERS MUST QUICKLY QUICK STEP FOLLOWED BY QUICK TOUCH OF STOP THE BALL WITH FOOT, THEN BELLY BALL TO GROUND, THEN UP AND DRIBBLE •USE IMAGINATION OF TASKS TO BE USED •CAN CHANGE UP THE ACTIVITY WHEN "HIT THE GROUND" IS SAID EX-SIT ON BALL, TOE TAPS, JUMP OVER 10 MINUTES BALL, JUMPING JACKS, ETC **ACTIVITY 2- TRAFFIC LIGHT GAME** •1 BALL / PLAYER - PLAYERS DRIBBLE BALL ENCOURAGE FAST QUICK FEET •NO PLAYER IS ALLOWED TO ABANDON DRIBBLE WITH EYES UP THEIR BALL CHANGE DIRECTION QUICKLY •PLAYERS DRIBBLE, LOOKING UP •COACH YELLS RED LIGHT(STOP), GREEN •ADD PHYSICAL LITERACY COMPONENTS TO LIGHT (DRIBBLE AND GO), YELLOW LIGHT THIS (JUMPING, TWISTING, TURNING, ETC) (SIT ON BALL). •COACH CAN PROGRESS TO HAND SIGNALS OR USE COLOURS WHICH EQUALS PHYSICAL LITERACY- EX PURPLE =3 JUMPING JACKS, ETC **6 MINUTES** 10 MINUTES **ACTIVITY 3 - SHARKS AND MINNOWS** 3 players start as the sharks, the rest are minnows. BE PATIENT Minnows start on one end of the grid each with a ball. PLAYERS WILL TAKE SOME TIME LEARNING Sharks start in the middle of the grid Coach says "go" THAT THE SHARKS STAY IN THE SHARK ARE PLAYERS ATTACKING WILL LACK CONFIDENCE and each minnow must try and cross the water to the IN TAKING THE RISK OF DRIBBLING other side without getting the call kicked out by a shark. THROUGH THE SHARK AREA Shark Area If a ball is kicked out the minnow becomes a shark. Game ends when only one minnow remains. 10 MINUTES The sharks do not leave the imaginary line area. Keep head up and avoid traffic. **ACTIVITY 4 - GAME** 4 VS 4 NO GOAL KEEPERS 20 MINUTES

## **MERIDIAN SOCCER**

#### **UNDER 7 WEEK 3**

#### **TOPIC: PHYSICAL LITERACY, SKILL-BALL CONTROL**

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY 1- BEAVER TAG - BALL TAG	COACHING POINTS/KEY FACTORS
PLAYERS BEGIN BY HAVING A BIB TUCKED INTO THE SIDE(BEAVER TAIL)  CAN PLAY IN TWO WAYS- EVERYONE IT AND ALLOWED TO PULL OUT THE BIB OF PLAYERS WHO CANNOT RE ENTER GAME  OR 1 OR 2 PLAYERS IT TRYING TO PULL THE BIBS OF ALL PLAYERS  PROGRESS TO A BALL IN HAND, TAGGING PLAYERS ON THE BACK WITH THEIR BALL  CAN PLAY WITH RE ENTRY OR A WINNER	TAG WITH A BIB TAG WITH A BALL  12 × 12 yards  CREATED BY KEVIN WAGNER  www.sports-graphics.com	SOCCER IS GAME THAT INVOLVES THE COORDINATION OF JUMPING, TWISTING, TURNING, KICKING, ETC - ENCOURAGE THIS PURPOSE IS TO INTRODUCE PLAYERS THE SKILL SET TO "SHIELD A SOCCER BALL" FIRST BY TURNING AWAY FROM PRESSURE USING A BIB, OR THE BALL PHYSICAL COORDINATION, TURNING, FUN  10 MINUTES
•1 BALL / PLAYER - PLAYERS DRIBBLE BALL •COACHES INSTRUCTION - DRIBBLE, RUN, SIT, ELBOW, NOSE ON BALL, JUMP OVER TIP-A GOOD WAY TO SET THE ENIRONMENT WITH POSITIVE ENERGY	ACTIVITY 2- SQUARE DANCE-COACH SAYS  12 x 12 yards  CREATED BY KEVIN WAGNER  WWW.sports-graphics.com	• PURPOSE-TO ENCOURAGE DRIBBLING WHILE INTRODUCING BODY MOVEMENTS SUCH AS JUMPING, TWISTING, TURNING, • SKILLS-WE WOULD LIKE THE PLAYERS TO BE ABLE TO TURN WITH THE BALL USING THE BOTTOM, INSIDE, OUTSIDE OF THE FOOT.  10 MINUTES
PLACE THE PLAYERS INTO BIBS/2 TEAMS THE PLAY IS 1 VS 1 - HOWEVER MORE THAN ONE GROUP CAN PLAY AT A TIME THE COACH PLAYS A BALL OUT TO THE PLAYERS THAT ARE ON EACH SIDE A PLAYER DRIBBLES THE BALL AND STOPS IT IN ANY OF THE 4 CORNERS/GOALS. YOU GET A GOAL BY KICKING IT THROUGH. THE PLAY CONTINUES TELL THE BALL GOES OUT THE FIELD	ACTIVITY 3- 4 CORNERS  CRATEO BY KEVIN WAGNER WWW. Sports-graphics. com	ORIBBLE WITH EYES UP     TURN WITH THE BALL AWAY FROM     PRESSURE     AFTER TURN, TAKE A LONGER TOUCH TO     GET AWAY FROM THE DEFENDER     USE INDIDE, OUTSIDE, BOTTOM OF THE     FOOT TO TURN  10 MINUTES
	ACTIVITY 4 -GAME  4 VS 4 NO GOAL KEEPERS  20 MINUTES	

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#### **UNDER 7 WEEK 4**

#### **TOPIC: PHYSICAL LITERACY, SKILL-BALL CONTROL**

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PLAYERS START ON ONE SIDE OF THE JUNGLE. WHEN COACH YELLS GO, PLAYERS DRIBBLE BALL TO OTHER SIDE. THEN "GO" AND BACK BEGIN WITH AN EMPTY JUNGLE EVERY FEW TIMES THE PLAYERS GO THERE AND BACK, THE COACH ADDS MORE THINGS TO THE JUNGLE TO BE DRIBBLED AROUND YELLOW CONES=ROCKS, RED CONES=LAVA BIBS COULD BE WATER, JUNGLE ANIMALS TREES, ETC. USE IMAGINATION	ACTIVITY 2- JUNGLE GAME  SIDE B  CREATED BY KEVIN WAGNER  WWW aports-graphics.com	•ENCOURAGE PLAYERS TO DRIBBLE AROUND OBSTACLES WITH QUICK FEET •ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY, IMAGINATION •COACHES AND PARENTS UDE PERSONALITY AND ALL PLAYERS WILL LOVE THIS GAME •CAN LAST A BIT LONGER THAN OTHER GAMES				
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	ACTIVITY 4 -GAME					
	4 VS 4 NO GOAL KEEPERS 20 MINUTES					



### **MERIDIAN SOCCER**

#### **UNDER 7 WEEK 5**

#### TOPIC: PHYSICAL LITERACY, SKILL-BALL CONTROL

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### **MERIDIAN SOCCER**

#### **UNDER 7 WEEK 6**

#### **TOPIC: PHYSICAL LITERACY, SKILL-BALL CONTROL**

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#### **TOPIC: PHYSICAL LITERACY, DRIBBLING ORGANIZATION ACTIVITY 1- SQUARE DANCE+ CONES COACHING POINTS/KEY FACTORS** PHYSICAL LITERACY "NO WAY!" SHIELD (Activity #2) SET UP DRIBBLE WITH EYES UP Create a field 15x20 yards PLAYERS SCAN THE FIELD METHOD ◆CAN MAKE IT A COMPETITION IF YOU Each player has a partner (of equal ability) and one WANT TO ADD MANY MORE CONES OR Coach says "GO!" player without the ball tries to BIBS TO PICK UP steal it from their dribbling partner. Once a player steals the ball they must try and keep possession until the end of the round (1min-1.5minutes) The partner who ends up with the ball gets a point. If ball goes out of bounds, the player who kicked the ball out must give possession to their partner. 10 MINUTES ACTIVITY 2- MATH DRIBBLING ACTIVITY #2 Math Dribbling SET UP SOCCER IS GAME THAT INVOLVES THE Each player has a ball at their feet. COORDINATION OF JUMPING, TWISTING, METHOD TURNING, KICKING, ETC - ENCOURAGE THIS Have players dribbling in the space using "FAST PURPOSE IS TO INTRODUCE PLAYERS FEET" moves. TO THINK AND LOOK UP WHILE DRIBBLING Coach call out a number, and players must form • CAN USE COLORS OR SOME OTHER groups according to that number. ("4" = 4 players CUE TO HOW THE PLAYERS GROUP UP PHYSICAL COORDINATION, TURNING, Players who do not form a group of the correct FUN - THINKING - PROBLEM SOLVING number, do three jumping jacks and rejoin the 10 MINUTES ACTIVITY 3 - SHOOT-RETRIEVE-DEFEND SET UP Half of your team lines up near the kick off mark at half field, and half next to the ENCOURAGE GOOD, FAST DRIBBLING goal. About (3) yards in front of the goal, place disc cones, and encourage players to shoot PLAYERS TO HAVE EYES UP before crossing that line. •TURN AWAY FROM PRESSURE METHOD •CAN USE BODY TO PROTECT BALL Players at half field have a ball at their feet. One at a time, players will dribble towards the goal, once they start a "defender" from the goal line will run out and play FOR DEFENDERS TO GET TOUCH TIGHT DEFENDERS NOT BE AFRAID TO MAKE Dribbler tries to score a goal, while the defender tries to win the ball. If the defender wins the ball, they dribble to the half line to score a point. The offen-CONTACT sive player earns a point by scoring a goal. Encourage smart defending (be patient, watch the ball not the player). 10 MINUTES **ACTIVITY 4 - STREET SOCCER GAME** COMPETE - GAME TYPE DECISIONS MADE **•SPLIT GROUP INTO 2 TEAMS** • START 1V1 • ADD NUMBERS UP UNTIL EVERYONES IN • AFTER EVERTONES IN AND A COUPLE MINS PASS, THEN START OVER 1V1

10 MINUTES