## Topic: Heading <br> Objective: To teach players the technical points of heading a soccer ball.

| Technical Warm up | Organization | Coaching Pts. |
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|  | Heading Introduction(15 min): <br> Team is divided into two players with a single ball. <br> $>$ Step 1: Player heads ball to teammate from his/her own hands <br> Step 2: Player serves ball to him/herself and heads ball to teammate <br> $>$ Step 3: Players serve balls to each other for return head ball <br> $>$ Step 4: In small groups, players try to keep ball up with head juggling | - Eye on the ball; read the flight of the ball <br> - Contact the ball with the upper half of the forehead, NOT TOP OF HEAD <br> - Body mechanics, shape and balance |
| Small Sided Game | Organizatio | Coaching Pts. |
|  | Head Wars -2v2: <br> Play 2 v 2 in an $8 \times 10$ yard grid. Players are restricted to their own half ( $4 \times 10$ yard grid). Each team protects the 10 yard line. Play starts with one player tossing ball to his/her partner to score from a header. If the soccer ball crosses the end line below the defenders' shoulders, they scored a goal. The defenders act as goalkeepers, guarding the end-line, using their hands to catch the ball. The process starts again. <br> $>1$ point $=$ Toss, header, goal <br> $>3$ points $=$ Toss, header, header, goal (same team) <br> $>5$ points $=$ One team heads the ball and the defending team heads it back and scores | - Read the flight of the ball <br> - Keep eye on the ball <br> - Get in the line of flight of the ball <br> - Lock neck and keep upper body rigid <br> - Thrust forward from waist <br> - Direct ball down and with force <br> Time: 15 minutes |
| Exp. Small Sided Game | Organization | Coaching Pts. |
|  | 3v3 Team Handball: <br> Organize players into teams of 3 or 4 players. Set up a 20 yard x 25 yard rectangular field with goals centrally located at each end. The 2 teams play this game by tossing the ball (with their hands) to their teammates (similar to basketball). Players can only take a maximum of 3 steps with the ball, then they must pass the ball to a teammate. Goals can only be scored by heading the soccer ball after it has been thrown by a teammate. If the ball drops on the ground, possession goes to the other team | - Use arms for balance, protection and to create space <br> - Players should bend at the waist for maximum power <br> - Communicate and demand the ball <br> - Area of contact (striking surface) |
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| 6 v 6 Scrimmage | Play with Goalkeepers in a 45-60 yard long by 35-40 yard wide field. | - All of the above Time: $\mathbf{3 0}$ minutes |
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