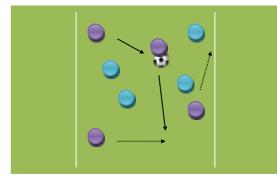
Academy Group U7 to U10

- ♦ Players
- ♦ Cones
- ♦ Balls

Topic

Zone Game 4 Versus 4



♦ Area: 35x25

Organization:

- Area 35 x 25 yards, with additional five-yard zones at each end.
- Normal 4 vs. 4 but the only way to score is by "touch down" of ball with foot in end zone.
- If ball goes out of play over end zone line or at side of end zone, defending team re-starts game with "goal kick" or "dribble-in" from end line.
- If ball goes out over side line (not including end zone) play is re-started by "pass-in" (or throw-in if coach prefers).
- Condition game to disallow any slide tackling.

Coaching Points:

- The only way to score is by dribbling or passing into end zone both methods should be encouraged.
- Players attempting to score should screen ball from opponent as he or she "touches down" to protect both ball and player.
- Attacking player "off-the-ball" should try to steal into an attacking space on the "blindside" of the defence.
- Defending team must work collectively to stop "dribbler," and at same time avoid being "blindsided" by pass.
- Encourage defenders to be come very aware of all attackers and their changing positions.

Objective:

- To develop combined offensive and defensive play in a 4 vs. 4 game.
- To encourage attacking players to get on the "blindside" of the defence to receive a pass.