## Activity Name | Description | Diagram | Coaching Points
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1 **Warm-Up**

*Retrieval Activity in Pairs-getting them to work together*

Every pair gives their ball to the coach and the coach tosses the ball out for each player to collect individually. Players bring the ball back by: 1) Picking up the ball and running back to the coach; 2) Picking up the ball and hopping back to the coach; 3) Picking up the ball and skipping back to the coach; 4) Running after the ball and passing the ball the ball back to the coach. The coach walks around while the players dribble and pass the ball back to them.

**Q.** Where should your eyes be when you pass the ball back to me?  
**A.** (Up so we can see where you are.)

2 **“Pong”**

This is a simple game. Two players play against each other and share a ball. They place two cones anywhere from 2-8 yards apart. They choose! Players pass back and forth to each other. The rules are that the ball must never stop, must always stay on the ground, and must go thru the two cones without touching them. Whenever this is violated the other person receives a point. Because of the rule that the ball must never stop, players have to play 1-2 touch. The closer the two cones are the more they closer the pairs are probably going to be. The farther apart they are, the more they will have to move laterally and look more like the old arcade “pong” game. Play for time and see who can become the PONG Champ!

**Q.** What part of the foot do you use to push the pass on the ground?  
**A.** Inside of the foot.

**Q.** Where should your foot strike the ball to keep it on the ground?  
**A.** Your foot should strike the middle of the ball.
3  Gates Passing

All players have a ball inside a playing area.

Set up gates/small goals throughout the playing area. Players dribble and pass the ball through as many of the gates as time allows.

Variations:  
a) Players work in pairs and must pass through a gate to their teammate who is on the other side.

Q.: When you are passing with your teammate, how do you know when to pass the ball?
A.: When we are both looking at each other and making eye contact)

4  3rd Activity-“Gates”

Divide into two teams of 3-4 players each.

Make a goal with flags, cones, etc in the corners of the field, but they are diagonal. Coach has a supply of balls in order to keep the game flowing. When a goal is scored or the ball goes out, the coach plays in a new ball. The object of the game is to score thru any of the 4 corner goals. The only way to score is to pass the ball through the goals.

At first allow the players to score at any of the 4 goals, then tell them that one team has two goals to score on and 2 to defend.

Q.: When a ball is rolling toward you how do you pass the ball quickly into the goal?
A.: Keep our eyes on the ball and push through the middle of the ball.
5 Final Activity - The Match

| Coach has a supply of balls to keep match flowing. | “CELEBRATE” |

![Diagram of a soccer field with players passing the ball]