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I can do this, can you?

- Coach stands in the middle of the group and says "I can do this, Can you"?
- Demonstrates a variety of movements, with and without the ball.
- Players must copy coach's movements.
Boundaries/space not important.
- Coach must "show and tell" movement as needed for success.
- Movements should include balance, coordination and agility activities.
- Coach should move about the group to assist players with activity.


## Everybody's It/Tail Tag

- Space is roughly $20 y d s \times 20 y d s$, marked with cones.
- Players dribbling throughout.
- To begin, everybody is it. Each attempts to tag while avoiding getting tagged.
- Coach determines task to become "un-tagged".
Progress to tail tag. Every player wearing a pinnie as a tail. Collect as many tails as possible
- Coaching balance, coordination, agility and vision.
- Coaching how to protect the ball.
- Coaching how to dribble the ball.
- "Can you show me another way to keep the ball"?


## Ball Retrieve

- Coach starts in the middle of a $20 y d x$ 20 yd space with a pile of balls.
- Coach throws the balls away; players must return them as indicated by coach.
- Coach immediately tosses balls back out as they are returned.
- Progress to return in pairs as indicated by coach.
- "How fast can each of you get this ball back to me"?
- "Can you return so fast that I never run out of balls"?
- Coach how to dribble, vision, and communication.
- "Can you bring it back without using your hands"? "Show me".
- Coach may want to have fun by indicating a body part to use to return the ball.

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## Junkyard Soccer

- 2 teams divided with pinnies, each player with a ball.
- Field is $30 \times 20$ yds with a 2 yd neutral zone across the midfield line.
- On command, players attempt to kick all balls into opponents half until time expires.
- The team with the fewest amount of balls at the end of the time wins the point.
- Coach one touch striking of the ball.
- Angle of approach
- Locked ankle
- Surface of the foot
- Coach vision to find open spaces.
- Head up, look for space
- Pass to space
- "Can you work as a team to keep balls out of your yard"?

Gates/Moving Goal

- 2 teams divided with pinnies. One ball per pair of players.
- Field is $30 y d s \times 20 y d s$ with several small goals spread throughout.
- Teams of 2 dribble throughout the space, passing to each other.
Progress to pass through the cones.
- Progress to remove small goals and use a pole/rope between two buddies to form a goal.
- "Goal" will move about the field.
- Teams using 1-2 balls will work together to score on moving goal.
- Coach dribbling and passing while dribbling.
- Coach passing using non-dominant foot.
- Coach receiving and $1^{\text {st }}$ touch.
- Coach communication, verbal and non-verbal.
- Coach vision and changing direction.
- Coach shooting with accuracy.

Small Sided Games: Boss of the Balls, Line Soccer, Get Outta Here.

- Break group into 2 teams with pinnies. Players numbered 1-6
- Field is no more than $30 x 20$ yds.
- Teams line up shoulder-shoulder, facing field, on opposite sidelines.
- Coach calls out numbers to play game. Coach starts play with a pass into space.
- Score by dribbling over oppositions line.
- Remaining players may defend.
- Progress to small goals on end line for a real game. GK's optional.
- Coaching how to interact with a team and play a directional game.
- Most of all, let them play and have fun.

