

GRASSROOTS ROADMAPS

U.S. SOCCER GRASSROOTS ROADMAP





ATTACKING GRASSROOTS ROADMAP



ATTACKING					
WHERE Where is it happening on the field?	WHY/GOAL Why do players attack? What are the goals?	HOW How are players going to accomplish the goals?	WHAT/PLAYER ACTIONS What can players do to achieve the How and the Why?	WHO/QUALITIES Who are these players? What qualities do they need to execute the actions?	
Own half Build up	Move the ball forward	Find openings Create openings	Shoot Pass or dribble forward Spread out Create passing options Support the attack Create a 2vl or lvl Change the point of attack Change the pace/rhythm Switch positions	Read and understand the game and make decisions Take initiative, be pro-active Demonstrate focus Execute with optimal technical abilities Execute with optimal physical abilities Take responsibility and accountability for their own development and performance	
Opponent's half Build up	• Create Chances				
Close to the goal Scoring	Score goals				

TRAINING SESSION GOALS - ATTACKING





Improve scoring goals (3)

Improve building up in opponent's half in order to create chances (2)

Improve building up from own half in order to move the ball to the opponent's half (1)

DEFENDING GRASSROOTS ROADMAP



DEFENDING						
WHERE Where is it happening on the field?	WHY/GOAL Why do players defend? What are the goals?	HOW How are players going to accomplish the goals?	WHAT/PLAYER ACTIONS What can players do to achieve the How and the Why?	WHO/QUALITIES Who are these players? What qualities do they need to execute the actions?		
Opponent's half Prevent the build up	Prevent the opponent from moving the ball forward Regain the ball	Close the openings (to the goal) Keep the openings (to the goal) closed	Protect the goal Steal the ball Make it compact Keep it compact Pressure, cover, balance Outnumber the opponent Stay involved Mark the player/mark	Read and understand the game and make decisions Take initiative, be pro-active Demonstrate focus Execute with optimal technical abilities Execute with optimal physical abilities		
Own half Prevent the build up	Prevent the opponent from moving the ball forward Regain the ball					
Close to the goal	Prevent scoring goals Deny chances		the area	 Take responsibility and accountability for their own development and performance 		

TRAINING SESSION GOALS - DEFENDING





Improve preventing the opponent from building up in their own half (1)

Improve preventing the opponent from building up and creating chances in our half (2)

Improve preventing the opponent from scoring (3)

KEY QUALITIES OF A GRASSROOTS PLAYER



1. READ AND UNDERSTAND THE GAME AND MAKE DECISIONS	 applies knowledge of the cues reads and analyzes situations regarding attacking/defending/transition understands where and when to move themselves and the ball aligns own actions with other players and positions
2. TAKE INITIATIVE, BE PROACTIVE	 creates opportunities instead of reacting confronts situations challenges opponents
3. DEMONSTRATE FOCUS	 plays to win demonstrates bravery deals with adversity remains calm and composed
4. EXECUTE WITH OPTIMAL TECHNICAL ABILITIES	 shows comfort with the ball is technically proficient to be effective is proficient in 1v1 situations to create or to regain the ball
5. EXECUTE WITH OPTIMAL PHYSICAL ABILITIES	 demonstrates physical awareness (what their bodies can do) is coordinated in their movement
6. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR OWN DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE	 is involved and engaged throughout every game/training session delivers on agreements and promises is adaptable and flexible in dealing with (unexpected) challenges and problems articulates own learning needs evaluates and reflects on own performance

PLAYER ACTIONS



	4 v 4	7 v 7	9 v 9	11 v 11
	U-6, U-7, U-8	U-9, U-10	U-11, U-12	U-13+
ATTACKING	U-6 • Shoot • Pass or dribble forward U7/U8 • Spread out • Create passing options • Support the attack	 Shoot Pass or dribble forward Spread out Create passing options Support the attack Create a 2vl or lvl Change the point of attack 	 Shoot Pass or dribble forward Spread out Create passing options Support the attack Create a 2vl or lvl Change the point of attack Change the pace/rhythm Switch positions 	 Shoot Pass or dribble forward Spread out Create passing options Support the attack Create a 2vl or lvl Change the point of attack Change the pace/rhythm Switch positions
A>D	DEFEND AS QUICKLY AS POSS	SIBLE		
DEFENDING	U-6 • Protect the goal • Steal the ball U-7/U-8 • Make it compact • Keep it compact	Protect the goal Steal the ball Make it compact Keep it compact Pressure, cover, balance Outnumber the opponent	 Protect the goal Steal the ball Make it compact Keep it compact Pressure, cover, balance Outnumber the opponent Stay involved Mark the player/mark the area 	 Protect the goal Steal the ball Make it compact Keep it compact Pressure, cover, balance Outnumber the opponent Stay involved Mark the player/mark the are