THE CENTRAL CIRCLE

Technical Department LFF

TRAINING SESSIONS 8/8

CONTENT: HOW WE TRAIN MODELS

FOR ALL LITHUANIAN CLUBS, ACADEMIES, SCHOOLS

LFF TECHNICAL DEPARTEMENT



As Technical Director of the Lithuanian Football Federation, I am glad that we have taken a new path, based on a thorough evaluation, chosen for the RSC Anderlecht Vision and training model.

I am sure we will get the benefits of this new way of working within a few years.

I trust and count on all people involved into this new project and with their efforts this direction has a bright future for our players development.

Enjoy the training sessions and have FUN.

Good Luck



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PEDAGOGICAL, EDUCATIVE and DIDACTICAL ADVICE

The following training sessions are tools to help coaches. They are made for Lithuanian boys and girls. It's important that the coach uses his own imagination and experience to modify each exercise to the needs of his players. Three key points should be considered:

 Age appropriate: Adapt the exercise to the ages of your players *For example:* 8 year old = Passes of 5-10m 16 year old = Passes of 10-35m

Skill Appropriate: Adapt exercises to the skill level of your players *For example:* If the exercise is too difficult = make the exercise easier *If the exercise is not challenging = make the exercise more difficult*
Differentiation: Within exercises challenge each player to their own level *For example:* Players with high technical abilities can do more difficult ball mastery *exercises.*

Next to this it's important that the players improve their general technical abilities. They can only improve their technical abilities when they are touching the ball. Let's have as aim that each player can touch the ball 200 to 300 times in warm up.





Each training we should encourage players to touch the ball 200 to 300 times in warm up. So take 10min time per training to really boost the amount of touches of the players. There are multiple ways to reach this:

- Juggling & Juggling challenges
 - Level 1: 10x right foot, Level 2: 10x Left foot, ... Level 10: 5x (Left foot, Left Knee, Head, Right Knee, Right foot),...
- Ball mastery
 - Roll Ball & Roll Ball + Skill
 - Push & Drag the ball
 - V-drag
 - Touching the ball between the feet
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- Technik Ball/SoccerPal & Challenges
- Skills combinations

Exercises you can use:

Ball mastery street	10'
	Players go with ball mastery exercises through the street. Every zone (A,B&C) can be a different exercise. For example A: Left foot push and drag B: Right foot push and drag C: Alternating feet push and drag
Copy the coach	10'
	Coach is in the middle and demonstrates ball mastery exercises. Players copy the coach.
۸ ۴ ۸	Important that coach turns around and sees all players.
	Variation: Players dribble inside the space and do skill combinations showed by the coach
Ball mastery & Skill Squares	10'
	Player 1 does ball mastery exercise till the end of the square followed by a turning skill. Now Player 2 does the same. <i>Variation:</i> Only 1 ball. After Player 1 turns he passes to Player 2. Now the exercise
	starts again.



A cooling down has the main aim to cool down the body. In 8/8 this can be done by a low intensity fun exercise followed by a small recap about the training. The recap should include 2 things: Feedback and Feedforward.

- Feedback: How did the training go? What did we practice? What did we learn? What can we do better?
- Feedforward: How can we do it better? What can we practice at home? What can we do extra individually?

Stabilization, mobilization and stretching should be introduced gradually in the cooling down in 8v8. The form is the most important. This will result that players create good habits from a young age.

Exercises you can use:





Session1: B+ Skip one or more lines when passing

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Topic:	
1) Skip one or more lines when passing	
Basics:	
1) Short and Half long passing	
2) Finishing on a cross	
3) Playing in Support	
Warm up - Basics	15 (4x 3')
	Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300
	touches per player!
	3v1
	When the players give 4 passes in a row,
Arrest	they should move to the next square.
	Variation:
	- Unlimited touches
	- Max 3 touches
	- Max 2 touches
Repetition – Basics	20'
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	3 opponents. 10 and 9 do opposite
	movement. When 3 receives the ball, 2
	opens and 7 comes to ask. 3 plays direct to
	7. 2 comes in support and receives the ball
N AN	of 7. 9 asks for the ball. 10 comes under the
	ball to support 9. 9 sets the ball for 10. 10
	plays deep to 7. 7 crosses the ball and 9
	finishes.
	Variation (Red team):
	Same movement. 3 asks the balls and plays
	directly to 9. 10 comes under the ball and
	plays deep for 7 who crosses the ball.
Opposition Games – 4v3	20'
	Same set up as previous exercise. We add a
	grey box. In this box we play 4v3. The aim
	for the team in possession is to play
	through the box and preferably with first
	pass directly to 9 or 7 (skipping a line). If the
	team in possession can play out of the box,
	they can shoot to goal without the other
	team defending. If the defending team wins
	the ball, they can score on the other goal.
	Variation (red team):
i (i	Change the defenders form 3,5 and 10 into
	3,5 and 11





Session2: B+ Build Up

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Topic:	
1) Build Up	
2) Infiltration with ball	
Basics:	
1) Orientated control (forward)	
2) First touch skills	
3) Shooting	
Warm up - Basics	20'
	Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300
	touches per player!
	2 players, 1 ball
	The 2 players pass to each other but the
	ball needs to go always in between 2 other
	players (Split pass)
	<u>1. First touch skills 6x 1'</u>
	Coach shows a first touch skill, players copy
<u>(*)</u>	it 2. Sinst touch skill a skill som he Gu 1/
	2. First touch skill + skill combo 6x 1'
	Coach shows a first touch skill followed by a
	combination of dribbling skills. Players copy
	it
	3. add 2 defenders 5x 1'
	Same exercise, now with 2 real defenders.
	The team who loses the ball become the
	new defenders
Repetition – Basics	20'
	2 opens and asks for the ball from 1.
	Defender presses from the inside, forcing 2
	to take first touch forward. 2 takes first
	touch forward and shoots to goal. 1 takes
Λά 🙆 🕂 Ν	position of 2, 2 becomes Defender.
	Defender goes behind 3
	Variation 1:
	Player 2 starts from a lower position and
	runs forward to receive the ball.
	Variation 2:
	Player 2 does a one-two with D of his team
*	and then shoots.



Opposition Games – K4v4	20'
	Zone 1: K1+1v1 – 9 can only move on the line when defending Zone2: 4v4 – 9 Can help to defend when the ball is in this zone 1 plays the ball in line with 9. So 3 or 5 can use one touch to eliminate 9. Once red wins the ball they can also enter zone 1
Topic Game – K7v7K	25'
	Zone1: K1+1v1. Red team can not enter the zone when defending. Zone 2: normal rules, anyone can enter and leave this zone Zone3: 1v1+1K. Yellow team can not enter the zone when defending Match rules with zones. Building up team should try to enter zone2 via 2,3 or 5 to eliminate opponent 9. Who will win?
COOLING DOWN	5'



Session3: B+ Build up

Topic:

1) Build Up

2) Create space for fellow player and make use of it

Basics:

- 1) Short and Half long passing
- 2) Move to create space

Warm up - Basics	20'	
	<u>1. Ball mastery 6x 1'</u>	
	Each player one ball.	
	Coach shows a ball mastery, players copy it	
₹ T 1	2. Unopposed skills 6x 1'	
	Each player one ball.	
	Coach shows a skill, players copy it	
× + 3	3. Mildly opposed skills 6x 1'	
<u></u>	1 (or 2) players without ball who are active	
	defenders.	
	Other players with ball and continue to	
	practice the skill showed by the coach.	
	When the defender presses them, they can	
	use any skill to protect the ball.	
	If they lose the ball or ball goes out, they	
	become the new defender.	
SSG – K4v4 - Basics	20'	
	Field is marked in 2 zones.	
	Zone1: Build up area. 1 and 3 start here. If 3	
1 2	leaves this zone another player should take	
	his position. 9 is fixed here.	
	Zone2: 3v3	
	3 moves away to ask for the ball. If he is	
	free, 1 can pass to him (black)	
2	If he is not free, then he can move to zone2	
	and a player of zone 2 drops (Blue)	
	Or 1 can dribble in (Grey)	
	If red wins the ball they can enter Zone1 as	
	well.	
	Who will win?	







Session4: B+ Open wide

Topic:

- 1) Open wide
- 2) Finishing a goal chance as quickly as possible

Basics:

- 1) Finishing close to goal
- 2) Finishing on a cross

Warm up - Basics	15 (2x 7')	
	Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300	
	touches per player!	
	1 moves into the free space (red diamond).	
4	2 needs to time the pass so that 1 and the	
	ball arrive at the same time. 4 moves away	
	and open the body. 1 passes the ball	
A	through the gate to 4. Now 2 goes to the	
	free space and receives the ball of 5.	
	<u>1. 7' Juggling exercises</u>	
	From 4 to back behind 6, coach gives	
	different juggling challenges	
	2. 7' Dribbling exercises	
	From 4 to back behind 6, coach gives	
	different skills	
Repetition – Basics	20'	
	<u>1.5'</u>	
	10 does a one-two with 9 and plays outside	
	to 11 or 7. 10 and 9 take position in the box.	
	11 or 7 crosses the ball.	
	2. 5' Red against Yellow	
	Team to score first receives 2 points. The	
	other goal counts for 1	
	<u>3. 5' 2v1 in the box</u>	
	One defender is added	
	4. 5' 2v1 Red against Yellow	
	Team to score first receives 2 points. The	
	other goal counts for 1	





Session5: B- Block off goal attempt

Warm up - Basics 15' Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300 Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300 Image: Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300 Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300 Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300 Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300 Image: Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300 Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300 Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300 Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300 Vellow passes the ball around (and moves). They try to play the split pass between the blue defenders to the other team. When red team has the ball they do the same. Blue team needs to move (glide) and close down the space. When a pass is given they can block the pass or intercept it. When they intercept, they change with the team who lost the ball. Repetition - 2v2K 15' Red 1 aims to score on a small goal. Yellow 1 needs to react fast to intercept the ball. After winning the ball he needs to play or dribble direct forward to start the 2v2K 15' After winning the ball he needs to play or dribble direct forward to start the 2v2K 15' After winning the shot. 20 After when defend behind the line (Block) and not actively steal the ball	Topic:1) Block off goal attempt2) Intercept a halflong or short passBasics:1) Marking close2) Closing down	•	
Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300 touches per player! 3 teams Yellow passes the ball around (and moves). They try to play the split pass between the blue defenders to the other team. When red team has the ball they do the same. Blue team needs to move (glide) and close down the space. When a pass is given they can block the pass or intercept it. When they intercept, they change with the team who lost the ball. 15' Repetition – 2v2K 15' Repetition – 2v2K 15' Repetition – 1v1K A A A A A B A B		15'	
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A(ttacker) dribbles inside and can shoot between the yellow cones. D(efender) tries to block the shot. Defender can only defend behind the line	2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 needs to react fast to intercept the ball. After winning the ball he needs to play or dribble direct forward to start the 2v2K	F
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Opposition game K4v4K	15'
	K4v4K with normal match rules. A line is made outside of both boxes. The game is played between the 2 white lines. Teams need to shoot more from distances giving higher chances to the defensive team to block the shot.
Topic Game – K7v7K	25'
	K7v7K normal match rules with a free box in front of the goal. Both teams are not allowed to enter this box. Forcing the attacking team to shoot more from distance. Allowing the defending to get more chances to block the shot. Interception or blocking the shot is 1 point. A goal is 3 point. Who will win?
COOLING DOWN	5'



Session6: B- Playing in Block

Topic:1) Defensive block2) Pressing on the players on the wingBasics:1) Marking close2) Closing down3) Positive pressing on the ball owner	
Warm up - Basics	15'
	Start 10' with ball mastery = 200-300touches per player!A. 7x 1'1 dribble to each other, they do a turningskill and pass back to 2. Now the exercisestarts againB. 7x 1'1 dribble to each other. They do a turn skill.After the turn skill, they do a one-two with2. After they pass to 3. 1 goes to position of2. 2 to position of 3 and 3 starts again.
Repetition – $2v2 \rightarrow 2v3$	20'
	Red 3 starts with passing to Red 2(5). Then the game is active 2v2. Yellow 11(7) and 5(2) need to press outside and try to win the ball. When the ball is scored or out, Yellow 3 dribbles in the field and now we play 2v3
Opposition Games - $4v4 \rightarrow 4v5$	20'
	Exercise starts when Yellow 9 presses Red 3. He passes to Red 2(5). Then the game is active 4v4. Yellow 11(7), 10, 9 and 5(2) need to press outside and try to win the ball. When the ball is scored or out, Yellow 3 dribbles in the field and now we play 4v5



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	25'
	Yellow team plays on 2 goals in wide position. Automatically they will use the sides more. This makes that Red teams needs to glide as a block well from central area to one side and back.
Cooling Down	5'





THE FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT MODEL





Learning is:

- an ongoing process:
- cumulatively: the skills already acquired form the basis for new to learn the skills
- The football development model:
 - Create a "FUN-LEARNING" environment
 - Based on the development model of ball sports
 - Fluent passage of one phase into another
 - Repetition, repetition,
 - Age is directive: large individual differences possible by development field
 - The youth coach chooses learning aims and imply in function of the level according to the football development model.

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