## Week 1: Meet, Greet and Play ⊙ **Cutters Community Soccer Dribbling Coaching Points** Dribbling with head up Use all surfaces of your foot Keep the ball close 6 - 6:10 p.m. Coaches and trainers should Introduce Four rules for Cutters Soccer: Dribbling warm-up activity led by 1. Cutters themselves to the players and parents. Give Your Best Effort coach and trainer. Intros Be a Good Listener Focus on coaching points (above) Review the Rules of Cutters 3. **Be Good Sports** Teach the players the following moves: Have fun! • Pendulum (tapping ball between feet) • Pull turn DIAGRAM 6:10-6:25 p.m. **ACTIVITY COACHING POINTS** • Each player has a ball. Emphasize these soccer coaching 2. Getting to points: • Players dribble within a defined area. know your When dribbling, the players • On coach's signal, players quickly must make should use all surfaces of teammates groups according to the coach's direction. the foot: Sole/inside/outside For example, make groups with Players should keep their • Same color socks (can also use shorts or heads up, be aware of the t-shirt color) players around them. • Birthdays by season of the year Move quickly on the coach's • Birth day on 1st - 15th or 16th to 31st Coach can make up other signal. categories as well, being careful Try to make the group criteria easy to not to single out anyone. understand for the age group. Keep it fun ③ Each time a group is made, the players should introduce themselves to each other. Have them share a favorite something: cereal, sports team, superhero, etc. Then, the coach will tell them to start dribbling again. 6:25-6:40 p.m. Play across the width of the field. Minnows that successfully dribble 3. Sharks & Designate one or two "sharks" across the Sharks' line go back for Minnows round two. Each Minnow who All other players (minnows) start loses their ball joins the Sharks. on one side. The last Minnow left in is the winner. Play multiple rounds.

The Minnows must try to dribble past the sharks and cross the opposite line without losing possession of their ball.

The Sharks defend by trying to kick the Minnows' balls out of the defined area.



Give sharks time to get together each round to make a strategy and to learn each other's' names.

## Coaching points:

- Players practice moves. Use all surfaces of the foot, keep ball close.
- Keep head up know where the sharks swim ©
- Players position their bodies to protect the ball

## 6:40-7 p.m.

- 4. Scrimmage spend a lot of time scrimmaging tonight
- Divide your team into even teams (no subs) and play on the width of each field.

To get to know your team better, scrimmage against your own team this week.

\*\* Please use this time to talk about what to do in a game. \*\*

Your team will play 4 vs. 4 on Saturdays. Show them a diamond formation during the scrimmage. We want to avoid crowding.



- Reinforce lessons from training during the scrimmage.
- In 4 v 4, everyone plays offense and everyone plays defense no standing around  $\odot$
- Teach the players what to do in the game situation out-of-bounds, kick-ins, goal

	kicks, corner kicks, tussles what to do after a goal, et	
Homework:	Be prepared to show the coaches and trainers your favorite soccer move at the next practice!	