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Tactical Development – Offensive PYSA Players Should Be Able To

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⚽ Understand the role of the first attacker (Must try and achieve penetration through passing, dribbling, or shooting). ⚽ Play away from pressure when you receive a ball - and move it at a new angle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⚽ Understand the role of the second attacker (Player in immediate support of the ball). ⚽ Get free of markers: "checking off" and creating space for yourself. ⚽ COMBINATIONS: Overlap, wall pass and takeover. Beginning to build up options for the two attackers in a two versus one situation. ⚽ Understand when the receiver is standing or running toward the passer the ball should be played to his/her foot. ⚽ Understand when the receiver is running laterally the ball should be played into space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⚽ COMBINATIONS: Mastery of the: Overlap, wall pass, takeover, and double pass. ⚽ Understand the role third attacker (Stretches the defense and disturbs its' balance) ⚽ Have a secure tactical sense about shooting: generally to the far post as opposed to the near post, low rather than high, etc. ⚽ Use deception when passing, receiving, and dribbling. ⚽ Limit touches to improve speed of play. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⚽ Organize runs in the box (Near post, Slot, Far Post). ⚽ Understand the importance of capturing the end line and slotting the ball back across the face of the goal. ⚽ Use deception in their game and play quickly. ⚽ Make consistently intelligent first touches upon receiving. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⚽ Master the use of deception and quick play.



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Tactical Development – Defensive PYSA Players Should Be Able To

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">⚽ Have an aggressive attitude about individual defending: "Press the ball when you lose it! Really hassle the ball possessor!"⚽ Understand the role of first defender (pressure).⚽ Position themselves goal side of attackers when they lose the ball: cutting off the path to the goal.⚽ Marking opponents tightly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⚽ Understand the role of the second defender (cover).⚽ Understand the idea of "channeling" the first attacker to your defensive cover.⚽ Differentiate the roles of outside defenders and central defenders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⚽ Understand the role of the third defender (balance)⚽ Understand the difference between man marking and zonal defending.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⚽ Fully understand defensive pressure, cover and balance.⚽ Effectively communicate and organize defensively in all thirds of the field.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⚽ Master defensive communication and organization.



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Tactical Development – Team PYSA Players Should Be Able To

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊕ Spread out and make the field big when in possession of the ball. When your team does not have the ball, getting together a little, trying to protect the middle of the field and the space in front of your goal.⊕ Look up and around and away from the ball, on both attack and defense. No "ball watching".⊕ Have numerous 1 v 1 confrontations to perfect timing in attack and defense.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊕ Have numerous 2 v 2 and 2 v 1 confrontations to perfect timing in attack and defense.⊕ Understand the elemental idea of support: helping the player with the ball. "Form a pair" with the player on the ball; other players should stay away and make the field big.⊕ Switch the direction of play or the point of attack.⊕ Be aware of the different "climates" in the three thirds of the field: attack, midfield and defense.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊕ Make good choices about trying to penetrate or protect the ball, based on whether or not there is pressure when you receive the ball (Possession vs. Penetration).⊕ Develop good verbal and non-verbal communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊕ Be aware of the situation during a game and the possible adjustments: ahead, behind, time remaining, field conditions, etc.⊕ Master the concept of stretching the field vertically and horizontally (width and depth) when in possession of the ball, and being as compact as possible in defense.⊕ Be exposed to various systems: 4-3-3, 4-4-2, 3-4-3, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊕ Make adjustments to the opponents style of play to be more successful.⊕ Understand different styles of play: Direct play, possession attack, slow build-up, flank play, counterattacking organization, etc.⊕ Understand the roles of the reserves vs. roles of the starters



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Tactical Development – Team Continued
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<p>⚽ Understand the concept of the “three main moments of soccer” : When your team has the ball (offense), when your team doesn’t have the ball (defense), and the moment when your team gains or looses possession (transition).</p>	<p>⚽ Able to use the vocabulary of soccer (square, time, turn, etc.)</p> <p>⚽ Begin to understand the idea of team shape.</p> <p>⚽ Understand the roles of the different players on the field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Forwards- Midfielders- Defenders- Goalkeeper			