



CELTIC SOCCER ACADEMY

CLUB PARTNER NEWSLETTER

December 2014



5 NEW PARTNER CLUBS!

We are delighted to announce 5 new additions to the Celtic family as well as one current partner club re-signing.

Our 5 new partner clubs in Ireland are: Castleknock Celtic (Dublin), Passage AFC (Cork), Keadue Rovers (Donegal), Ardcroney FC (Tipperary), Templevillia AFC (Athlone) and Glenmuir United (Dundalk). These clubs recently held their first ever overseas Celtic FC camp during the summer and in October with over 500 players in attendance which really strengthens our programme in Ireland and takes us to over 20 partner clubs across Ireland.

Last month also saw the re-signing of Florida Celtic SC who have been a partner club since 2012 and we are thrilled to have them sign a 4 year extension which will take our partnership into 2018 and hopefully beyond.

We would like to welcome all our new and old friends into the Celtic Family and we hope to announce more partner clubs from across the world in our next issue and create a global network of partnership sharing.

http://www.celticfc.net/pages/celticsocceracademy_international

ACADEMY UPDATE

For our under 13 squad (players born in year 2002) it has been a real change in not only their football coaching lives but also their social, personal and academic developments. At this age group, our young players are making the transition from the Junior Academy (u6-u12) into the Intermediate Academy (u13-u16) and also the start of their journey in the wonderful school project at St Ninians High School, Kirkintilloch. At this age group, we currently have 15 players who attend the school which combines their football and academic studies in an extremely intense and scientifically structured programme.

The school project sees the young players take part in 9 training sessions a week along with their Club Academy Scotland fixture on a Sunday afternoon. After training, the players then shower, have breakfast and attend classes in school as a normal pupil. At the end of the school day at approx. 15:40pm, the players then complete homework, have an evening meal and return to the training field and work on technical skills in a team format. The week follows this pattern including high intensity passing/possession, strength and conditioning, team shape, set plays and culminate on a Friday evening match preparation session to ensure they are best placed to try and execute the game plan.

Greig Robertson: Under 13's Coach

OCTOBER CAMP: GLENMUIR



Celtic Soccer Academy Coaches Jose Romero, Allan Ramsey, Michael McCahill and Dylan Johnston with officials from Glenmuir United



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SESSION OF THE MONTH "CROSSING & FINISHING"

INSTRUCTIONS

Both goalkeepers trigger the attack by throwing the ball to the right backs. They take a touch forward and pass into wide midfield players who drive at the mannequin, take it on the outside and deliver a cross. Two sets of attackers attack each goal. The next phase goes down the left hand side.

Variations:

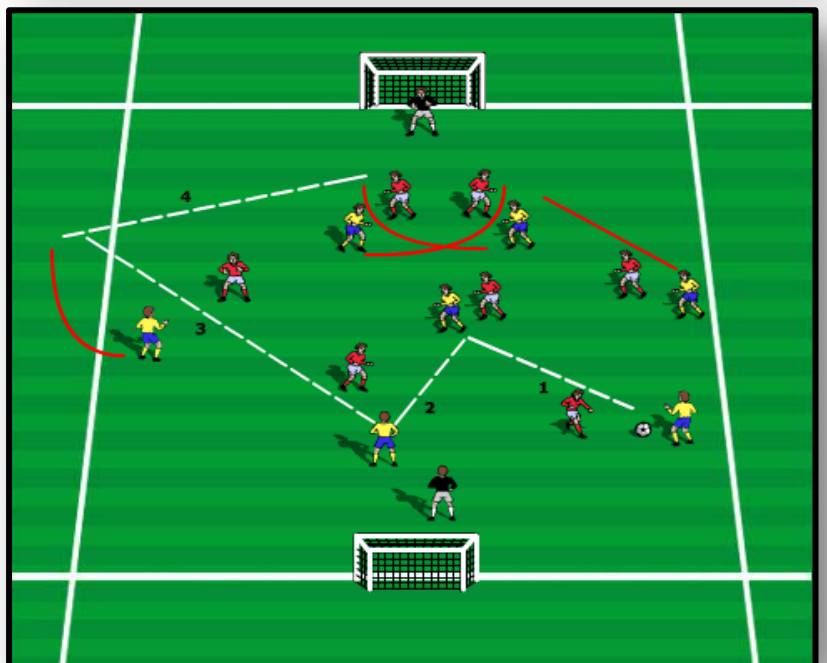
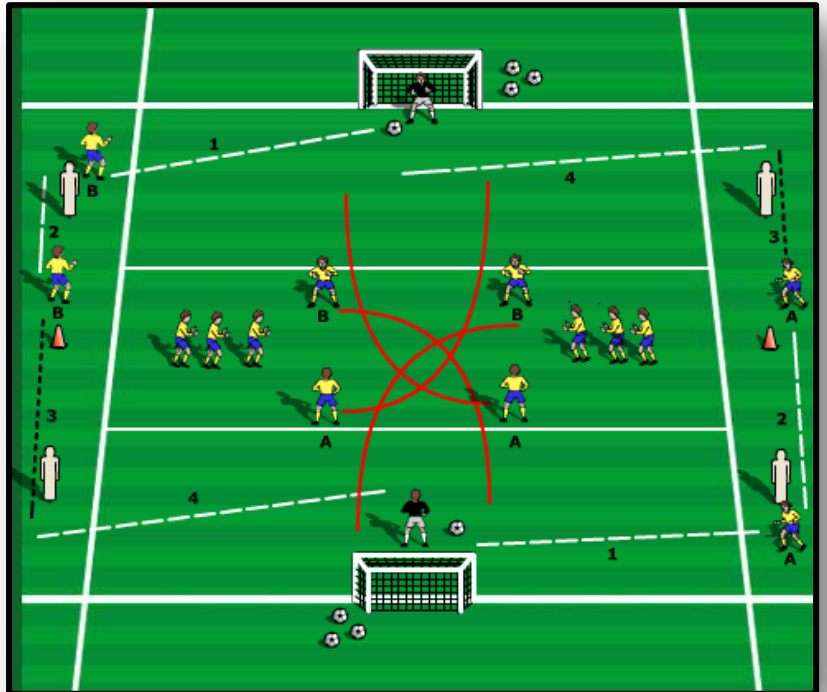
1. Ball played straight into the wide player for an overlapping fullback. 2. Wide player receives from the GK, drives at the bye line and then cuts back to full back for a deeper cross. 3. Combination play with striker to create a crossing opportunity

PROGRESSION

Both teams shape up in a 2-3-2 formation within a small pitch. Teams try and maintain possession before working the ball into the wide channel, where 1 player can break in unopposed before crossing for the 2 strikers. Progress to giving a time limit for the wide player to cross, 1 defender can go in to provide opposition, another attacking player can support the crosser to create a 2v1 and options for a deeper cross.

COACHING POINTS

1. Movement from player receiving the pass to create crossing opportunity .
2. What type of cross? Chipped, whipped, cut back?
3. Awareness of attackers movement and oppositions positioning.
4. Late and fast movement of strikers, balance off each other.
5. What body part to attack the cross with?



This session is based on our Intermediate Academy curriculum for ages 13 – 16 years

For more information on the Celtic Club Partnership Programme contact:
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INTERNATIONAL COACHES CONVENTION

26th – 28th February 2015

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AN ACADEMY LIKE NO OTHER
THURSDAY 26TH - SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

'An Academy Like No Other'

The International Coaches Convention will be entering its 4th year and gives unparalleled access to one of the top youth academies in the world. This unique insight into the workings of Celtic FC's Youth Academy will cover exclusive content such as:

- **Unique access to behind the scenes area of the Academy**
- **Interactive workshops on Player Development**
- **Insight into the Celtic FC & St Ninian's High School partnership programme**
- **Match preparation of Academy teams**
- **Sports Science Practical and Theoretical sessions**
- **Specialist goalkeeping practical sessions**
- **See some of the youth teams in actions**
- **Executive seating and pre/post match hospitality for the Celtic FC home match v Aberdeen**

This year's International Coaches Convention will take place in Glasgow on the following dates: **26, 27 & 28 February 2015.**

Please note flights, insurance, accommodation and transfers are not included in the price but we can assist with local hotel rates and ground transportation when registering for the convention.

For more information or to book a place on the International Coaches Convention please contact:

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