## **U.S. SOCCER COACH'S TOOL KIT**

## ON THE FIELD



WHAT - TEACHING ACTIONS	PURPOSE OF THE ACTION	WHEN - THE MOMENT OF APPLICATION
CHECK - ADAPT	Observe and check the created situation on the field, adapt if necessary based on the Five Elements of a Training Activity	<ul> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>In the flow (sideline coaching)</li> <li>Planned stoppage (break)</li> <li>Natural stoppage (ball out of bounds)</li> <li>In the situation (freeze)</li> <li>The application of coaching actions can be a single action or combined actions during different moments.</li> <li>Examples:         <ul> <li>In the situation (freeze): combination of demonstration, Q&amp;A and feedback</li> <li>Planned stoppage (break): Q&amp;A and encourage players to focus them</li> </ul> </li> </ul> EXPERIENCE
GIVE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT	<ul> <li>Reinforce effective actions in order to use it again in similar situations</li> <li>Motivate players</li> </ul>	
USE OF KEY WORDS	Encourage and support players to focus on cues and/or desired behavior	
ASK QUESTIONS (and collect answers)	<ul> <li>Use guided questions to force players to think about cues and/or desired behavior</li> <li>Check for understanding</li> <li>Reflect</li> </ul>	
<b>DEMONSTRATE</b> (player and/or coach)	<ul><li> Model desired behavior</li><li> Visualize the situation</li><li> Check for understanding</li></ul>	
GIVE FEEDBACK	Collect information on players' behavior related to the objective of the activity	
COMMAND	Tell players what to do	
APPLY THE LEARNING CIRCLE (as a concept)	Use a combination of coaching observation and player reflection to get players thinking about and/or modeling the desired behavior and applying their newly learned abilities	