Good morning coaches,

Hi everyone, I hope that you are excited to get started with tryouts and are looking forward to a nice summer.

**TECHNICAL ISSUE OF THE MONTH**

 Issue:

Juggling… lack of control !

Fix:

Encourage your players this summer to see what they can do on June 1 and then measure themselves again on August 1! Juggling can be fun and should be seen as a way to express themselves and show off a little bit! Players who can juggle are confident in their ability to control the ball. Though they may not be able to juggle in a match, the confidence to control a ball is really important!!!

**TACTICAL ISSUE OF THE MONTH**

Issue:

My players don’t have soccer sense/soccer IQ!

Fix: This is a huge issue and can’t be fixed overnight. These aren’t the only fixes but these can help!

1. Here is a question for us as coaches…. How often in training do my players have to actually have soccer IQ or soccer sense? What I mean here is, how often in training when players aren’t “getting it” do we immediately step in and give them the answer so that the game/activity /drill works better? Well if we constantly give them an out, they will never learn to read the game and develop their IQ. I challenge all of us to hold our players more accountable in training and not always fix things for them.
2. How often do we as coaches change the game for our players? Do we bring in a futsal, or have our players play down in players or play on long field/a narrow field. We can help them learn by changing the game some!

***Good Read’s, Watch’s or Listen’s:***

*Range, Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World by David Epstein (really interesting read for coaches)*

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/550188/range-by-david-epstein/9780735214484/>

*Coaching:*

*Way of Champions Podcast with John O’Sullivan*

<https://wayofchampions.libsyn.com/>

Good luck at tryouts and as always please let me know of any issues I can help with! Also, don’t forget about the Women’s World Cup this summer!!!!