

Topic: Heading for defense Name: Date: **FUNDAMENTAL – WARM UP ORGANIZATION KEY COACHING POINTS** Set up a 25-x-35 yard grid Read the flight of the ball Half of team on outside of grid (half of Keep eve on the ball those players need a ball), and the other half moving on the inside Players on the inside show for a ball, receive a pass, and then head the ball back to the outside player Stretch then switch inside/outside players

Get in the line of flight of the ball Time jump to hit ball at highest point Lock neck and keep upper body rigid Thrust forward from waist Direct ball high for time, wide for safety, and with power for distance Read the flight of the ball MATCH RELATED ACTIVITY Circle tosses ball to square who must attempt to head ball high, wide, and with Keep eye on the ball distance to triangle Get in the line of flight of the ball As soon as circle tosses ball they apply Time jump to hit ball at highest point pressure Lock neck and keep upper body rigid Switch roles after five headers Thrust forward from waist Circle starts off applying weak pressure Direct ball high for time, wide for safety, and progresses to applying game pressure and with power for distance Play 7v7 in a 60-x-20 yard area Read the flight of the ball MATCH RELATED ACTIVITY Two coaches serve as a net Keep eve on the ball The net moves up and down the field at Get in the line of flight of the ball the spot at which a team was unable to Time jump to hit ball at highest point Lock neck and keep upper body rigid return a ball One team starts by tossing ball up and Thrust forward from waist heading over the net, other team has three Direct ball high for time, wide for safety, touches to return ball over net and with power for distance Play until one team is driven to it's end line Observe to see if session has helped with **MATCH CONDITION GAME** Play 4v4 No restrictions on players heading Give points for goals scored as well as for defensively headed balls 4v4