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Mirko Mazzantini coached for Empoli FC for 10 years, at almost all the main age groups of the academy level. In 2010 he was then recruited by AFC Fiorentina working with the U14/U15 Academy teams. During the 2010/11 season Mirko won the U15 Italian Academy Serie ‘A’ championship. UEFA ‘B’ Coach and author of many coaching publications, articles, books and DVDs.

Simone Bombardieri
Empoli FC Academy Coach

Simone Bombardieri played as a player in the Empoli FC club for 5 years. He then started his career as a coach being recruited by Empoli FC where he has been coaching the academy age groups in the last 9 years from U9 – U14. This coming season Simone is in charge of the U15 Academy team. UEFA ‘B’ Coach and author of many coaching publications, articles, books and DVDs.

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Soccer Italian Style was born in 2005. Mirko Mazzantini (ACF Fiorentina) and Simone Bombardieri (Empoli FC) are both professional academy coaches of the Italian Serie 'A'. They have combined due to their great passion for youth development and they have embarked on a joint project that has taken them to various other parts of the world such as the United States, Canada, France and Norway.

The Soccer Italian style philosophy is made up of the principal features of the Italian style series and Mirko and Simone's vast experiences of professional training in Italy and football worldwide. The book outlines a training methodology that is simple and efficient which the authors have personally tested over time throughout their careers in Italy. They have been highly successful in producing top players who are both technically and tactically astute.

The success of this program has been demonstrated by the numerous academy victories against the main teams in Italy and European football with far greater resources. Mirko's Under 15 team at Fiorentina won the Italian Academy League in 2010-11 beating teams such as AC Milan, Inter Milan and Juventus to the title.

Many players who have been trained using this exact program in Italy have gone on to professional careers and have been capped for the Italian national teams in various age groups, where before this was simply not the case.

This book contains 12 training sessions with each session focused on fundamental technical or tactical coaching that is analysed throughout the 6 practices. The 12 sessions have been developed to demonstrate the need of progressions in training, using the basic principle “from simple to complex”.

Inside the two volumes there are general team exercises that are useful for all coaches and players in every position, but there are also many specific exercises that are designated for individual roles or positions within a team (e.g. attackers, midfielders or defenders).

Mirko and Simone have a high expertise in technical training and they have developed activities that are open to numerous variations which means that the 12 sessions can be used over and over to make this program of training even more complete.

This passion has driven the pair to “write on paper” what they have learned and experienced up to today, with a great hope that this method will be greatly enjoyed by the readers and used throughout the world to create top quality professional players.

**Soccer Italian Style**
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U9 - U10 Training Session

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Important: we recommend starting the session with a short warm up including exercises of general mobility to prevent injuries
Four Corners - RWTB at Speed

Objective
Running with the ball, quickness, adaptation and transformation.

Description
4 players are positioned at the corners of a 10x10 yards square and 1 player in the centre.

At the coaches command each players objective is to run with the ball to a different corner of the area by stopping the ball with the sole of the foot next to the cone, each time earning a point.

The player that that gets to 10 points first is the winner.

Variation
Dribble only with right foot, dribble only with left foot, dribble only with outside of foot
Coordination Relay

Objective
Running with the ball, quickness, balance, motor combination

Description
The players must pass the ball under the hurdles and jump over it, dribble through the cones and pass the ball to the teammate opposite to him.
This player must do the same going backwards. Make this a competition

Variation
Dribbling only with right foot and left foot, play with hands, modify the slalom through the cones.
Slalom and Shooting

15-20 mins

**Objective**
Running with the ball, dribbling, shooting, rhythmization, quickness

**Description**
Two players dribble through the cones and shoot in the small goals.
Vary the sequence of dribbling through the cones and vary the distance between the cones.
Also vary the type of ball and the technical gesture of running with the ball.

**Variation**
Dribble with only right foot, left foot, outside of the foot, inside of the foot, with the sole
Coordination and 1 v 1

Objective
Running with the ball, quickness, adaptation and transformation

Description
The blue player dribbles through the cones and try to score a goal.
The red player works through a coordination course and defend the goal. The team that scores more goals win.

Variation
Play with a goalkeeper, modify the coordination course, dribble using different parts of the foot.
3 v 3 End Zone Small Sided Game

Objective
Running with the ball, passing, quickness

Description
The teams of 3 players must dribble the ball through the end zone.

The goal is valid if the ball is dribbled beyond the end zone and stopped with the sole of the foot.

The team that scores more goals in 3 minutes wins the game

Variation
Before scoring a goal the team must make 5 passes
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It has been very successful in team development coaching programs that have produced players with exceptional technical skills.

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A Complete Soccer Coaching Program from the Academies of the Italian Serie 'A'

This book contains 12 complete soccer training sessions detailing over 80 practices and progressions as used in the academies of the Serie ‘A’. Each session focuses on technical or tactical elements of training and are structured “from simple practices to more complex game situations”.

Italian Academy Training Sessions Book for U15-19 - A Complete Coaching Program

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Each session focuses on technical or tactical elements of training and are structured “from simple practices to more complex game situations”. The sessions outline a complete program which provides a high level of training.
SOCCER ITALIAN STYLE is not just an author of football coaching products, since 2005 it has been involved and organiser of youth soccer events in many countries around the world.

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The main events of “Soccer Italian Style”:

- **PROFESSIONAL ITALIAN CAMP**: one soccer week for boys and girls 6 to 18 years old, where fun meets the training methodologies of the best Italian youth professional clubs, with the staff of Soccer Italian Style experienced from working with some of highest level Clubs in Italy.

- **PROFESSIONAL ITALIAN TEAM CAMP**: weekly team camp with the work planned around a highly professional methodology, tested and continuously innovated with the best selections of players in Italy, and adapted based on the level and characteristics of the participating team.

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