

## **U7 Session 4**



## **Objectives**

Run, catch, pass. Communicate. Space.

## **Warm Up**

Jump and Land. Lunge Push. Army Army. Hop and Land. Mountain Climber. Bear Crawls. Skip Jumps (High Ball). Crocodile Crawls. Ball Touch. Alphabet Game. Skiers. Vision T. Butt Kicks. Here-There-Where. Knee Tackles. High Knees. LOG / BIG. Back to back.

Numbers Game. Rock n' Roll.

Fast Feet + (turns / down). Locks-Props-Backs.

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## **Activity 1: Pass progression**

#### **Objective:**

Developing the fundamental skills of the basic lateral pass.

#### **Equipment:**

One ball per group, cones.

#### **Group size:**

5 - 8.

#### Area:

5m x 15m.

# Increased spacings i.e. 1.5 - 3m spaces Stage 2 Stage 1 Passing progression Arm length

#### **Drill explanation:**

- ▶ Stage 1. Players are positioned along a straight line separated by around one arm's length.
- Players in the first three stages remain stationary.
- Players simply swing the ball along the line to the next player, who simply reaches out to receive the ball.
- ▶ Stage 2. Now players separated by 1.5m pass the ball along the lines.
- Stage 3. Increase the separation to about 3m.
- Stage 4. Lateral passing at a walking pace for about 30m.
- ▶ Stage 5. Lateral passing at jogging pace for about 30m.
- Stage 6. Lateral passing at running pace for about 30m. (Vary speeds.)



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#### **Observation:**

- ▶ Soft hands.
- Accurate pas.
- ▶ Look at ball.

#### **Questions:**

- ▶ How can we make it easier for the passer?
- ▶ How can we make it easier for the catcher?

#### **Progression:**

Have group walking toward them to add obstacle.

## **Activity 2: Ball familiarisation 2**

#### **Objective:**

To improve ball handling skills.

#### **Equipment:**

Ball each.

#### **Group size:**

Any size.

#### Area:

Depends on team size.

#### **Drill explanation:**

- Coach calls an activity and players copy while running in grid.
- "ROUND" move ball around the waist. "BOUNCE" bounce ball on ground and catch it. "UP"
   throw ball in air and catch it.

#### **Observation:**

- ▶ Ball in two hands.
- ► Find space.
- Move feet quickly.

#### **Questions:**

- What are the different ways we can dodge?
- How can we make sure we don't run into each other?

### **Progression:**

- Increase or decrease the size of the grid.
- Add more activities e.g. Ball awareness.

## **Game Activity: Octopus**

#### **Objective:**

To improve evasive running.

#### **Equipment:**

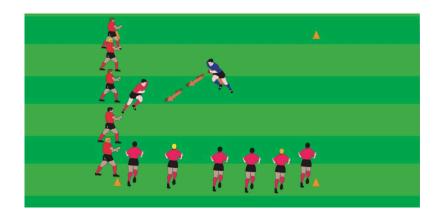
4 cones.

#### **Group size:**

Team.

#### Area:

Depends on team size.





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#### **Drill explanation:**

- Line half the team along one side of the grid and the other half along the next line of the grid. Choose an octopus, who goes in the middle.
- Octopus or coach calls a group and they run across the grid.
- Octopus tries to tag or rip flags from the runners.
- ▶ If tagged or ripped, the runner goes to the point they were caught and stands there.
- On the octopus' next call, stationary runner can rip or tag, but they can't move feet. (They have become an octopus's tentacle.)

#### **Observation:**

- Keep feet alive.
- ▶ Look for space.

#### **Questions:**

- ▶ How do we get into position to receive a pass?
- ▶ What's the best way to rip someone?