



LESSON PLANS



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Points of Emphasis: **1.** Establish order, routines, & expectations **2.** ABC'S - Agility, Balance, Coordination & Speed (speed is 3-7 secs of all out effort & must be trained early in practice) **3.** Introduce underhand throwing & catching **4.** Introduce proper grip for shooting **5.** Introduce dribbling & ball-handling (coordination) **6.** Modified offensive advantage game - 2 vs. 1 or 3 vs. 2

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3 mins	ABC'S - Animal Warm-ups	Have athletes line-up with toes on sideline facing the court. Engage athlete's imagination and creativity by encouraging them to move like various animals: <i>How does a Horse move? Bear? Frog? Kangaroo? Crab? Inchworm?</i>
2 mins	ABC'S - Movements	Athletes line-up with their toes on the sideline facing the court. <i>Who can do a star jump? Everyone show me your best Star Jump. How about a Pencil Jump? Let's all try a tuck jump. You need to land quietly - like a mouse. Let's all do a tuck jump and land as quietly as we can. Sit back when you land.</i>
10 mins	Warm-up Games	<p>Volcanos & Valleys - Place cones randomly around court - half looking like Volcanoes and the other flipped on the top small hole for Valleys. Divide into two teams - The Valleys and the Volcanos. When the coach says go, one player from each team dribbles out and turns a cone over - Volcano players flip over valleys and Valleys flip over Volcanos. Coach says stop - count the cones. <i>Skills: Running, evading, spatial awareness, decision-making, cooperation</i></p> <p>Box Tag - use badminton courts. Line athletes up in opposite corners of the badminton court. One end is "it" and the other end is trying not to get tagged. The idea is to stay in the "box" as long as possible without getting tagged. One person goes at a time from each end of the court. Once tagged, switch ends and next two go. <i>How can you be harder to tag? What can you do to move more quickly? If you get lower can you move more quickly?</i> <i>Skills: Running, evading, spatial awareness, decision-making, cooperation</i></p>
12 mins	Broad-Based Skills Development Games	<p>Bean Bag Toss & Catch - Partners toss bean bag back and forth. Take one step back on catch and one step forward on drop. Teach follow-through, forming basket and absorbing on the catch with hands. <i>Skills: Toss underhand, catching, hand-eye coordination, cooperation</i></p> <p>Wall Passing Game - Partner or groups of 3 - bounce pass the ball to the wall and then move out of the way while the partner grabs the ball and does the same - the game continues. <i>Skills: Passing, catching, hand-eye coordination, cooperation, agility</i></p> <p>Bean Bag Relay - 4 teams, one in each corner of the gym. Bean bags in the center circle. Run/hop/skip to get a bean bag - bring it back to your "bank". Get your color and then get whatever color is left. Can change locomotion - 2 foot hopping; gallop etc. Count up how many as a team once they are all gone. <i>Skills: Running, cooperation, support, balance, spatial awareness, emotional control.</i></p>
20 mins	Developmental Sport Specific Games	<p>Magic Circle - Big circle, everyone with a ball. Ball handling and dribbling skills. Coach must lead. Give the kids challenges. <i>Skills: Catching, spatial awareness, balance, agility, coordination, hand-eye coordination</i></p> <p>Shooting - Show them how to grip the ball. Go to a hoop and shoot the ball. See how many times you can get the ball in the basket. Use all hoops - lower hoops so athletes can have success. No lines. USE THE BACKBOARD</p> <p>3 Player or 5 Player Toss Games - 3 in a line at foul line or 5 in a line - 1st and 2nd athletes in line are offense - last one is defense. 1st person tosses ball out and goes to get it. "Square up", face hoop - while 2nd athlete moves away from the 1st person - "Split". The 3rd athlete plays D. Now we play 2 on 1. If 5 in a line - then 1,2,3 in line are Offense - 4 & 5 are defense. Rotate as follows - first person moves to back of line - everyone moves up one spot.</p>
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20 mins	Developmental Sport Specific Games	<p>Magic Circle – Big circle. Teach “ready” position and Triple Threat. Cross-over dribble – changing hands. Eyes up! Body weave; toss-clap hands and catch; pound-pound cross; Closed stance and open stance. <i>Skills: Catching, spatial awareness, balance, agility, coordination, hand-eye coordination</i></p> <p>Shooting – Review how to grip ball. Teach follow-through. Go shoot at a hoop. USE THE BACKBOARD!</p> <p>5 Player Toss Game – 5 in a line – 1,2,3 in line are Offense - 4 & 5 are defense. Emphasize spacing and attacking the hoop with pass, cut or dribble. Rotate as follows – first person moves to back of line - everyone moves up one spot.</p>								
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2 mins	ABC'S - Movements	<p>King/Queen of the Mountain – Review proper athletic stance – knees straight, stick butt out, bend knees. Face partner, put right hands to side of right shoulder & put palms together. – stand on inside leg. Push your palm against your partners. Tighten core. Work on your balance and core!</p> <p>Over-Under Relay – Start at one line, work your way to another line. Make a tight line – start with a pass under (between legs) then the next pass goes over the head – continue. After athlete makes a pass they run to the end of the line. Make several teams and have them compete. First to get to the finish line must sit down, with hands in the air - they are the winners. Can also go left side-right side relay. <i>Skills: Balance, cooperation, spatial awareness, emotional control, bending</i></p>
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12 mins	Broad-Based Skills Development Games	<p>High Five Dribbling – Everyone, including coaches, dribble around court – when you pass by someone you high five them. The high five cannot be across the body – must be dribbling with left hand & when you high five someone they must also be dribbling with their left hand. Designate the hand & then do it randomly. Emphasis eyes up and push the ball hard to the floor. Change mode of locomotion.</p> <p>Throw at the Target on the Wall – line up in front of the colored paper on the wall. We have the same colored bean bag/Wiffle ball as paper. First person in line gets proper foot forward and then gets bean bag/Wiffle ball back and throw – if you hit the paper you run and get the proper coloured bean bag. <i>Skills: Throwing, hand-eye coordination, depth perception, teamwork</i></p>
20 mins	Developmental Sport Specific Games	<p>Review the Lay-Up – start in the ready position. Step right, left and jump off one leg. No dribble to start. Use the back board – hit the square. Jump over the rope.</p> <p>Cone Lay-Ups – All cones in center circle. Partners with foot in center circle. Backboard & In = Orange cone (2 pts). Backboard but Not In = Yellow cone (1 pt). In the hoop but No Backboard (0 pts).</p> <p>Shooting – Review how to grip ball. Teach follow-through. Go shoot at a hoop. USE THE BACKBOARD!</p> <p>5 Player Toss Game – 5 in a line – 1,2,3 in line are Offense – 4 & 5 are defense. Emphasize spacing and attacking the hoop with pass, cut or dribble. Rotate as follows – first person moves to back of line – everyone moves up one spot.</p>
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10 mins	Warm-up Games	<p>Line Tag – Divide athletes into 2 groups on side courts. Make one athlete “it” on each court. Athletes must stay on a line (like Pac Man) and cannot “hop” lines. Once tagged the person becomes “it” – no tagging the person who tagged you! Can use a ball. <i>Skills: Balance, cooperation, spatial awareness, emotional control, vision</i></p> <p>Freeze Dribble Tag – All players have a ball, spread out around the court. Choose two players to be “chasers”, other player’s dribble throughout court. If chasers tag dribbler they become frozen and must do a ball handling drill (i.e. body circles) on spot. To be “freed” a teammate must dribble a ball between their legs to unfreeze. Change chasers every minute. <i>Skills: Agility, cooperation, spatial awareness, emotional control, vision</i></p>
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20 mins	Developmental Sport Specific Games	2-Line Lay-Ups – Divide players into 2 groups at 2 baskets. Form 2 lines just past the blocks (lay-up line on the right side and rebound line on the left side). First player shoots a lay-up and runs to the end of the rebounding line. First player in the rebounding line rebounds the ball and dribbles to the end of the lay-up line. Repeat drill on left side to practice left-hand lay-ups. <i>Skills: Catching, dribbling, passing, lay-ups, agility, coordination, teamwork</i> Shooting – Review how to grip ball. Teach follow-through. Go shoot at a hoop. USE THE BACKBOARD! 3 or 5 Player Toss Game – 3 in a line - 1,2 in line are Offense - 3 is Defense OR 5 in a line - 1,2,3 in line are Offense - 4 & 5 are defense. Emphasize spacing and attacking the hoop with pass, cut or dribble. Rotate first person to back, everyone moves up one spot.
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15 mins	Broad-Based Skills Development Games	<p>Bean Bag/Ball Toss – Divide each age group into 2 teams. Hoops are placed down the floor in front of lines. 1st hoop = 1 point / 2nd hoop = 2 points / 3rd hoop = 3 points. Run and get the Bean Bag and pass to next person in line. <i>Skills: Running, spatial awareness, underhand throwing, kinesthetic differentiation, hand-eye coordination, depth perception, teamwork</i></p> <p>Skill Relays – 4 - 6 teams – Set out cones – dribble through the cones – always be sure to be dribbling with the hand furthest from the cone. Then pass the ball at the target (paper) – hit it 2 times, then dribble length of the court and shoot a lay-up. Add various skills and make it a relay. <i>Skills: Running, cooperation, support, spatial awareness, emotional control</i></p>
20 mins	Developmental Sport Specific Games	<p>Magic Circle – dribbling; catching; stances etc. Coach to lead.</p> <p>2-Line Lay-Ups – Divide players into 2 groups at 2 baskets. Form 2 lines just past the blocks (lay-up line on the right side and rebound line on the left side). First player shoots a lay-up and runs to the end of the rebounding line. First player in the rebounding line rebounds the ball and dribbles to the end of the lay-up line. Repeat drill on left side to practice left-hand lay-ups <i>Skills: Catching, dribbling, passing, lay-ups, agility, coordination, teamwork</i></p> <p>Shooting – Review how to grip ball. Teach follow-through. Go shoot at a hoop. USE THE BACKBOARD!</p> <p>1-2-3 Shooting Game – Groups of 2 or 3. Put 3 cones out on the floor at a 45-degree angle near a hoop. (Use both sides of all hoops). The closest cone is worth 1, the next cone 2 and the last cone 3. One athlete shoots at all 3 cones and then the next athlete goes. The best possible score is 6!</p> <p>5 Player Toss Game – 5 in a line – 1,2,3 in line are Offense – 4 & 5 are defense. Emphasize spacing and attacking the hoop with pass, cut or dribble. Rotate first person to back, everyone moves up one spot.</p>
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