

SYDNEY SOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION U7 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STATION 1 DRIBBLING AROUND MULTIPLE CONES

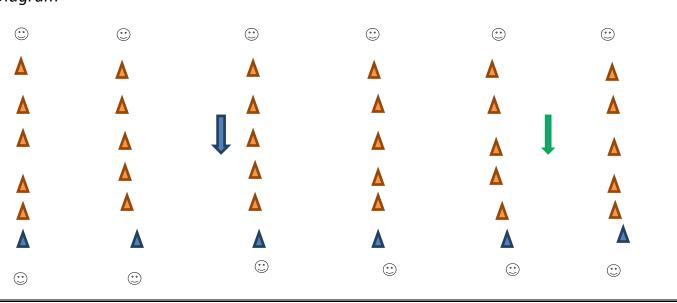
Explain: Grip and basic movement pattern

- ★ Stick on the ground flat side down
- ★ Pick up stick with left hand at the top with the V made between thumb and forefinger) of the left hand going down the stick.
- ★ Ball out in front to maintain good peripheral vision- stick handle should point at thigh not at waist.
- ★ Left hand grips and turns the stick over, right hand is loose allowing stick to turn inside it.
- ⋆ Players will need to move their feet to change direction (no reverse stick)

Drill: Cone Weave Dribble.

- 1. Set up 6 lines.
- 2. Dribble around cones looking up. Coach position in middle to see if they look up.
- 3. Alternate left hand turns and right hand turns around cones
- 4. Keep head/eyes up to see where you are going and to react to potential tackle
- 5. Finish with relay

Diagram



Focus on:

- Ball staying in contact with stick
- Vision of cones
- Body position down low with knees bent
- Smooth dribbling with ball out in front away from feet.



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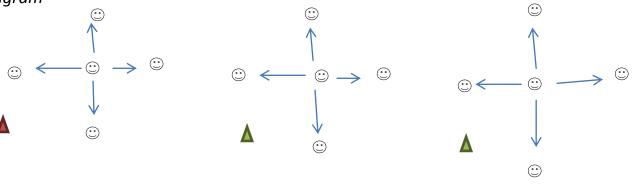
Explain: Passing the ball (GET the ball, GIVE the ball!)

- ★ Explain the importance of a safe and controlled follow though
- ★ The ball needs to be pushed and NOT hit, so stick must stay in contact with ball
- ★ Ball out in front to maintain good peripheral vision- stick handle should point at thigh not at waist.
- ★ Left hand grip is secure at top of stick with and right hand is halfway down stick and gripping the stick to allowing stick to apply pressure to ball.
- ★ Stand side on, ball in front of left foot.
- ★ Step forward onto front foot
- ★ Pass the ball to your partners right side, to their stick, aim at their right foot.
- ⋆ To trap ball move feet to keep body in line and behind approaching ball.
- ⋆ To trap ball lean stick forward and away from body to prevent ball from deflecting

Drill: Passing and receiving

- 1. Set up 3 circles
- 2. 5 players per group/ 1 player in the middle
- 3. Players are 10m apart.
- 4. Players try to pass to the people in their group with "nice " passes.
- 5. You can set up a game to see which group can do it the fastest





Focus on:

- Forehand passing technique- pass from beside the body and not in front of the body, low stance, weight transfer, flow though too target (in this case the other player)
- Closing- receiving technique- low stance receive ball at right foot, right hand low for more stability, elbow up with stick upright.



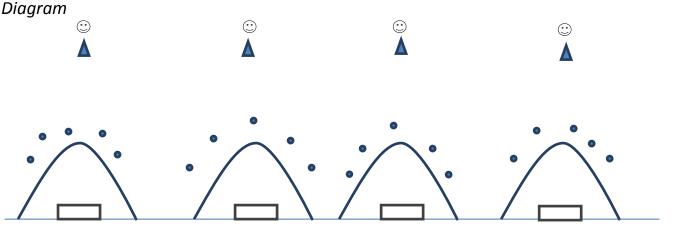
SYDNEY SOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION U7 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STATION 3 SCORING GOALS/ MULTIPLE SHOTS

Explain:

- ★ Explain the importance of good footwork to get body into position for shot.
- ★ The ball needs to be pushed and NOT hit, so stick must stay in contact with ball
- ★ Ball out in front to maintain good peripheral vision- stick handle should point at thigh not at waist.
- ★ Left hand grip is secure with and right hand is gripping the stick to allowing stick to apply pressure to ball.

Drill: Passing and receiving

- 1. Set up 4 goals
- 2. Place 5 balls around circle.
- 3. Player runs from top cone to 1st ball and pushes at goal
- 4. Player the proceeds to push the remaining 4 balls at the goal.
- 5. Players collects balls and puts them back where they started around the circle



Focus on:

- Shooting at GOAL
- Get down low so the ball moves flat towards goal
- Quick succession, feet move for each ball
- Shoulder pointing at goal
- Follow through with stick finishing pointing at goal