Keys to a Great and Productive Practice

Always start with a warmup and some free play, this lets the kids have fun and interact with teammates. This also allows kids to get used to the ball, how it moves, bounces, and feels.

After 5 mins of free play make the team run; either lines or around half rink or full rink if you have it. This gets them ready to listen and puts their mind on the practice after the free play.

Once the run is done, call the team together to have a quick chat and explain the next drill. Do not take too long with the team chats as floor time is always a premium. Also, you want to keep the players' attention. If players have questions, tell them to go to the back of the line and watch those who know what to do.

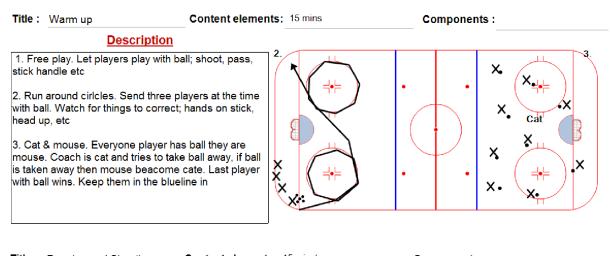
Practices work best when players burn their energy early and then you can slow it down and focus on strategy drills towards the end of practice.

Keep the practice up tempo and move quickly through drills. Have assistant coaches move balls and cones between drills, while you explain the next drill. Use your assistant coaches as much as you can to correct and keep drills moving.

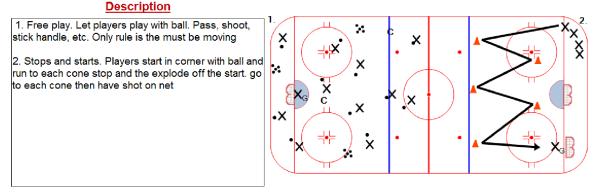
Using Practice Plans

Practice plans are sorted into warm up, skill improvement, and strategy. Each week the practice should progress into more complicated systems. Some drills are a progression from the previous week. They do not need to be done in order, if your team is struggling in a certain facet of the game then feel free to use that drill. Drills can also be tweaked based on team needs and skill level

Warm Up Drills



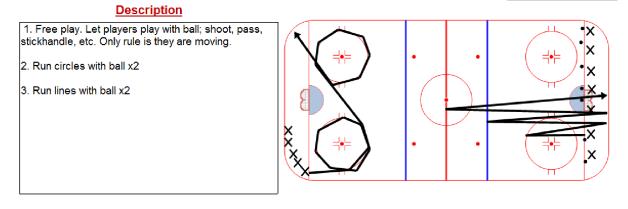
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 Running and Shooting
 Content elements:
 15 minutes
 Components :

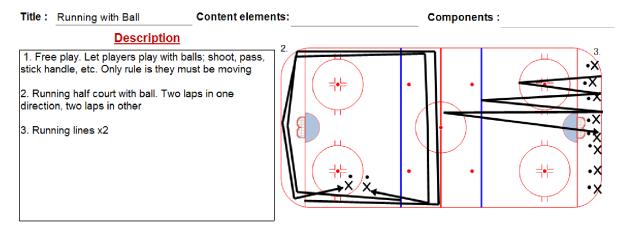


Title: Free Play and Running

Content elements: 15 minutes

Components :





Title: Warm Up

Content elements: 15 mins

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Description *** 1. Free play 2. St. Louis drill. Players start in opposite corners, first i•L • player goes and receives pass from opposite line. As soon as player makes the 1st pass then they go X 3. 2 on 1. Defence starts with balls beside net, two lines of forwards in corners. D passes to near wall, forward run with ball past blueline, other forward leaves at same time and cross each other. Forwards pass х between each other while defence tries to stop. Fowards to be creative

Title: Shooting and Passing

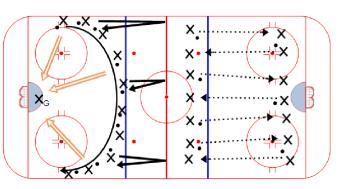
Content elements: 10 mins

Components :

Description

Players form a semi circle from boards to boards and from top of faceoff dot to blueline, each with a ball. Player shoots the ball then sprints to the blueline and back. Once first player shoots, then next one and so on

Players partner up and line up across from each other, one near goal line other player just pass blueline, each with a ball. Players passes back and forth. After a few times passing players then run forward and backward while passing the ball. Practice saucer passing the ball



Skills

Title : Skills Content elements: 20 Mins, switch after 10 min Components : Description Line up in corner, set up cones and run obstacle course with balls. Be creative, can do 360's around cones, trasitions, etc. Go in and shoot on goalie ╡●╞ ý X 1 on 1. Line up in corner, two guys go on whistle, first player has ball and runs around furthest cone. Second player without ball runs around nearest cone. First player trys to shoot ans score, second is defence ¦∙¦-X

Title: Battle Drill/Shoot out

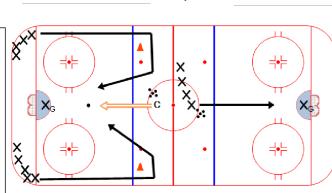
Content elements: 20 minutes

Components :

Description

Two lines line up at each corner. Coach is at centre with balls. On whistle player from each corner runs around cone and coach puts ball in the middle. Batlle to shoot and score. Tip: try and pair up like skilled players

Shoot out. Line up at centre, deke or shoot



Title: Ball battles

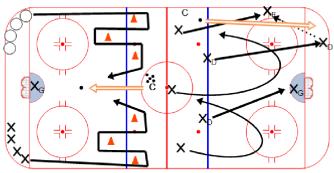
Content elements: 20 mins

Components :

Description

Two lines in each corner. Coach lines up at centre with balls. On whistle a player from each corner goes and runs through cones. Coach puts the ball in the middle and players battle for it to shoot and score. Tip: line up like skilled/speed players

Mini breakout. Coach shoots ball into corner, one defense to corner to retrieve, other defense to front of net. Winger to hash marks and receives pass from defense, winger then passes to centre. Break out of zone and then back into zone for a 3 on 2



Title: Run and shoot

Content elements: 20 mins

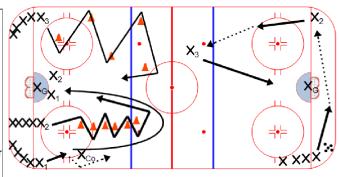
Components :

Description

1. Three lines all with balls, all three lines go at same time

2. Line 1 chips ball pass coach run around faceoff dot shoots and stops in front of net. Line 2 dekes through cones then shoots on net while other player screens goalie and goes for rebound. Line 3 dekes through cones then has a shot while player 1 and 2 go for screens and rebounds. Switch lines

1. Players line up in corner facing boards, with balls. Player runs behind net and passes to player 2, player 2 runs towards blueline then passes to player 3. Player 3 goes in on breakaway. Player 1 takes player 2 spot, player 2 takes player 3, player 3 goes to back of line.



Title: Retrieve Ball and Pass Content elements: 10 mins x2

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Description

1. Split team up in two lines, balls in far corner 2. Player from each line goes on whistle, Player 1 runs around cone, player 2 runs to corner retrieves ball and passes to player 2 3. Player 2 goes in for shot on goalie, switch lines after

4. After 5 mins switch sides

1. Turn net towards corner 2. Form a line on each side of net, coach off to side with balls.

3. Coach shoots ball into corner, 1 player from each line goes and battles for ball and tries to score.

4. Progression, to 2 on 2 or 3 on 3

Title: Mini Breakout

Content elements: 20 mins

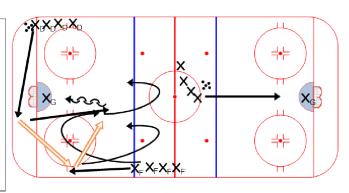
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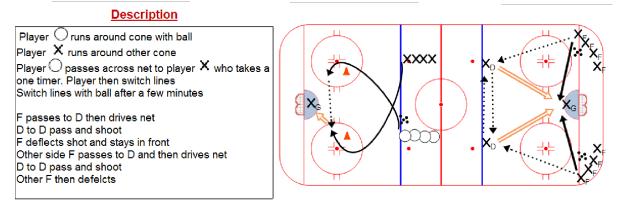
1. Mini breakout. Defense line up in far corner, with balls. Forward line up outside blueline. On whistle, defense runs behind net with ball, two forwards run, first goes to hash marks and stops, second runs low and turns. Defense passes to foward at hash marks who then passes to next foward. Fowards leave blueline then come back in on a 2 on 1.

2. Shoot out



Title : Cross Floor Pass and Shoot Content elements: 20 mins

Components :



Strategy

Title: Up Breakout

Content elements: 20 mins

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Description

1. Coach has ball up by center, shoots ball into corner. 2. D1 goes into corner to retrieve ball and turns it up

on near side 3.D2 stays in front of net, screens and protects

4. F2 stops at hash marks and is option 1

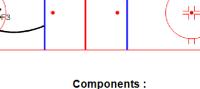
5. F1 cycles and suports low and is an option

6. F3 is an option to suport or stretch pass

7. Forwards break out of zone past blueline and then come in on defence 3 on 2

Finish pratice with shoot out





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Description

1. Coach shoots the ball in, D1 one goes to retrieve ball, D2 goes to half wall for option 2. F1 pressures hard, cuts the floor in half and makes

contact

3. F2 reads play and stays above D2 ready to support F1 and force team over

4.F3 stays high and in the middle

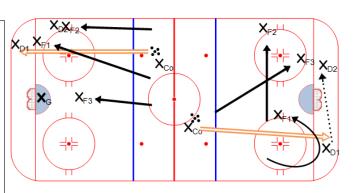
1.Coach shoots the ball in, D1 one goes to retrieve

ball, D2 goes behind net for option

2. F1 one goes hard to ball then cuts back through middle

3. F3 reads pass and agressively jumps to D2

4. F2 sprints across to take away board side wing



Title: Power Play 1

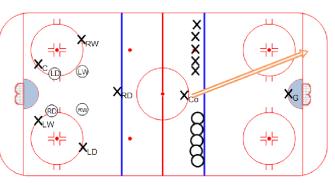
Content elements: 25 mins

Components :

Description

1.Two forwards (LW and C) are deep. Third forward (RW) and a defenceman (LD) are the second pair and are near face-off circles. The RD is only one at blueline, usually your best shooter 2. The defensive team typically counters with a box, which leaves the RD open for a clear shot 3. Pass ball around and create shooting lanes, once ball is shot C and LW collapse to net for defelction/rebound Finish practice with Russian scrimmage. Players on different teams line up at bluelines. Coach blows

whistle for how many players go at a time



Title: Over Breakout/Wheel Break Content elements: 20 mins

Components :

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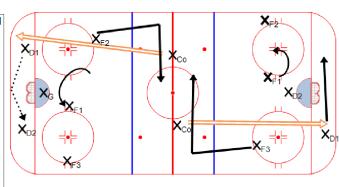
1. Coach shoots ball into corner, D1 retrieves ball and passes behind net to D2, who releases from front of the net

2. F3 opens up and anchors on wall and is an option 3. F1 supports and is an option over the middle 4. F2 is an option to support or stretch across the middle

1. Coach shoots ball into corner, D1 retrieves and wheels behind net. D2 holds at net

F2 anchors the wall and is an option
 F1 supports through middle and is an option

4. F3 is an option to support or stretch across the middle



Title: Penalty Kill 1

Content elements: 15-20 mins

Components :

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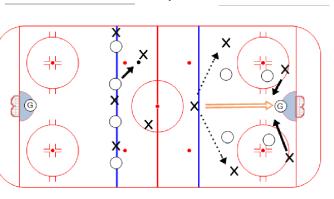
Line 4 O players on blueline showing where to line up as defence.

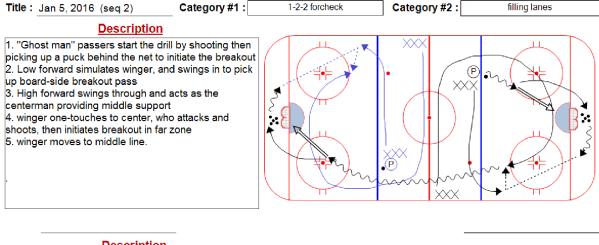
Have 5 🗙 line up as offence, 3 players on blueline, 2 back, one of them with the ball.

Player nearest the ball carrier goes attack, imes 's try and gain the zone.

Once in the zone have imes 's form umbrella and \bigcirc 's form box.

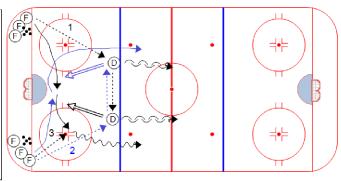
Simulate powerplay, O's try and keep ball on outside and get ball out of the zone







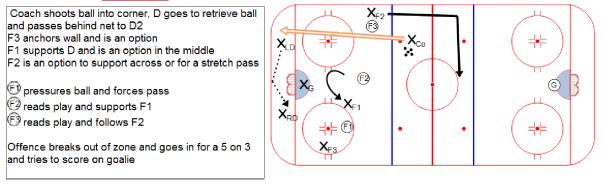
- (E) passes to (D) then drives net 1
- 2. D to D pass and shot
- 3. 🖲 deflects, then stays in front
- 4. Other corner passes out to D then drives net 5. D to D pass and shot
- 6. Other 🕑 deflects
- 7. 🕑's swing for a breakout pass then attack 2 on 2
- 8. After second shot, D's back up 2 on 2



Title: Full Floor Over Breakout Content elements: 20 mins

Components :

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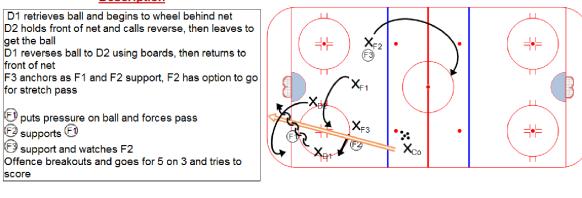
Full Floor Drills

Title: Reverse Strong Side

Content elements: 20 mins

Components :

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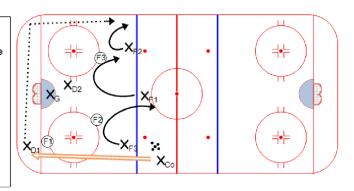
Title: Reverse Weakside Breakou Content elements: 20 mins

Description

- D1 retrieves ball and reads pressure from 🕑 D2 holds front of net and protects middle
- F2 reads rim and cuts off to support to go to blue line
- for ball
- F1 supports below ball
- F3 come hard across and stretches
- 🗊 goes hard and puts pressure on ball

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Offence breakout and goes for 5 on 3, tries to score



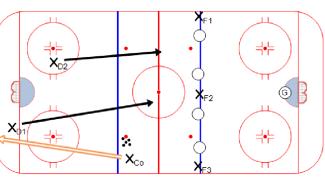
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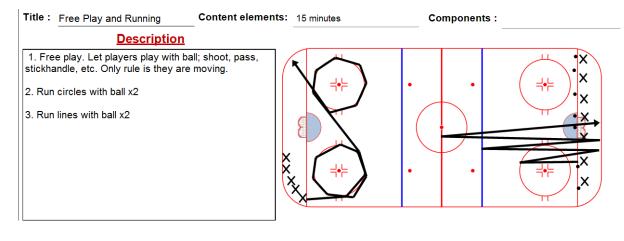
Title : Power Play Entry Content elements: Components :

Description D1 goes to retrieve ball and runs out of zone D2 runs alongside and is support for D1 F1, F2, F3 all spread out along blue line, anticipating pass O Is defense, players spread along blue line to protect entry into zone D1 has option to pass to a F or run ball into zone

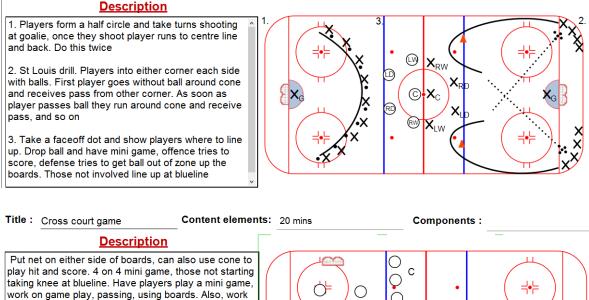
Once offence gains entry they set up in umbrella while defense boxes out.

Offence tries to score





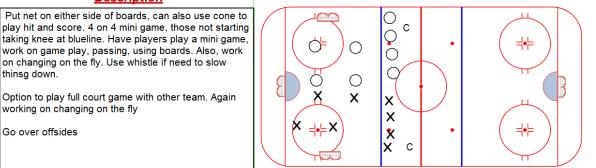
Title: Game warm up/Game play Content elements: 20 mins Components :

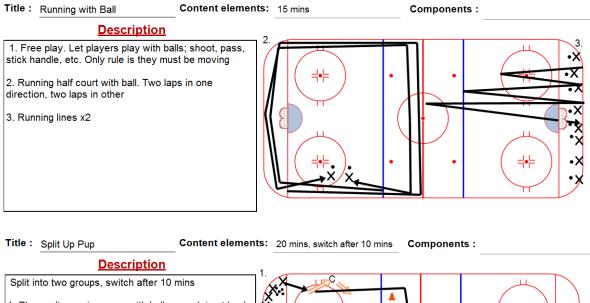


Option to play full court game with other team. Again working on changing on the fly

Go over offsides

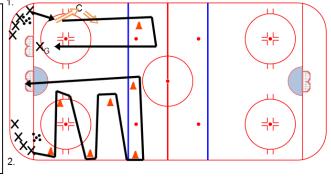
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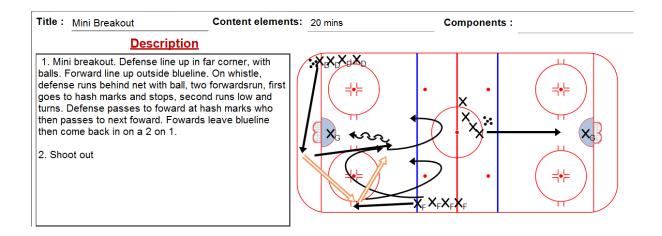


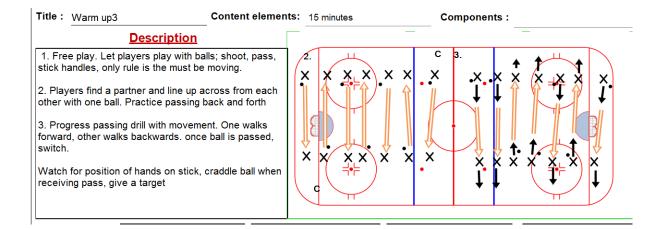


 Players line up in corner with balls, coach is at hash marks. Player runs with ball, passes to coach and then coach passes back. Player runs around cone and goes for shot on goalie

2. Players line up in corner with balls, stick handle around cones



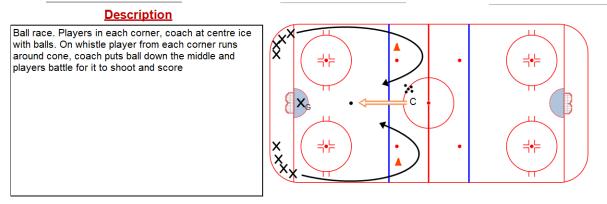


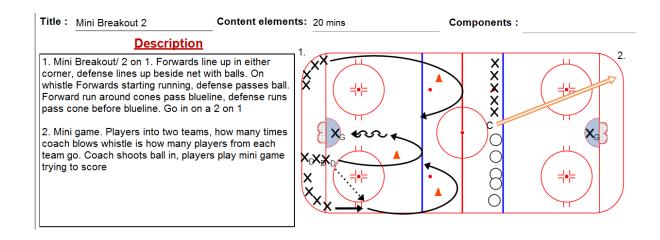


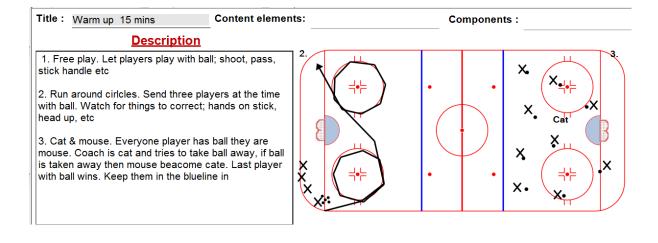


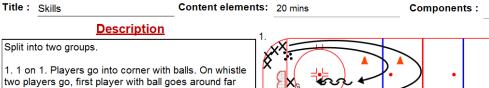
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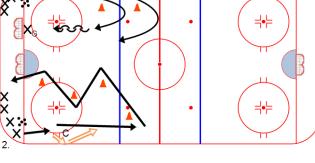






2. Players into corner with balls. Coach at hash marks, players chips ball pass coach and gets ball. Player then goes around cone and stick handles through cones back

cone, second player goes around nearest cone and



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Title : Shoot and Pass

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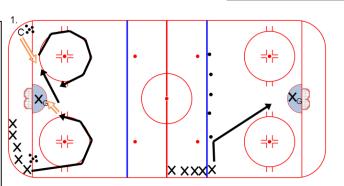
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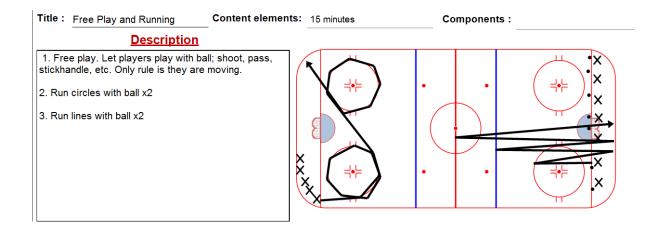
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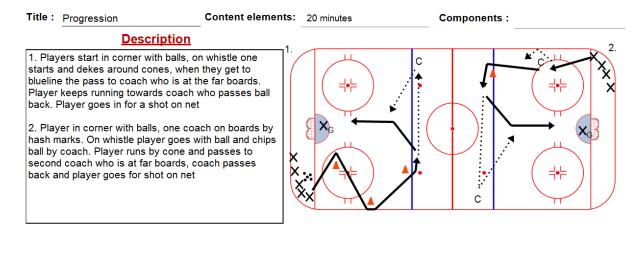
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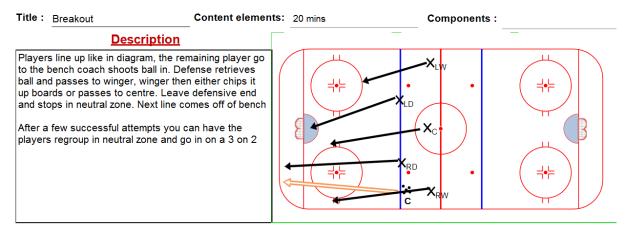
1. Players start in corner with balls, run around top of circle and take shot on net. After shot, coach passes ball from corner and player runs around top of circle and has another shot.

2. Shoot out. Line 5 balls at blueline, players on the bench. First player gets ball and goes in and shoots on goalie. If player scores then next player gets a ball, if goalie stops it then player passes to next player in line. Go until all balls are scored





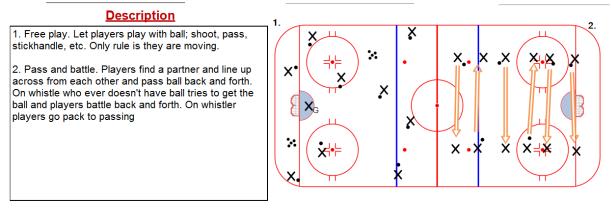




Title: Pass and Battle

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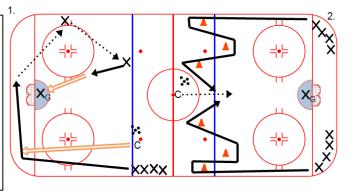
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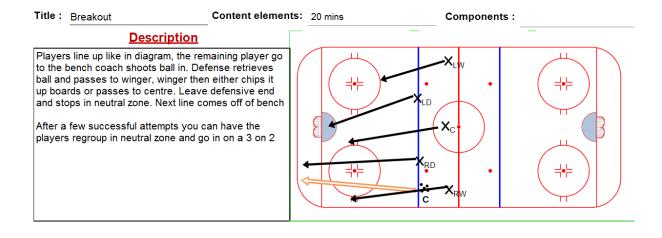
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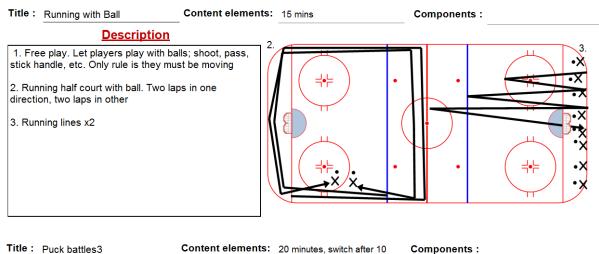
Description

1. Players line up at blueline. One player at far hash mark, one at the blueline. Coach shoots the ball in and the player and blueline goes gets it, Coach calls Wheelhouse and player takes ball around net and passes to player at hash marks, who then passes to player and blueline. That player then walks in and shoots on goal. Players then rotate, 1st player to hash marks, hash marks to blueline, blueline to end of line.

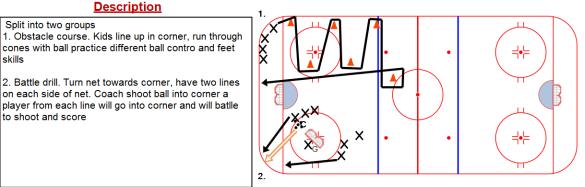
2. Ball battle. Players line up in either corner, coach has ball at centre ice. On whistle players run through cones, coach puts ball in middle, players battle to shoot and score.

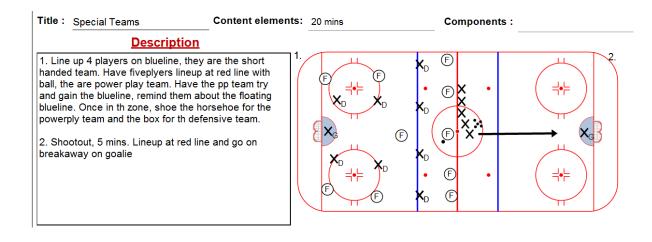


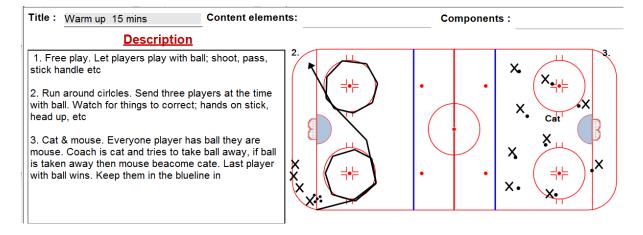




Title: Puck battles3







Title : Ball battles

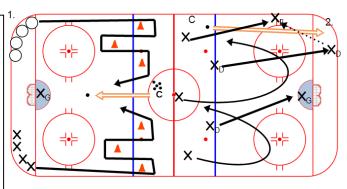
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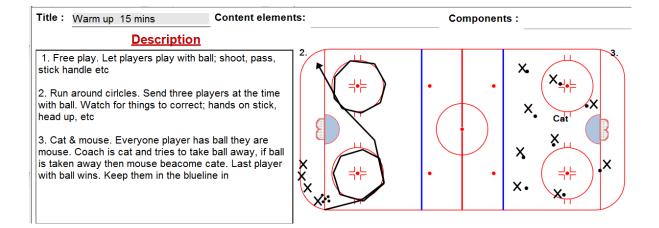
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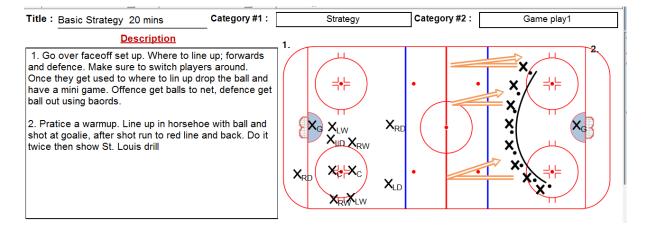
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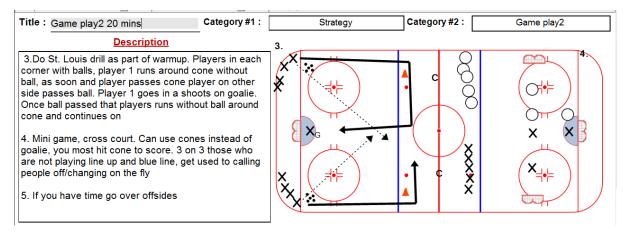
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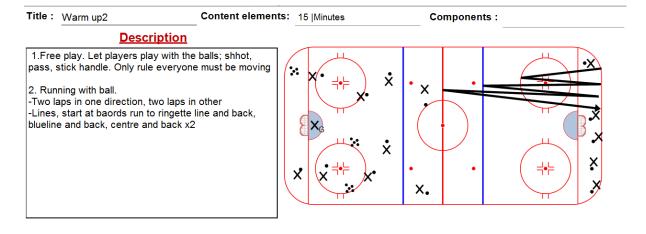


Title: Special Teams Content elements: 20 mins Components : **Description** 1. Line up 4 players on blueline, they are the short (F)handed team. Have fiveplyers lineup at red line with ball, the are power play team. Have the pp team try F and gain the blueline, remind them about the floating blueline. Once in th zone, shoe the horsehoe for the powerply team and the box for th defensive team. X_{G} F E 2. Shootout, 5 mins. Lineup at red line and go on breakaway on goalie F ╡•╞ F



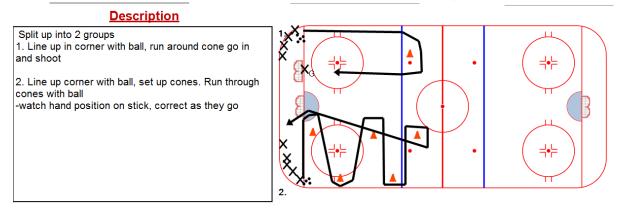






Title : Skills

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Title : Strategy2

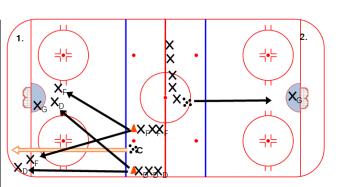
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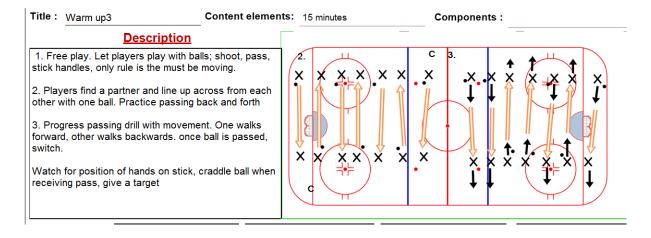
Components :

Description

1. 2 on 2. Set up one line of defence, and one line of forwards. Coach shoots ball in corner, one forward and one defence battle for ball in corner. One forward and one defence goes to front of net. Forwards try and score, defence trys to get ball back to coach by shooting up the boards.

2. Shoot out. Have soem fun let the kids line up at centre with balls. Go in and shoot or deke on net.





Content elements: 20 Mins, switch after 10 mins Components :

Description Split into two groups 1. 1 on 1. Line up in corner, two guys go on whistle, first player has ball and runs around furthest cone. Second player without ball runs around nearest cone. First player trys to shoot ans score, second is defence 2. Line up in corner, set up cones and run obstacle course with balls. Be creative, can do 360's around cones, trasitions, etc ╡•┝ X 2

Title: Battle Drill/Shoot out

Title : Skills3

Content elements: 20 minutes

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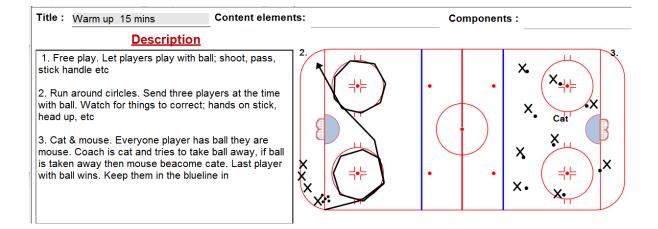
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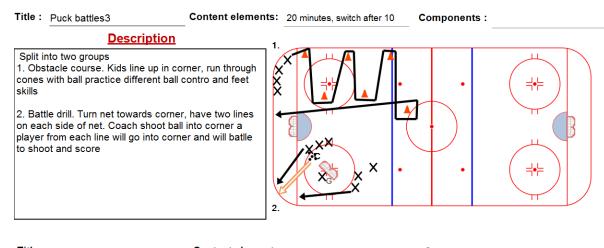
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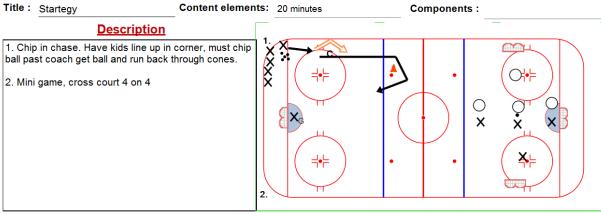
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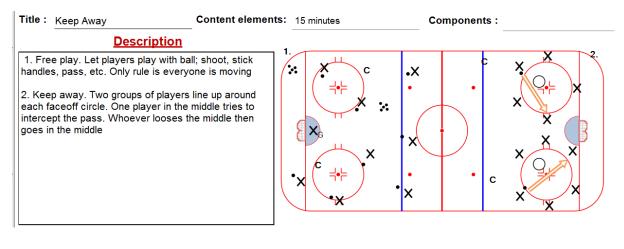
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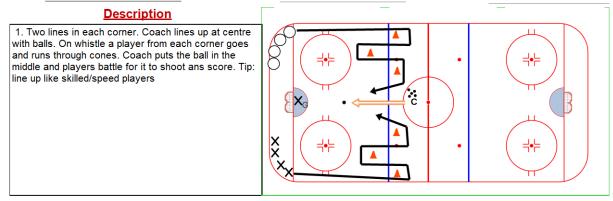




Title: Ball battles

Content elements: 15 mins

Components :



Title : Skills4

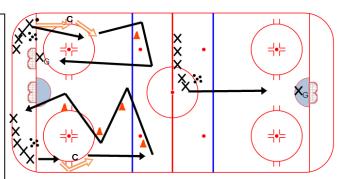
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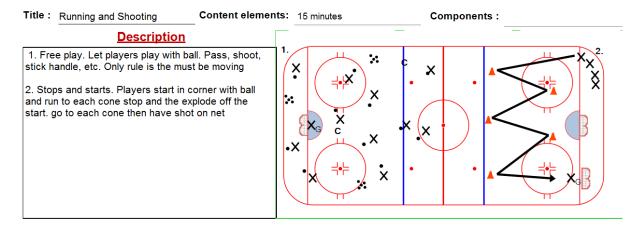
Description

1. Passing and shooting. Players line up in corner with balls, coach stands by boards around hask marks. Players passes to coach and runs, coach passes back, player the runs around cone and goes shoot on goalie

2. Chip and chase. Players line up in corner with balls, caoch lines up around hash marks. Players run with ball, bounce ball off boards and gets it, then runs through cones

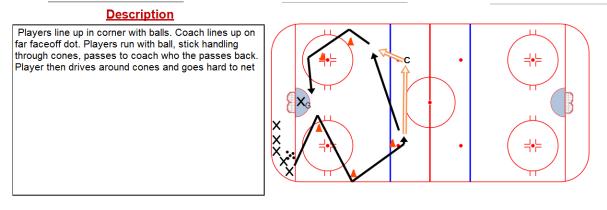
3. Shoout out. 5 mins



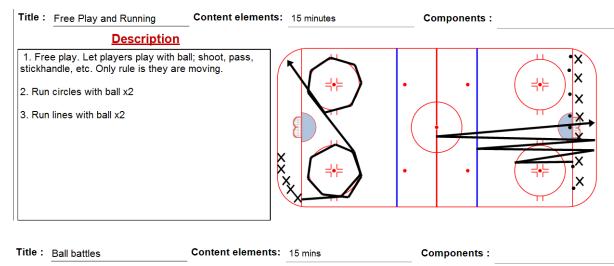


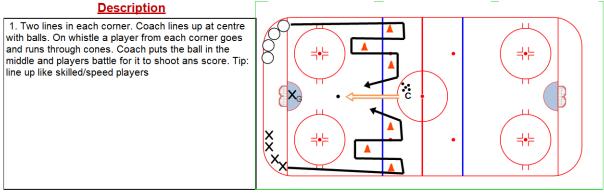
Title : Running, passing, shooting Content elements: 20 minutes

Components :



Title: 2 on 1 Content elements: 20 minutes Components : **Description** 1. Two lines of forward line up in corners one side starts with balls, defence lines up to side of net. On whistle a forward from each line goes and one defence ╡•╞ ╡•┝ X goes. Forwards run around cones, defence runs to blueline and backs up and goes 2 on 1. 2. Shoout. Line 5 balls up at blueline, players on bench. X_{G} First player goes get ball and tries to score on goalie, if he scores next player gets ball at blueline, if goalie D, stops it, player passes back to next player in line. ╡•┝ Goes until all balls are gone ╬





Title : Wheelhouse

Content elements: 30 mins

Components :

Description

1. Players line up at blueline, one player lined up at far hash marks, one defence at blueline. Coach shoots ball in and player runs into corner to get it, coach yells wheelhouse, player take ball behind net and passes to winger lined up at hash marks. Player at hash marks then passes to player at blueline, who walks it in and shoots. Players then rotate.

2. Shoout. Line 5 balls up at blueline, players on bench. First player goes get ball and tries to score on goalie, if he scores next player gets ball at blueline, if goalie stops it, player passes back to next player in line. Goes until all balls are gone

