2023 Foundation Waratah Session Plan- Session 2: Timing, Acceleration and Decision Making

Activity	Description	Key Coaching Points	Common Errors & Corrections	Cue Words
Agility and Movement Speed and Reactiveness to calls T W	Divide the group into groups of 3 with 6 dots for each group. Make a circle with the dots with the worker in the middle of the circle, and the other two players at the top and bottom of the circle on the outside. The player at the top is the caller and the player at the bottom of the circle is the next worker. The worker labels the dots 1 to 6. Colours can be used instead. The caller calls out a number between 1 to 6 and the worker must run out to the dot and back to the middle. Do three more calls and switch players. The worker becomes the caller and the player at the back of the drill will be the new attacker. Add variation to the drill Incorporate different movements out to the dot and sprint back to the middle. Add a jump to the cone, a roll at the dot, a clear and back to the middle. Combine with another group and have a competition in which team can get back to the middle first. Progression Add a 2 nd or 3 rd call, then back to the middle. Add a ball to the drill	 All movements need to be done at speed Two feet take off and land on jumps Caller to make calls fast and not let your attacker just stand there 	 Steps to big Body not square to the thrower 1 foot take off and land Not using arms and bend of ankles, knee and hip to gain power Only using one hand to catch ball. Two hands strong pull in. 	- Small comfortable steps - Quick pace - Eyes up

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Timing of Lead/ Reading off the front Attacker W W W W W T T W W W	All players find a space on the court and face the same direction. On 'GO' players must count to 4 in their head and then sprint 3 strides forward. Do this a couple of times On 'GO' players count to themselves but can now sprint forward at any time between 1 and 4. Move the group into 3's with one ball and find space on the court. The thrower stands with the ball facing away from the attacker. The spare attacker stands behind the first attacker. Once the thrower throws the ball up in the air, catches and pivots, the attacker will sprint forward on any angle at any time in the 3 secs. Thrower is working on placement to the space the attacker is moving into. The worker will give the ball back and the new attacker gets in the starting position to repeat the drill. Repeat and change the thrower. Progression 1. Add another attacker to the drill. The behind attacker will now have to read off the front attacker to move into space. The thrower can choose who to throw to. 2. Add a second lead. The player that doesn't get the ball, will reoffer down the court into space. 3. Add a defender to the drill. Here the first pass must not go to the attacker with the defender on them. *Some players find this hard to do and want to rush the pass. Ask them to delay their pass to see the definite move by the defender.	 Learning to be patient and not moving too soon Understanding why players move too soon eg anxiety, pressure, defender, ball not being released When the players run they do so with speed and intensity Asking players to add variety to the timing of their lead. Don't have to go straight away Accelerating with intensity on the first 3 strides The attacker has the advantage because they know exactly when they are going to move. The defender will react and by that time the attacker will have taken a step and be ahead of the defender with enough space for a pass to be thrown. 	 Impatience and want to run too soon Ball placement 	 Wait Move at speed Hips around Let the ball go Place into space

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Developing speed off the mark and driving past the defender A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	Players stand on the sideline facing away from the court. On "GO" they turn, pause and sprint 3 strides forward. Making sure their first step is forward. Repeat. Add a defender who is stationary and stands in front of the attacker 2 feet away. As the attacker turns, they then need to drive past the stationary defensive body. Rotate and Repeat. Progression 1. Get into groups of 3 with a ball. The attacker starts on the sideline with a defender 4 feet away facing a thrower that is in line with the centre circle. The worker faces away from the court. When the thrower says go, the attacker turns and accelerates past the defender to run hard onto the ball. — To make the drill harder, get the defender to go with the attacker to try and intercept the ball. 2. The attacker starts with the ball and the defender has hands over. The attacker throws to the receiver. The attacker tries to get past the defender to receive the ball again.	 Players must know and feel what fast, dynamic movement is Decision making as to the correct space in which to drive eg using the front space (front cut) or back space Quick pivot First priority is to get the pass over the defenders outstretched arms Pass first then sprint Making quick decisions on which space is best to use Dynamic movements Placement of pass Finding the right space Timing of movement 	 Not being able to throw over defenders' arms Pace of ball is too slow Movement is too slow Not choosing the correct space in which to drive down court Making sure attackers drive down the court and do not pull out of drive too soon and offer a flat lead 	 Hips around Let the ball go Over hands Ball placement Strong definite lead Down the court to receive Timing Variety of move

defender is to defend both passes.	$ \begin{array}{c} A \\ D \\ 1 & \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} T \\ T \end{array} $	3. Form groups of 4 with 1 ball. The thrower starts with the ball in the middle of the court. An attacker and defender start just off the sideline with another thrower to the side forming a triangle shape. Thrower with the ball throws the ball up in the air, the attacker is driving forward for the ball into space and they will then turn to pass to the other thrower. The attacker offers again for the ball into space down court. The defender is to defend both passes.	- As above	 Not getting hips around Movement to get free is too slow Placement of Pass is poor 	 Run through ball Hips around Balanced feet Down court Read the space
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T D A D A D A T	Divide your group accordingly. You want to have throwers at both ends of the court with the rest of the group lined in pairs down the court. One player is the attacker the other is the defender. Each attacker is only allowed to make one lead and must time their lead appropriately to receive the pass. No change of direction. - This drill can be quite difficult to grasp for the group. Adapt where you need to and reinforce the key principles.	 Attacker not moving too soon Ensure attacker has eye contact at all times with the thrower Ball is placed out in front of moving player Releasing ball prior to the movement of the attacker Correct movement. Attacker to run through ball, catch, land, pivot and look to release the next pass. 	 Moving too soon Not releasing pass soon enough Poor ball placement Movement of attacker is too slow 	 Strong Drive Push off Ball placement Run through ball Balance Eye contact Speed of pass
2 v 3/3 v 5 Scenario's attacking down court. D D D D D D A A A A	Divide into 2 groups using half a court each. Allocate three defenders to be in the middle of your allocated space. Two attackers with one ball must work together to take the ball from end to another, using the skills they have just practiced. Rotate the defenders every 5 rotations. Make sure everyone attacks and defends. Progression: 1. Increase the number of defenders. 5 defenders to 3 attackers. The attacker that starts with the ball can start in the working space. 2. Try it with even attackers and defenders. Is this easier or the same?	 Players are able to read the space and be aware of each other and where defenders are Throwing to the free space Variety of attacking moves Continue with skills as above What is the best option? Players need to know why this is harder? Added pressure etc. 	 Players run on top of each other Decision-making skills drop 	- As above

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Mini game/ Half court *Not in video resource Try to make this part of the session fun and engaging that incorporates the skills just learned. 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	4 v 4 or 5 v 5 in one third. Create four different scoring zones. Each scoring zone is worth different number of points. Players need to get the ball across the line in the scoring zone. Team with the most points at the end of the time period wins. Netball rules apply.	 Make sure your main focus points are clear before the players take the court Catch players attempting or getting skill right and positively reinforce 	Players going straight back to old habits not implementing skill taught	 Hips around Let the ball go Over hands Ball placement Strong definite lead Down the court to receive Timing
Cool Down	Make sure your group does a cool down to fir - 2 mins of very light running and walking - 2 min of walking mobility, like; - Knee hugs - Hamstring sweeps - Calf Pumps - Lateral side reach. To round up the session, bring your group into	up and down the court	ng. This is an opportunity to do a revi	ew of the session with

Key Messages:

- From the start and finish of the session continue to correct all aspects of the skill – Detection and Correction is continuous

your athletes, discussing what the core take aways were from the session.

- Coach the skill, not the drill- Don't get caught up in the drill, continue to coach everything
- Don't be afraid to over-coach with this age group, coach what is in front of you. Build on the drill if you feel your group needs to move on, or stay longer on one component if necessary.
- You may have a big variation in skill development, so work together with your coaching team. Each group will be placed into groups when they register. The aim is to divide the groups by age and experience level. If you feel a player should be in another group, don't hesitate to move them.
- Make sure that in each session you are working with different groups if it is possible so the athletes get to work with a ray of coaches.
- These sessions are all about learning to love the game and developing strong fundamental skills.
- Use the same language as all coaches within your session, this enables an easy transition for the athletes each week to work with different coaches.
- Most of all, we hope that you and the athletes have lots of FUN!