

Objectives

Run, catch, pass.

Tackle.

Space.

Warm Up

Butt Kicks.

High Knees.

Fast Feet + (turns / down).

Knee Boxing.

Lunge Push.

Jump and Land.

Dog and Bone.

Hop & Land.

Alphabet game.

LOG / BIG.

Rock n' Roll.

Army Army.

Grab It (on your feet).

Bear Crawls.

Duck Walks.

Here-There-Where.

Monkey Run.

Mountain Climber.

Bench Ball.

Gotcha Name.

Shoulder Bumps.

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Activity 1: Go dance go

Objective:

To get into the correct position to make an effective tackle.

Equipment:

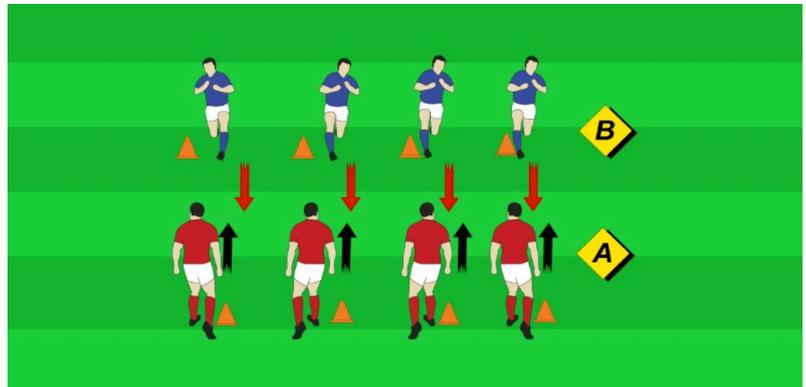
Cones.

Group size:

In pairs.

Area:

Small.



Drill explanation:

- ▶ Tacklers (B) stand in a line facing ball-carriers (A) one metre from the cone.
- ▶ On coach's call, tacklers (B) move feet quickly (hustle with small quick steps) and ball-carriers (A) walk quickly to the left or right of the cone.
- ▶ The Tackler moves forward in a crouch using the small, quick steps and takes a larger step close to the ball-carrier with lead foot. As they do this the head moves to the correct side which would take it to the backside of the attacker if a full tackle was to be made. The defender then touches them with two hands on the waist and pushes them back.

Observation:

- ▶ Head on correct side.
- ▶ Small and fast steps.

Questions:

- ▶ How can we remember where to put our head?
- ▶ How can we approach the ball-carrier?
- ▶ Where do we place our leading foot?

Progression:

- ▶ Increase speed of ball-carrier.
- ▶ Give ball to carrier.

Activity 2: Cone passing

Objective:

Players will run onto the ball in correct alignment.

Equipment:

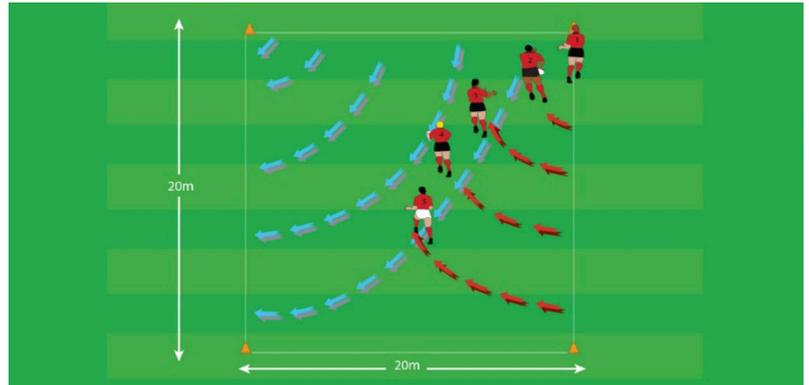
Four cones and one ball.

Group size:

9 minimum – 25 maximum.

Area:

20m x 20m.



Drill explanation:

- ▶ Ball is placed beside a cone and players line up along the edge of a square, one behind the other with the front player beside the placed ball.
- ▶ Ball is passed along the back line as the players fan out then straighten towards the adjacent side of the square.
- ▶ Ball gets to last player before they reach the line, where they place it next to the cone. The last person in Group B passes to the player in Group C.
- ▶ Players realign on the line they have just crossed and restart the drill again.

Observation:

- ▶ Support lines.
- ▶ Soft hands.
- ▶ Accurate pass.

Questions:

- ▶ How can we make sure we stay in grid?
- ▶ How can we make sure we get a good pass?

Progression:

- ▶ Work two or more groups in same grid.
- ▶ Reverse direction.

Game Activity: Which way?

Objective:

To develop passing and support skills of players.

Equipment:

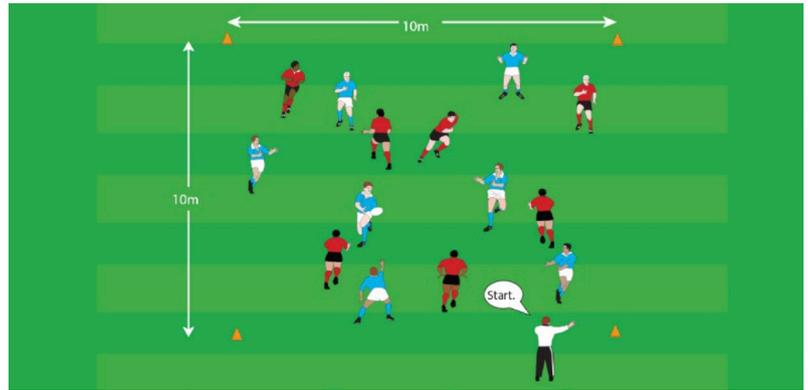
One ball.

Group size:
16-20 players.

Area:
10m x 10m.

Drill explanation:

- ▶ All players must stay within the grid.
- ▶ The team with the ball runs around passing the ball to other members.
- ▶ Defending team is allowed to obstruct the player passing the ball or to intercept but there can be no contact and defenders must stay one arm's length away from the attackers.
- ▶ On the sound of the whistle, the player with the ball must get to another team member who rips away the ball.
- ▶ If a defender can get two hands on the ball before the attacking team, the ball is turned over.
- ▶ If the ball is dropped or an intercept occurs the ball is turned over.



Observation:

- ▶ Communication.
- ▶ Variety of passes.

Questions:

- ▶ How do we get into position to receive a pass?
- ▶ When do you know to pass the ball?

Progression:

- ▶ Introduce two balls.
- ▶ On the whistle, the ball-carrier makes contact with a defender, goes to ground and the supporting player steps over and picks up the ball.