

STEVE NASH YOUTH BASKETBALL

STAGE: FUNDAMENTALS

LESSON #10

	Before the Players Arrive		After the Players Arrive
1	Arrive 15 min early	1	Greet parents and players as they arrive
2	Set up the equipment (balls, baskets)	2	Allow supervised free play
3	Perform a facility safety check	3	Blow the whistle and put players in teaching formation
4	Organize your teaching materials	4	Take attendance
5	Have a coaches meting to review the days lesson	5	Review previous week's lesson

Warm Up Activity:

The Land of the Raptors

- * This game is essentially British Bulldog with dribbling added
- · Choose 2 players to be Raptors and put the Raptors in the middle of the court to start
- The rest of the players start on the baseline
- On the whistle, players run through The Land of the Raptors
- If a Raptor tags a player, that player becomes a Raptor as well
- Keep playing until only 1 player is left

Lesson #10 - Overview

- · Introduce the life skill and fundamental skill of the day while the players stretch
- Life Skill: Responsibility (See Coaches Manual Chapter 9.10)
- Fundamental Skill: Triple Threat Position and Jab Step
- · Goal: Introduce triple threat position so players can shoot, pass or dribble

Teaching Points: Triple Threat Position

Body Position

- Feet shoulder width apart, in balanced stance
- · Shooting foot ahead of non-shooting foot in heel-toe relationship
- · Weight on balls of feet
- · Knees bent, butt down, back straight
- · Chin over shooting foot

Hand & Arm Position

- Finger tips on ball, comfortably spread, wrist bend back
- · Non shooting hand on side of ball, fingers point upward
- Thumbs of both hands form a "T", but do not have to touch
- Elbow of shooting arm bent to 90° and pointing toward the rim
- · Keeping same arm & hand position, ball near hip when not preparing to shoot

Activity:

Random Stops

- Players in scatter formation, each with a ball
- Players jog around court
- On whistle, players jump stop into triple threat position
- Coaches move through group and test players for balance (gentle push on shoulders)
- Repeat several times using different types of movement (hopping, sliding, running backwards etc.)



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Military Drill

- Players spread out in 3 lines in front of the coach
- On coach's command, all player toss the ball to themselves and get into triple threat position
- Coach yells "Jab Left", players jab step left
- Coach yells "Jab Right", player jab step right
- Repeat commands in different orders
- Coaches can also add their own commands, such as pivot

Self Toss

- Players in partners, spread out on the court, each with a ball
- Players will toss the ball to themselves and get into triple threat position once they catch the ball
- Coach will say "jab step", "dribble", or "shoot"
- For "jab step", players will jab step right or left
- For "dribble", players will take one dribble right or left and then pick up the ball
- For "shoot", players will shoot the ball in the air

Help

• Form a small diamond with four pylons. You want them close enough that the player in the middle can deflect the passes.

- One player has a ball and the other two players are at the pylon closest to the player with ball
- The player in the middle is attempting to steal or deflect the pass.

• Player being covered is in triple threat position, using pivot foot and jab step, must get around defender and pass to partner

- Defender closes out on player with ball, player jabs and makes a pass
- Players switch roles when defender gets ball, or when coach blows whistle to switch
- When the ball is passed, the players must learn to fill the pylons closest to the player with ball
- Load the drill by adding a second defender; increase the space.

Introduce and Play Modified Game:

1	On whistle, balls away, players sit quietly
2	Coach calls out teams, players go to coach, set up game
3	Play the game

Wrap Up:

1	Review the fundamental skill and life skill
2	Make any announcements
3	End on a positive note (cheer), dismiss group

Post Lesson Tasks:

Coaches debrief

