

STEVE NASH YOUTH BASKETBALL COACHES MANUAL

STAGE: LEARN TO TRAIN

LESSON #4

* Music will be needed for this lesson.

FUNDAMENTAL SKILL: Static Dribbling LIFE SKILL: Goal Setting

	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:

Frozen Dribble Tag

- All players have a ball and spread out around the court
- Choose two players to be "chasers", other players dribble throughout court
- If chasers tag dribbler they become frozen and must do a ball handling drill (i.e. body circles) on spot
- To be "freed" a teammate must dribble a ball between their legs to unfreeze
- Change chasers every minute

Lesson #4 - Overview

- Introduce the life skill and fundamental skill of the day while the players stretch
- Life Skill: Discuss why goal setting is important. Set some goals for the practice and for the program
- Fundamental Skill: Dribbling (Static, Experimental)
- Goal: Dribbling with control of the ball

Teaching Progression: Static Dribbling

Static Dribble

- Start with knees bent and feet shoulder width apart
- Head up and eyes forward
- Feet staggered with one foot slightly ahead of the other
- · Ball dribbled with dribble hand slightly ahead of back foot
- Push ball to floor using fingertips, not palm
- · Elbow bent, wrist follows through
- As ball returns to hand, repeat the pushing motion
- Protect the ball by keeping the non dribbling hand extended forward, elbow flexed and arm across body between the ball and defensive player

Activity:

Static Dribbling

- Players in scatter formation with ball
- On whistle, players dribble on the spot (normal dribble, right hand)
- Repeat (normal height, left hand)
- Repeat (vary height of dribble)
- Repeat, coach holds up fingers, players shout out number of fingers
- >> <u>Load:</u>
- Use 2 balls
- Bounce ball at same time and alternating
- Add figure 8 dribbling and around the leg dribbling
- Add Push-Pull, Half Cross-Over







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Follow the Leader

- Players in semi circle formation with ball
- One player demonstrates type of dribble (high, low, fast, slow, alternate hands etc)
- Other players imitate
- Give each player a chance to be the leader

Music Dribbling

- Players in scatter formation with ball
- Players dribble around the court when music begins
- When music stops, players stop and perform a static dribble on the spot
- When the music starts again players continue to dribble around the court
- Start and stop the music several times
- Repeat, music starts, players dribble high, music stops players dribble low
- Repeat, with the players increasing speed of dribbling
- Repeat, dribble with other hand

Mouse Trap

- Divide the group into two separate teams
- One forms a circle that on command can join hands this group is the mouse trap
- The other players, the mice, each have a ball and are dribbling outside the circle
- The coach tells the players the mouse trap is now open
- The players freely dribble in and out of the circle
- When they enter the circle, they cannot exit through an adjacent spot
- When the coach give the visual signal for the mousetrap to close, the players in the circle join
- hands trapping any dribblers inside. Keep score of how many players (mice) were trapped

Dribble Elimination

- Players in scatter formation with ball
- Players attempt to knock away other player's ball while maintaining control of their ball
- Players are eliminated if they lose their dribble or have their ball knocked away
- Restrictions can be placed on the are (full court, half court, 3-point line, key)

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