Practice

Warm up

- Warm up run
- Stretch arms
- Agility base running
- Base Running
- Accelerators

Fundamental Throwing/catching

- Warm up throwing
- Wrist flips/snaps
- One knee throws
- Upright throws
- Ground balls (to each other)
- Short hops (to each other)
- Hop step throw

Batting

- 1. Athletic stance (knocking knuckles)
- 2. Load up and toe touch
- 3. Movie nudge and knee drive
- 4. Contact (palm up palm down)
- 5. Extension
- 6. Follow through
- Stations
 - Tee softballs (slow work on form)
 - Tee/soft toss big ball (Work on powering through)
 - Tee/soft Toss whiffle balls
 - Soft toss softballs
 - Soft toss whiffle golf balls
 - Bunting

Fielding

Field the ball on the inside of the glove foot Call "BALL"

Look the ball into the glove.

"Don't completely standup"

Ground ball footwork:

Athletic stance, staying low when fielding ball.
Attack the ball
Right slight ahead of left foot
Field the ball on the inside of the glove foot
Transfer sideways – shuffle feet right then left.
Bring hands up to a high throwing position

Technique

- Over bat fielding
- Over bat fielding left foot forward, stay low, get ball high into throwing position
- Knee ground balls fore and back hand
- 2 ball shuffle (6 balls apiece)
- Ground balls
 - Pass ball
 - Angle drill fore & backhand
 - Two-line –attack ball
 - High hop
 - o Infield drill
- Pop ups
 - o Z drill
 - Lead drill
 - o Multiple pop ups
 - Over the shoulder Catch and show it
- Fore hand flips
- Drop step
- Short/long hops
- Infield crossfire 3rd to 1st, ss to 2nd

Games

- Steal the bacon
- Hitting for contact
- Hit the bucket
- Base relay
- Throwing competition "stick it"
- Ground ball game (make harder until one is left)
- Bat around the horn
- Run down

<u>Drills</u>

- Infield drill work
- Team fielding to first
- Turning 2 (double plays)
- 4 corners
- Short hops (to each other)
- Backhand drill (catching off hand)
- Star drill
- Z drill
- Tag up drill
- Agility base running (fake hit, run to first, shuffle to second, run ¾ backwards to 3rd, run and slide into home)
- Lead drill
- Infield cycle through the bases
- 4,3,2,1 base running w/bunting
- Diving

Catcher drills

- Drop 3rd strike
- Find the pass ball
- Quick corners
- Framing
- Bounce at plate
- Throw downs
- Throwing footwork

Strategies to teach

- Ready Position
- Ball/base/Back up
- Calling for the ball
- Base running
- Rounding bases
- Calling Time/out of box/signs
- Sliding
- Stealing running start
- Dropped 3rd strikes
- Tagging runner
- Covering bases
- Tag ups
- Bunt coverage
- Cutoffs
- Steal coverage
- Walks (hustle to first to steal second)
- Delayed steal
- Double play
- 1st and 3rd plays

Tag

Catch ball, bend knees, sweep tag