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Learn to Train Session Plan

For coaches of
U8-11 females
and U9-U12
males





Ontario Soccer Player Development Model: The Station Concept

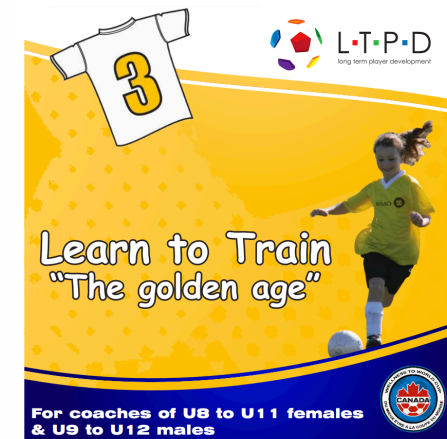


The activities provided illustrate how stations can be used during Grassroots practices.

All sessions take a holistic approach to developing our youth. Each game and activity will focus on 4 main areas of the child's development; these include social/emotional, physical, psychological and technical.

Total practice time 45-70 minutes as per the Recreational and Development Matrix.

Play. Inspire. Unite.





Ontario Soccer Player Development Model How it works



Introduction

During the practice players will spend an allotted time at each station having fun, developing specific skills and qualities before moving onto the next station. By using station work we create an environment where players are continually motivated and challenged.

Organization

If working with a larger group, organize players into groups of 6 or 8. Each station has a coach who leads that specific station for the session.

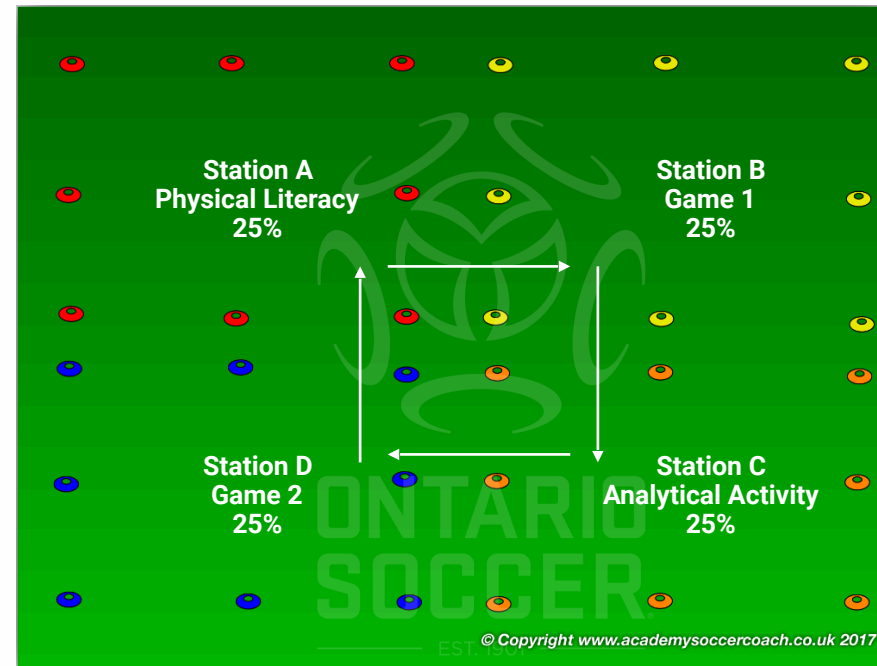
If working with a smaller group, simply move together through all 4 stations until all are complete.

Procedure

Players rotate every 9 minutes. Provide a 2 minute break in between each station for water and to allow movement to the next station.

Emphasis

In these examples one station focuses on Physical Literacy, two stations on movements with the ball or small sided games and the 4th station is focused around technique with decision making.



Timing	Area
Total Time: 70 mins 4 x 12 minute Stations	30 x 30 m (x4)

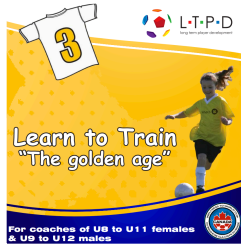
Technical	U9	U10	U11	U12	Physical	U9	U10	U11	U12
Dribbling	1	1	1	1	Agility	1	1	1	1
Running with the ball	1	1	1	1	Balance	1	1	1	1
Shooting	1	1	1	1	Coordination	1	1	1	1
Ball Control	2	1	1	1	Stamina	2	2	2	1
Passing	2	1	3	1	Strength	2	2	2	1
Receiving	2	1	1	1	Speed	1	1	1	1
Heading	4	4	4	3	Suppleness	2	2	2	2
Shielding	3	2	2	1	Acceleration	1	1	1	1
Crossing	3	2	2	1	Reaction	1	1	1	1
Finishing	3	2	2	1	Basic Motor Skills	1	1	1	1
1v1 Defending	3	3	2	1	Perception	1	1	1	1
1v1 Attacking	2	1	2	1	Awareness	1	1	1	1
Socio-Emotional	U9	U10	U11	U12	Psychological	U9	U10	U11	U12
Listening	2	2	1	1	Motivation	1	1	1	1
Co-operation	2	2	1	1	Self Confidence	1	1	1	1
Communication	1	1	1	1	Competitiveness	2	2	1	1
Sharing	2	1	1	1	Concentration	2	2	1	1
Problem-solving	2	2	1	1	Commitment	2	2	2	1
Decision-making	2	2	1	1	Self Control	2	2	1	1
Empathy	3	2	1	1	Determination	2	2	1	1
Patience	3	2	1	1	Tactical	U9	U10	U11	U12
Respect / discipline	2	1	1	1	Playing out from the back	2	2	2	1
Fair play / honesty	2	1	1	1	Attacking Principles	3	3	3	3
					Possession	2	2	2	2
					Transition	2	2	2	2
					Counter Attacking	4	4	4	4
					Switching Play	4	4	4	3
					Combination Play	2	2	2	1
					Zonal Defending	4	4	4	4
					Pressing	3	2	2	2
					Retreat	3	3	3	3
					Recovery	3	3	3	3
					Compactness	3	3	3	2

Priority Key

High	1
Medium	2
Low	3
Not Applicable	4

Top Tip Did you know that more session plans for Active Start, Fundamentals and Learn to Train can be found at: <http://www.ontariosoccer.net/grassroots-practices>





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Station A - Physical Literacy

Ball Tag



Organization

2v2 (or 3v3 if two coaches) in an 8mx8m area. One ball needed with spare balls placed around the outside.

Procedure

The player in possession of the ball is the only person that is allowed to tag the opposing team. However, they cannot run with the ball. As soon as they tag the opponent they get a point, transition happens. Play for 2 minutes and winning team moves on in a competition ladder. Create a final square.

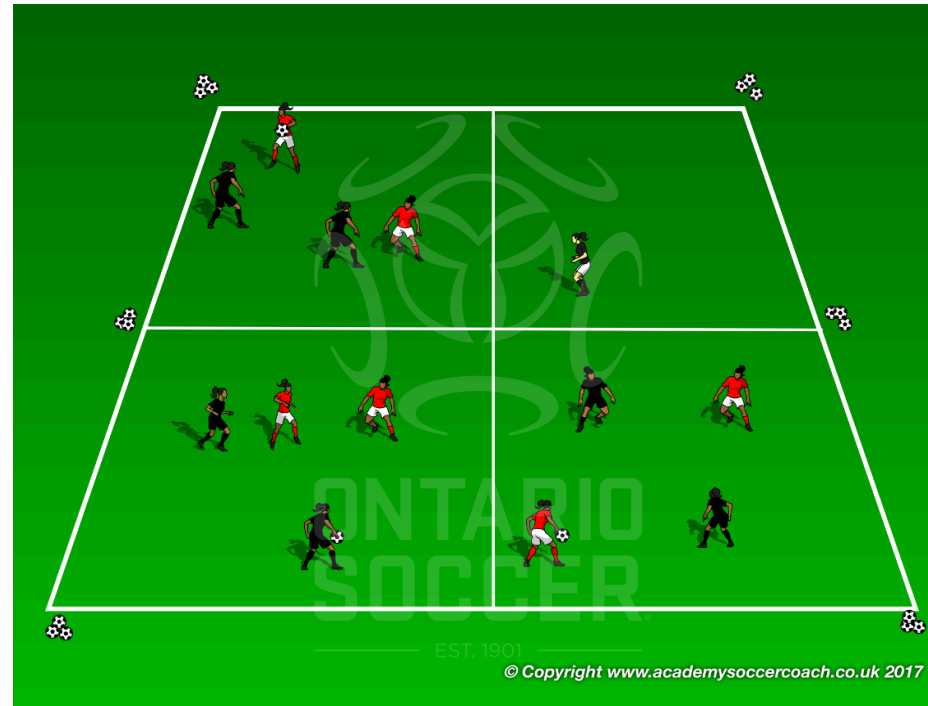
Note: Encourage the receiving player to receive the ball close to the opponent so they can tag them.

Emphasis

Allowing the players to make decisions, maintaining a safe environment, providing positive reinforcement and demonstration of the activity.

Progression

Play with the ball on the floor and players use their feet, the player with the ball can dribble and tag.



Timing	Area
12 Minutes	16 m x 16 m (4 grids of 8m x 8m)

Objective

To create space to receive and attack fast

Outcomes

All Players - Create space, take their first touch forward and pass forward, dribble or shoot

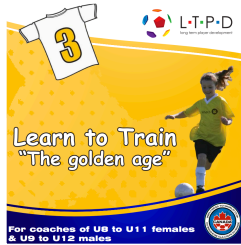
Most Players - Create space, take their first touch towards the goal and assist a shot or shoot on target

Some Players - Create space, disguise the direction of the first touch and create an assist or score a goal

Technical / Tactical	Psychological
Dribbling Finishing Receiving	Safety Fun Decision making
Socio - Emotional	Physical
Problem Solving Communication Celebration Teamwork	Agility Balance Co-ordination Change of Speed Change of Direction

Top Tip

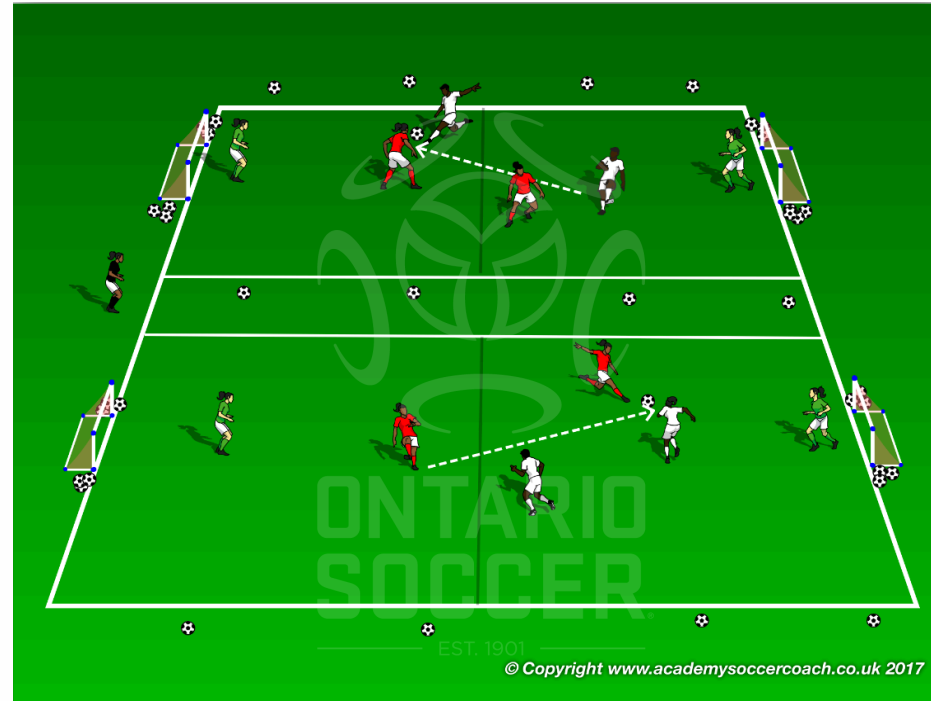
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Station B - Small Sided Game

3v3 with retreat line



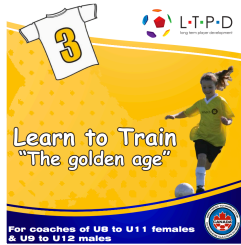
Timing	Area
12 Minutes	20m x 25m (Two 20m x 12m fields)

Organization
Create two mini fields, 20x12m. Balls between the two target goals.
Procedure
Players play 3v3. If the ball goes out of play, play is restarted from the goalkeeper. After 3 minutes, rotate the teams. Make sure goalkeepers also rotate and play outfield. Include celebrations with team mates, high 5's, come up with their own etc.
Emphasis
Fun, creating a safe environment, positive reinforcement, allowing players to make decisions, demonstration of the activity
Progression
N/A

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Technical / Tactical	Psychological
Shooting Finishing Receiving	Safety Decision making Fun
Socio - Emotional	Physical
Problem Solving Communication Celebration Teamwork	Agility Balance Co-ordination Change of Speed Change of Direction

Top Tip Coaches in this stage have to create a learning environment that is stimulating and engaging where players learn in a fun-filled small-sized game environment.





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Station C - Activity

1v1 to Goal



Organization

12 players are placed in to 3 groups of 4. One starts as the server with the ball, another as an attacker, a third player as a defender and the final player as a goalkeeper.

Procedure

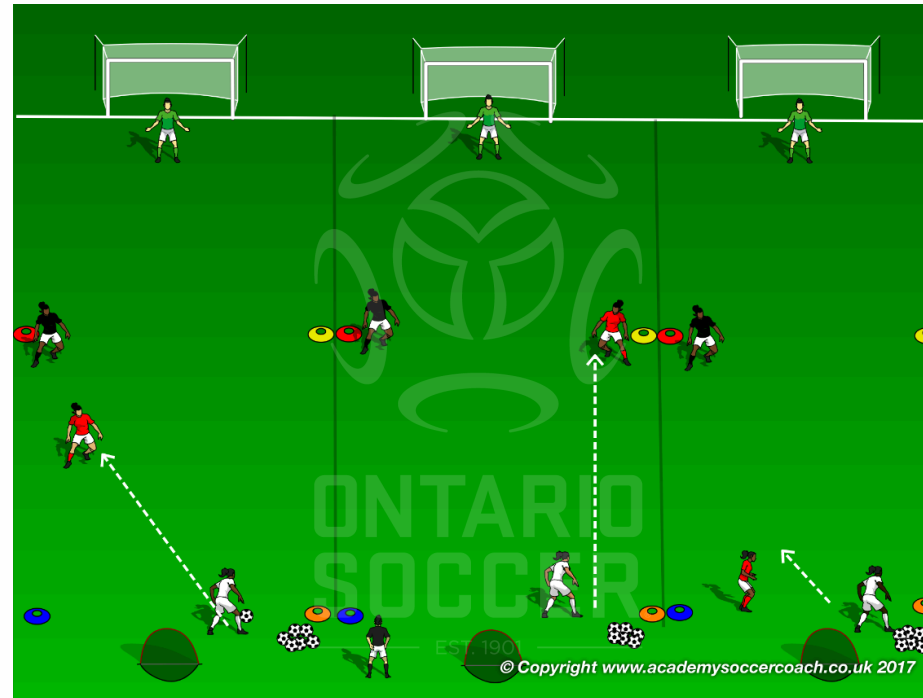
Server passes the ball to attacker who receives from wherever they want to receive from and try to score past the goalkeeper. If the defender wins the ball, they can score on the small target goal. If the ball goes out of play. The turn is over and all player rotate. Server becomes the attacker, attacker → defender, defender → GK, GK → server. After 3 minutes whoever scores the most goals moves on to playing area on the right. The player with the least goals scored on the right field (as shown in diagram) goes to the field on the left.

Emphasis

Fun, positive reinforcement, allowing players to make decisions, demonstration of the activity

Progression

Move the defenders starting point so they can pressure from the yellow cone (right, behind), blue cone (left, side) and orange (right, side) cone.



Timing	Area
12 Minutes	20m x 30 m 20m x 10m (set up 3 times)

Objective

To create space to receive and attack fast

Outcomes

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Most Players - Create space, take their first touch towards the goal and assist a shot or shoot on target
Some Players - Create space, disguise the direction of the first touch and crate an assist or score a goal

Technical / Tactical	Psychological
Receiving Dribbling Shooting Finishing	Safety Decision making Fun
Socio - Emotional	Physical
Problem Solving Communication Celebration Teamwork	Agility Balance Co-ordination Change of Speed Change of Direction

Top Tip

It's important that players can make decisions that are in context to the game. Think about starting position, movement, direction and speed in relation to the game.



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Station D - Small Sided Game

6v6 or 7v7 with retreat line



Timing	Area
12 Minutes	50m x 30m (6v6) 70m x 50 m (9v9)

Organization

Two teams of 6v6 or 7v7 are placed on to a field with the retreat line marked at thirds. Balls are placed around the outside of the pitch for a quick restart.

Procedure

Players play a normal game with all age and stage appropriate rules applied. Retreat line, offsides, throw ins.
If more players, use two neutral wide players as shown and keep them involved in the session, or play up to 9v9.

Emphasis

Fun, creativity and celebrating!

Progression

N/A

Objective

To create space to receive and attack fast

Outcomes

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Technical / Tactical	Psychological
Receiving Dribbling Shooting Finishing	Safety Decision making Fun
Socio - Emotional	Physical
Problem Solving Communication Celebration Teamwork	Agility Balance Co-ordination Change of Speed Change of Direction

Top Tip Use visual aids to explain to the players the activity they are about to play. This can be as simple as sharing the session plan with the players, a whiteboard with a diagram drawn, cones to show formation and shape or any other objects that might capture a young players interest or attention.



Ontario Soccer Resources

Coaches' Guides

- Game Organisation Guide
- Field Organisation Guide
- Festival Guide
- 8 Ways to Develop the Grassroots Game
- How does the Inclusive Programming Model work at your Soccer Club?
- Incorporating Physical Literacy in our Practices

Online Practice Videos

Online Webinars

Grassroots Curriculum

- Learn to Train U8/U9-U11/U12 (Brochure)
- Learn to Train Workbook and Practice Plan
- Learn to Train U8/9-U11/12 (Curriculum)
- All other online Grassroots Practices

