During this session, children will continue to develop the skill of bouncing the football in more challenging environments. This is one of the basic skills of Australian Football. **Teaching points** for children will include having the guiding hand on top of the ball, bending the arm at the elbow, pushing down with this one hand, fingers pointing straight to the ground. A bounce is required only every 15 metres, so run the full distance. When running, bounce the ball further in front to allow the body to move into it. Teach wet weather bouncing if grounds too soft. Refer to Section Nine - Skills guide.

FOR THIS SESSION YOU WILL NEED























Setup for this age group is generally in lanework formation

PARTNER ACTIVITIES:

Conduct various stretches. Hold stretches for 10 to 30 seconds. Hold position comfortably. Do not strain. Encourage children to stretch each week on their own.

DODGE & STEAL:

In an area the size of a basketball court, a number of balls are placed behind each base line. Players are in two teams, one in each half court. They try to cross to their opponent's baseline, take a ball and return to their own half without being tagged.













LINE ACTIVITY: Leader Coaches to demonstrate & assist.

In pairs, first child runs out bouncing the football then gives handball to second child. Coach tries to intercept ball, Partners work to keep off coach.

Group of 10 children, all with footballs in a confined

Run around cone and return.

Handball to next pair. Repeat.



Set four markers in diamond formation. Four

players per marker. First child

in team A

runs across field bounces twice and handballs to player from Team B. Team B child repeats activity. Repeat. Teams C and D do exactly the same. Two balls are used and teams cross in centre.

space. Each player bounces ball while chasing other

players and trying to tag them with ball.



SKILL GAME:

CIRCLE WORK: In threes, about 20 metres apart, children flick two footballs between them.



TIP: "On wet weather days children should touch the ball on the ground using both hands. Always aim to deliver ball to running player out in front at a distance equal to their speed."











POSITIONAL PLAY: All players should be exposed to playing in all positions. Divide children into two groups, Team A in goal square, Team B 30 metres from goal. Team B waits for first Team A child to lead within a 90 degree arc from the square called the 'Hot Spot'. Team B child delivers kick and follows ball to back up and create an option for forward. Forward takes shot at goal. Repeat.

FIFTEEN-A-SIDE RULES: Refer to AFL Auskick rules on page 64.

FIVE MINUTE COOL DOWN: Opportunity for children to lower their heart rate through stretching activities. A time for a coach to review training session or prepare children for next game or training session.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN...















