AGE: 5-6 CATCHING & PASSING

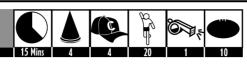
During this session, children will continue to develop the skills of catching and passing the ball. These motor skills are fundamental to progressing to learn the various types of marking and handpassing – essential components in Australian Football. Teaching points for children will include keeping their eyes on the ball until caught, keeping body in line with the ball, catching on hands and pulling to chest or catching in hands with fingers spread and thumbs behind the ball. Refer to Section Nine - Skills guide.

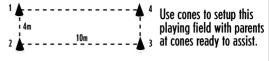












PARTNER ACTIVITIES:

In pairs, children must pass a football to each other in six different ways.

WHISTLE DRILL:

Children walk inside the playing area. When the whistle blows all children must stop, look and listen. Call out different walks eg: backwards, sideways, hopping, jumping. Repeat.









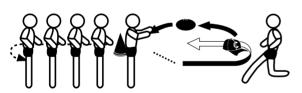






Use cones as separate activity stations. Divide children into four groups and spend five minutes at each station. Rotate through all activities.

Coach lobs a football to first child in line who catches on their chest and returns ball. Child then runs around the coach and to the end of the line. Repeat with children catching in their hands. Continue until



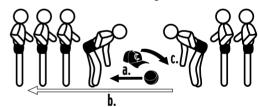
Children form a staggered line. A round ball is passed zig-zag along line and back again. Repeat. Change ways of passing

to underarm, bounce pass, on knees etc.

all players have a turn.



Divide group in half with coach standing between the two groups of children (a). First child in line rolls round ball through coach's legs to child in other line. First child follows ball (b) and runs to the end of the other line. Coach changes with first child (c).



Children form two lines and pass football to each other using an underarm chest pass. Start close and gradually widen gap between children.





TIP: "Ensure children's eyes are on the ball throughout catch. Hands should move to meet ball with fingers in the butterfly position. Bend elbows to absorb force."

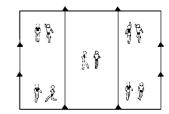












Refer to AFL Auskick rules on page 64.



TIP: "Always sit children with the sun at their backs."















Ideal No. of children participating



