During this session, children will develop the skill of kicking a torpedo punt kick in a controlled environment. This is one of the basic skills of Australian Football. **Teaching points** for children, in addition to those for a drop punt kick will include holding the ball at an angle across the body toward the non-kicking foot and releasing the ball at that angle onto the boot laces. Contact is made with the ball at a point higher from the ground than for a drop punt. Refer to Section Nine - Skills guide.



Setup for this age group is generally in lanework formation



## WARM-UP

AGE: 9-10 KICKING &

Middle Primary TORPEDO PUNT

## SEE SAW THROW:

Partners lay on ground with knees bent and soles of each child's feet touching the other's. One child sits up and the other lies down with football above their head in outstretched hands. Child with ball sits up and with an overhead throw, passes ball to other child who catches and lies back down. Repeat

WEAVE RELAY:

Teams of four. One football per team. First child weaves in and out of three cones with ball underarm, then returns ball to line. Try weaving in and out backwards, sideways and bouncing ball as they weave.

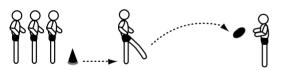


## LINE ACTIVITY: Coach should demonstrate and instruct players on kicking of torpedo punt:

- **1.** From a standing position, first child steps and kicks a torpedo punt to child in front. First child goes to rear of
  - line. Continue until all have a turn. Rotate player at front.



2. First child walks three steps and kicks a torpedo to child in front. Increase distance as children improve.



## SKILL GAME:

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LONG BOMB: Four teams of five aim to kick a torpedo punt kick so that it lands in the opposition's grid. Team scores one point for each ball that hits its mark. The opposition can mark or deflect the ball to prevent it touching the grid. Once the team understands the game, include extra balls. Try increasing and decreasing size of grid.

Repeat second activity using opposite foot.

TIP: "Torpedo Punt: The ball is held on an angle across the body. For right foot kick, left hand is slightly forward and right hand slightly behind the lace. Reverse for left foot. Ball guided down at a slight angle across kicking leg. When the foot makes contact the ball should spin in a spiral motion."



<u>GAME PREPARATION</u>: Opportunity for coach to discuss importance of these skills in a game situation. Demonstration and instruction required.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>: Using a tackle bag, have children walk in and practice bumping. As confidence improves, increase speed and force of bump. Make sure children also practice falling skills, side roll and shoulder roll to prevent injury.

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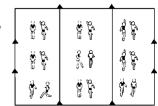
Line children in threes. Two children work together with one shepherding third child while the other retrieves the ball. Shepherding child should use outstretched arms and fingers and body create a barrier between their opponent and teammate. Bend knees and let your team mate know what's happening.

Estimated

time of

session

Refer to AFL Auskick rules on page 64.



No. of

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whistles

required

TIP: "Be yourself, children like to see the real you."

