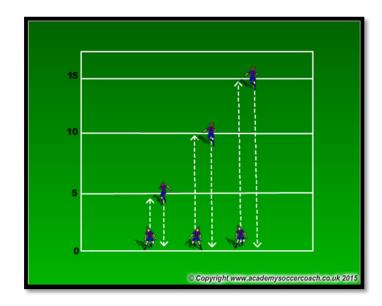
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Backpedal Ladder

- **Objective:** Improve coordination, balance, acceleration, and deceleration when changing directions
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. 15 yds long
 - 2. Cones at 0 yd, 5 yds, 10 yds, 15 yds
- Procedure:
 - 1. Backpedal to first line and touch with either foot
 - 2. Turn and backpedal to starting cone and touch with hands
 - 3. Repeat steps for distances:
 - A. 5-10-5 yds
 - B. 10-5-10 yds
 - C. 5-5-5 yds
 - D. 5-10-15 yds
 - E. 15-10-5 yds
- Coaching Points:
 - 1. Stay low when backpedaling
 - 2. Avoid using more than one step to change direction



Bag Jumps

- Objective: Develop explosive power and acceleration
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. Series of 24in (height) bags laid out in a line with 24in. between them

• Procedure:

- 1. Jump over first bag, bringing knees in toward chest
- 2. Drive both arms upward as you explode off the ground to reach optimal height
- 3. Upon landing, immediately drive upward over the next bag
- 4. Sprint 5 yds after clearing the last bag

- 1. Minimize latent period by quickly exploding to next bag
- 2. Avoid taking additional steps in between bags
- **3.** Feet are brought over the bags and not around the sides



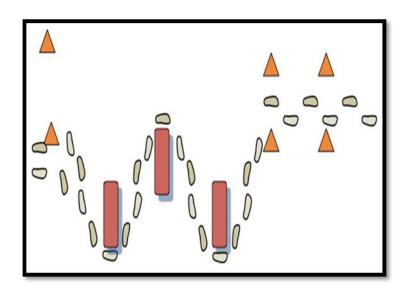
Bag Routine (3)

- **Objective:** develop range of motion of hips, knees, and ankles; Coordination and balance when accelerating, decelerating and changing direction
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. 3 bags placed 5 yards apart in a staggered line
 - 2. Starting line cone 5 yds from 1st bag
 - 3. End gates 5 yds from last bag

(1) Change of Direction

- Procedure:
 - 1. From starting cone, run forward to far side of bag
 - 2. Plant with outside foot and run forward to far side of the next bag
 - 3. Continue weaving pattern through rest of bags
 - 4. Finish the drill by sprinting 5 yds through end gates

- 1. Drive knees up
- 2. Drive arms opposite to direction of legs
- 3. Keep slight forward lean through drill
- 4. Only one step around each bag

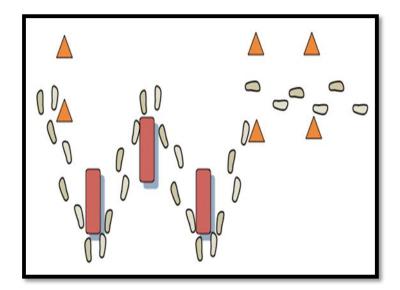


(2) Forward & backpedal

• Procedure:

- 1. From starting cone, backpedal to far end of first bag
- 2. Go into a forward sprint to the far end of the next bag
- 3. Continue pattern through rest of bags
- 4. Finish the drill by sprinting 5 yds through end gates

- 1. Stay low through drill
- 2. Keep weight on balls of feet for backpedaling
- 3. Avoid looking back for bags
- 4. Only one step around each bag

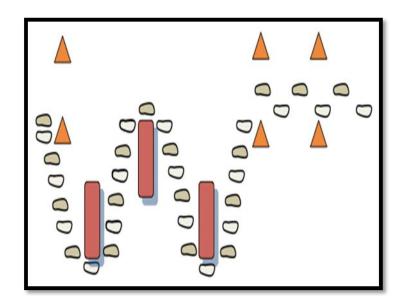


(3) Shuffle

• Procedure:

- 1. From starting cone, shuffle diagonally to far side of bag
- 2. Plant with outside foot and explode diagonally to far side of the next bag
- 3. Continue weaving pattern through rest of bags
- 4. Finish the drill by sprinting 5 yds through end gates

- 1. Stay low through drill
- 2. Avoid cross-over step
- 3. Only one step around each bag



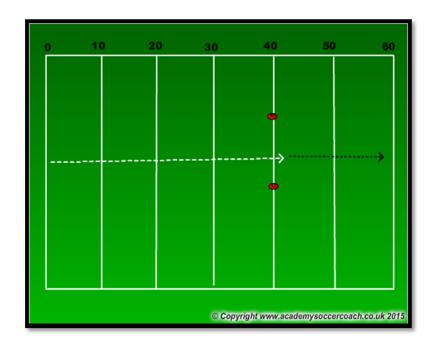
Build-Ups

- Objective: develop proper stride length and stride frequency
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. 60 yds long total
 - 2. Cones (finish line) at 40 yds

• Procedure:

- 1. Start by jogging from start line
- 2. Build-up speed so that max speed is attained by 40 yards
- 3. Gradually slow pace over last 20 yds

- 1. Avoid running at max speed after 40 yd finish line
- 2. Proper sprinting technique



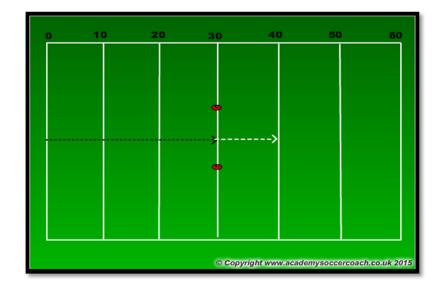
Flying 10s

- Objective: develop proper stride length and stride frequency
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. 60 yds long total
 - 2. Cones at 30 yd marker

• Procedure:

- 1. Start by jogging half speed
- 2. Build-up speed so that max speed is attained by 30 yds
- 3. Continue sprint at maximum velocity for 10 yds
- 4. Gradually decelerate for last 20 yds

- 1. Maximal sprint for entire 10 yds
- 2. Proper sprinting technique



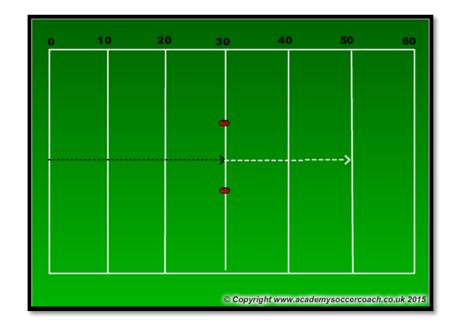
Flying 20s

- Objective: develop proper stride length and stride frequency
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. 60 yds long total
 - 2. Cones at 30 yd marker

• Procedure:

- 1. Start by jogging half speed
- 2. Build-up speed so that max speed is attained by 30 yds
- 3. Continue sprint at maximum velocity for 20 yds
- 4. Gradually decelerate for last 10 yds

- 1. Maximal sprint for entire 20 yds
- 2. Proper sprinting technique



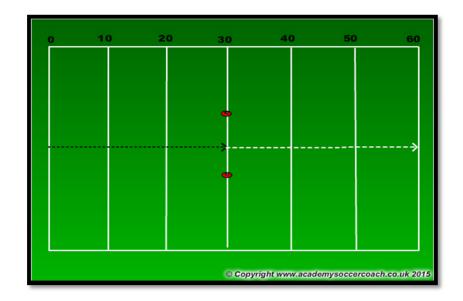
Flying 30s

- Objective: develop proper stride length and stride frequency
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. 60 yds long total
 - 2. Cones at 30 yd marker

• Procedure:

- 1. Start by jogging half speed
- 2. Build-up speed so that max speed is attained by 30 yds
- 3. Continue sprint at maximum velocity for 30 yds
- 4. Gradually decelerate at 60 yds

- 1. Maximal sprint for entire 30 yds
- 2. Proper sprinting technique



Form Starts

• **Objective:** Develop proper stride length, stride frequency and body position from a static start

• **Set** – **Up**:

- 1. 20 yds long
- 2. Cones at 0 yds, 10 yds, and 20 yds

• Procedure:

- 1. Place one foot directly behind start line
- 2. Place other foot 6-12 in. behind the heel of the lead foot and 2-4 in. to the inside of front foot
- 3. Hand opposite of lead foot is placed right behind start line
- 4. Other arm is extended behind body with bend at elbow
- 5. Hips sit higher than shoulders
- 6. Slight forward lean
- 7. Eyes focused 2-3ft in front of start line

- 1. Push off with both feet
- 2. Forward lean with head down during first 10 yds
- **3.** Gradually become more erect through last 10 yds
- **4.** Use this start for future speed drills



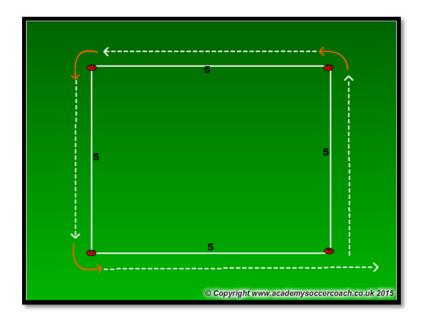
Four-Corner Drill

- **Objective:** Improve coordination, balance, acceleration, and deceleration when changing directions
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. 4 cones; 5 x 5 yd square grid

• Procedure:

- 1. Begin in form start position
- 2. Sprint forward to cone, plant with right foot and cut 90 degrees to move left
- 3. Sprint forward to next cone and repeat until back at the starting cone
- 4. Sprint through starting cone
- 5. Perform drill in opposite direction so you are planting with the left foot
- 6. Can also use shuffling and backpedaling in place of sprinting

- 1. Stay low when changing direction
- 2. Avoid using more than one step to change directions around cones
- 3. Keep head and eyes up; avoid looking for cones



Harness Routine

• **Objective:** develop proper body positioning during acceleration phase and minimize the time needed to attain maximum velocity

• **Set** – **Up**:

- 1. Attach harness around waist and attach back of harness to stationary object or have a coach hold
- 2. 60 yds long
- 3. 1 repetition = sprinting in place, sprinting 10 yds, jogging 10 yds, and sprinting 10 more yards

• Procedure:

- 1. In place, drive lead leg upwards so thigh is parallel to ground
- 2. Full extend trail leg at ankle, knee and hip
- 3. Drive arms in opposite direction of legs
- 4. Elbows should be at 90 moving forward, and fully extended moving backward
- 5. Arms swing parallel to body, not across
- 6. Slight forward lean

- 1. Maintain proper forward lean
- **2.** Monitor rest intervals



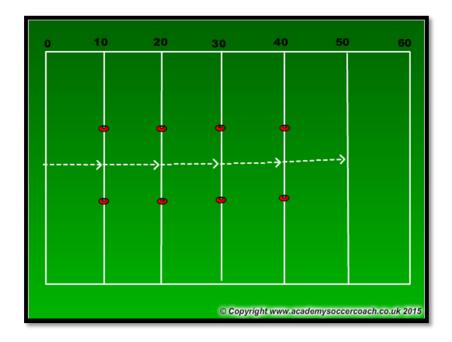
Hollow Sprints

- **Objective:** develop proper stride length and stride frequency, as well as explosive power
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. 60 yds long
 - 2. Cones at every 10 yds

• Procedure:

- 1. Jog for 10 yds
- 2. Sprint for 10 yds
- 3. Jog for 10 yds
- 4. Sprint for 10 yds
- 5. Jog for 10 yds

- 1. Smooth transition between running speeds
- 2. To decelerate, sit into a partial squat; do not stick chest out
- 3. Sprint at full speed for each interval before decelerating



Line Jump Routine (4)

- **Objective:** Develop range of motion in ankles, lower body strength, coordination, and balance when changing directions
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. Straight line on field or court

(1) Single Bunny Hop

Figure 10.1 Example

- Procedure:
 - 1. Stand at straight line
 - 2. Jump back and forth over line, moving forward, with one foot
 - 3. At halfway, switch feet without stopping
- Coaching Points:
 - 1. Stay as close to the line as possible
 - 2. Keep head up with eyes focused ahead
 - **3.** Perform backwards



(2) Double Bunny hop

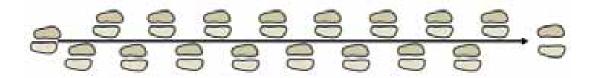
Figure 10.2 Example

• Procedure:

- 1. Stand on one side of the line
- 2. Jump with both feet back and forth over the line, moving forward

• Coaching Points:

- 1. Stay as close to the line as possible
- 2. Keep head up with eyes focused ahead
- **3.** Perform backwards



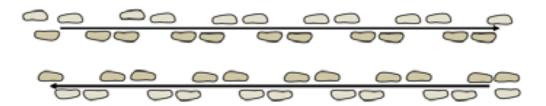
(3) Scissors

Figure 10.3 Example

• Procedure:

- 1. Stand with one foot on both sides of line
- 2. Shuffle back and forth across the line, moving forward

- 1. Stay as close to the line as possible
- 2. Keep head up with eyes focused ahead
- **3.** Perform backwards



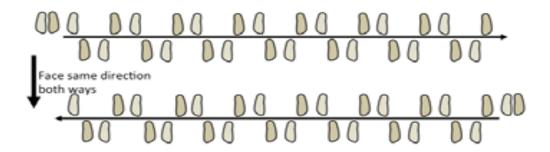
(4) Ali Shuffle

Figure 10.4 Example

• Procedure:

- 1. Stand on either side of the line
- 2. Right foot toe and left foot heel is on line
- 3. Moving laterally down line, switch feet while jumping in the air

- 1. Stay low to the ground while jumping
- 2. Keep head up while eyes focusing ahead
- 3. Shuffle to the right and left



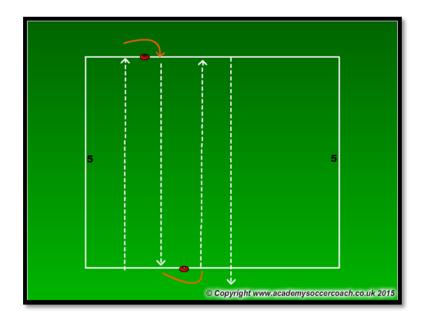
Nebraska Agility

- **Objective:** improve coordination, balance and acceleration when changing direction
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. 2 cones staggered 5 yds apart; use two straight lines on court or field

• Procedure:

- 1. Begin in form start position
- 2. Sprint forward to cone, and plant left foot to make a 180 right turn towards second cone
- 3. Sprint to second cone and plant right foot to make a 180 left turn
- 4. Sprint forwards 5 yds and touch the line
- 5. Backpedal across starting line

- 1. Stay low when changing directions and backpedaling
- 2. Avoid using more than one step to change direction
- 3. Touch the line with both hands before you backpedal



Position Starts

- **Objective:** develop proper stride length, stride frequency, and body position in static start
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. 10 yds long

• Procedure:

- 1. Begin in athletic stance (hips, knees and ankles slightly flexed with hands in front of body)
- 2. On cue, explode out of position in the designated direction

- 1. Stay in athletic stance until cue is given
- 2. Initial step out of stance should be powerful and explosive



Power Skips (2)

- **Objective:** develop explosive power in the lower body
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. 20 yds long

(1) For Distance

• Procedure:

- 1. High skip while driving the lead knee forward and upward, making a 90 degree angle
- 2. Land on take-off or trail leg (extended)

- 1. Take-off leg should reach triple extension at hip, knee and ankle
- 2. Goal is to skip as far as possible, not as high



(2) For Height

• Procedure:

- 1. High skip while driving the lead knee upward making a 90 degree angle
- 2. Land on take-off or trail leg (extended)
- 3. Try to achieve maximal height
- 4. Drive arms in opposite direction of legs

- 1. Take-off leg should reach triple extension at hip, knee and ankle
- 2. Goal is to skip as high as possible, not as far



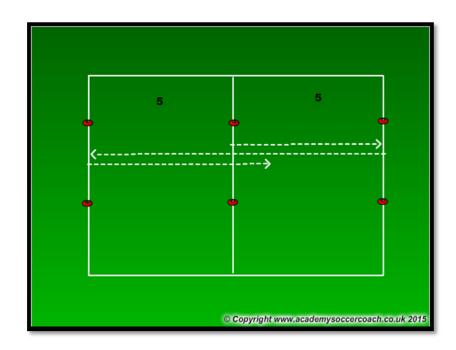
Pro-Agility

- **Objective:** Improve reaction time, coordination, balance and acceleration when changing direction
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. 10 yds long
 - 2. Middle line for starting position
 - 3. 2 cones, 5 yds from middle line, on both sides

• Procedure:

- 1. Begin in athletic stance straddling middle line
- 2. Sprint to right cone, touch it with right hand
- 3. Turn and sprint through middle line to opposite side cone, and touch with left hand
- 4. Sprint through middle line

- 1. Stay low when changing directions
- 2. Make sure to touch cones with corresponding hand

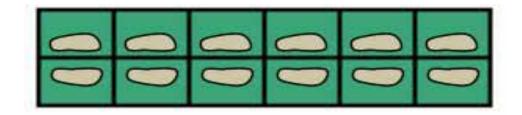


Rope or Ladder Routine (3)

- **Objective:** Develop range of motion of the hips, knees, and ankles; coordination and balance
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. Rope or ladder

(1) Every Hole

- Procedure:
 - 1. Run forward, stepping in every hole with each foot
 - 2. Drive knees upward for each step
 - 3. Drive arms in opposite direction of legs
 - 4. Slight forward lean
- Coaching Points:
 - 1. Right foot hits every hole on right side, left foot hits every hole on left side
 - 2. Head up with eyes focused ahead



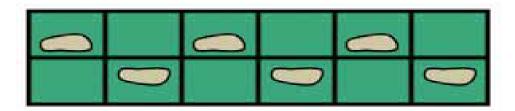
(2) Every Other Hole

• Procedure:

- 1. Run forward, stepping into every other hole with each foot
- 2. Drive knees upward for each step
- 3. Drive arms in opposite direction of legs
- 4. Slight forward lean

Coaching Points:

- 1. Right foot hits every other hole on right side, left foot hits every other hole on left side
- 2. Head up with eyes focused ahead

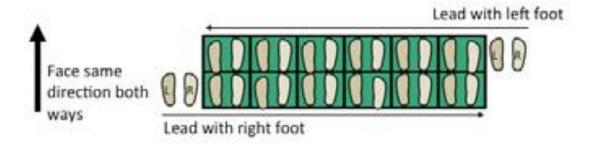


(3) Lateral Step

• Procedure:

- 1. Run laterally, stepping into every hole with each foot
- 2. Use only one side of the ladder for each direction
- 3. Drive arms in opposite direction of legs
- 4. Slight forward lean

- 1. Right foot hits every hole on right side, left foot hits every hole on left side
- 2. Head up with eyes focused ahead



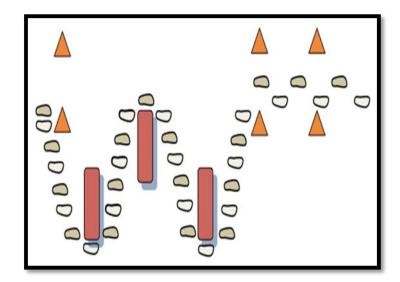
Shuffle Ladder

- **Objective:** Improve coordination, balance and strength in the adductors and abductors
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. 15 yds long
 - 2. Markers at every 5 yds
 - 3. Starting line at 5 yd line

• Procedure:

- 1. Begin in athletic stance straddling starting line
- 2. Shuffle to first line and touch with outside hand
- 3. Shuffle back to middle line and touch with outside hand
- 4. Shuffle to opposite side and touch with outside hand
- 5. Finish through the starting line
- 6. Repeat steps for distances:
 - A. 5-10-5 yds
 - B. 10-5-10 yds
 - C. 5-5-5 yds
 - D. 5-10-15 yds
 - E. 15-10-5 yds

- 1. Stay low when shuffling
- 2. Touch lines with outside hand



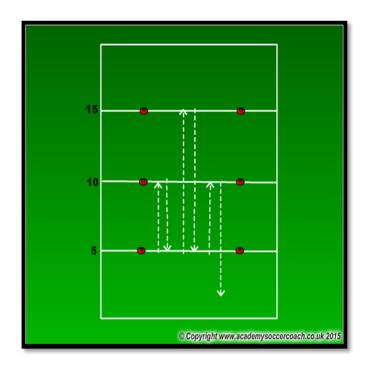
Sprint Ladder

- **Objective:** Improve coordination, balance, acceleration, and deceleration when changing directions
- **Set Up**:
 - 1. 15 yds long
 - 2. Cones at every 5 yds

• Procedure:

- 1. Begin in form start position
- 2. Sprint forward to first cone and touch with right hand
- 3. Turn and sprint back to starting line and touch with left hand
- 4. Repeat for 10 yd marker and 15 yd marker
- 5. Repeat steps for distances:
 - A. 5-10-5 yds
 - B. 10-5-10 yds
 - C. 5-5-5 yds
 - D. 5-10-15 yds
 - E. 15-10-5 yds

- 1. Stay low when changing directions
- 2. Avoid using more than one step to change direction
- 3. Keep turns sharp and avoid rounding turns



Three-Cone Drill

• **Objective:** improve coordination, balance, acceleration, and deceleration when changing directions

• **Set** – **Up**:

- 1. 3 cones at 5 yds apart, making a right triangle
- 2. Do not use middle cone as starting cone

• Procedure:

- 1. Begin in form start position
- 2. Sprint forward and plant right foot to make a 90 degree turn to the left
- 3. Sprint to far side of next cone, plant left foot and make a 180 degree turn to the right
- 4. Sprint back to middle cone, plant left foot to make a 90 degree right turn
- 5. Sprint through starting cone

- 1. Stay low when changing directions
- 2. Avoid using more than one step to change direction
- **3.** Keep head and eyes up; avoid looking for cones

