### **Hockey Practice Plan**

**Objectives:** To learn, practice and reinforce angles and defensive coverage

| Date:        |                       |  |  |  |
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| Practice #16 |                       |  |  |  |
| Level:       | 14-and-Under (Bantam) |  |  |  |
|              | 16-and-Under (Midaet) |  |  |  |

18-and-Under (Midget)

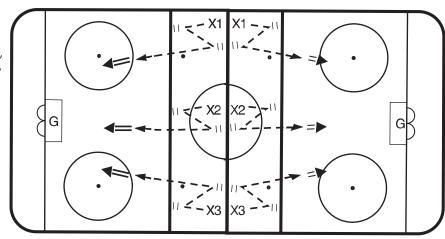
| Skill Work        | Team Play | Systems/Concepts          | Speed/Games Testing       |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Skating           | 1 on 1    | X Defensive Cov.          | Short Work - Quickness    |
| Puck Control      | 2 on 0    | Backcheck                 | Small Ice Modified Games  |
| Passing/Receiving | 2 on 1    | Forecheck                 | X Full Ice Modified Games |
| X Shooting        | 2 on 2    | Breakouts                 | FUN - Relay Contests      |
| X Stick Checking  | 3 on 1    | Entering Attack Zone      | Skills Testing            |
| X Body Contact    | 3 on 2    | Triangulation/Cycling     | Misc.                     |
| Goaltending       |           | Faceoffs                  |                           |
| Def./Forwards     |           | Power Play / Penalty Kill |                           |

| Time     | Drill   | Emphasis                                  |
|----------|---|---|
| 6 mins.  | 1. Warm-Up - various stretches; Stop and start long shots | Quick starts                              |
| 6 mins.  | 2. Pivot slap shots                                       | No big wind up, quick shot using legs     |
| 6 mins.  | 3. Create space and shoot                                 | Cut back up ice to buy time               |
| 10 mins. | 4. Defensive coverage - new situations                    | Puck moves up sideboards                  |
| 6 mins.  | 5. Forecheck angles with support                          | Force to boards, communication            |
| 6 mins.  | 6. Neutral ice angles with support                        | Force to boards, close gap, communication |
| 6 mins.  | 7. Defensive angles                                       | Inside out                                |
| 6 mins.  | 8. Showdown   | Competition                               |

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## Drill #1 — Warm-Up: Stop and Start Long Shots

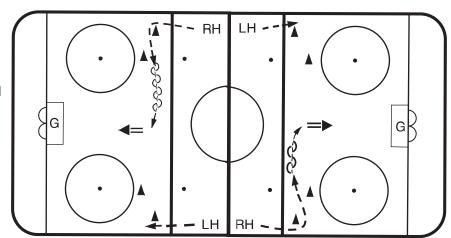
- X1 starts drill, skates to blue line and stops, goes back to red line and stops, then takes a long shot.
- X2 starts when X1 stops at red line.
- X3 does same pattern.



Notes/Comments: Quick starts and acceleration.

#### Drill #2 — Pivot Slap Shots

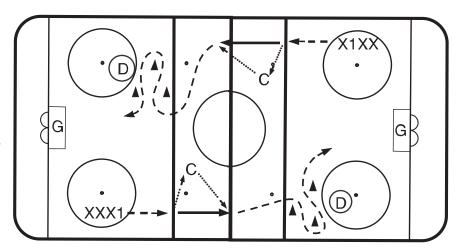
- Right-handed player skates with puck, pivot backwards and takes slap shot from middle of ice.
- Left-handed player starts after right-handed player has taken shot.



Notes/Comments: Full speed, then quick shot not a big wind up

#### Drill #3 — Create Space and Shoot

- X1 skates with puck, passes to coach and gets a return pass.
- X1 then approaches blue line imagining a defenseman (D).
- X1 crosses blue line, makes a move to the outside, then makes a sharp cut back up ice away from the defenseman.
- X1 then skates to middle of ice and takes shot.

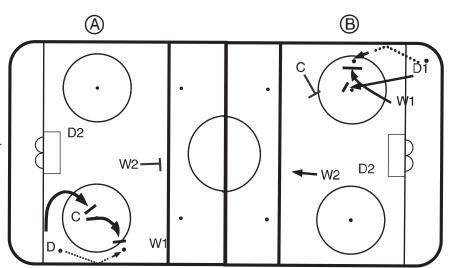


Notes/Comments: The sharp cut back up ice creates space, buying time for X1

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### Drill #4 — Defensive Coverage - New Situations

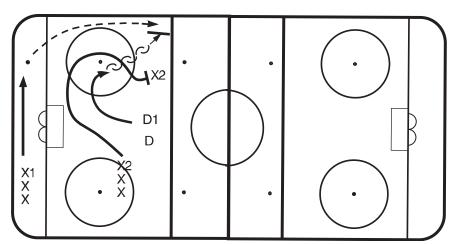
- A Wings on defensemen.
- C goes to play puck.
- D1 now supports center on sideboards.
- W1 and D2 stay.
- W2 may move towards defensemen slightly.
- B. Center on defensemen.
- W1 goes to play puck.
- D1 now supports W1 on sideboards.
- W2 moves to high slot.
- D2 stays and C may move back slightly.



# Drill #5 — Forecheck Angles With Support

- Coach starts by dumping puck in corner.
- X1 picks up puck and heads up ice (X1 may cut back if open).
- D1 skates in, pivots backward to support X2 and angle X1 to boards.

Options - D1 continues to support or X2 passes X1 and D1, D1 checks and pins X1 to boards, X2 then supports D1.

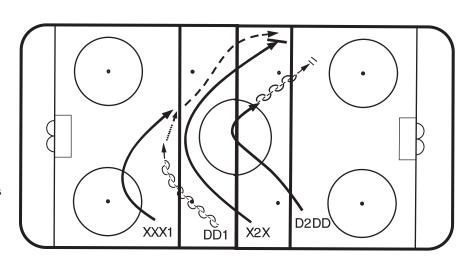


Notes/Comments: X2 and D1 must communicate. Do drill from both sides

## Drill #6 — Neutral Ice Angles With Support

- D1 skates backwards with puck and makes pass to X1 who swings to middle of ice.
- X2 and D2 move up to close gap.
- X2 angles X1 to boards.
- D2 pivots backward and supports X2. Stress communications.

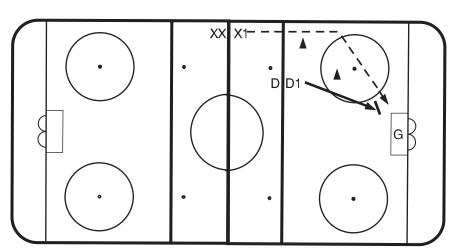
Options - X2 checks and pins X1 to boards while D2 supports. X2 passes to D2, X2 then supports D2.



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#### **Drill #7 — Defensive Angles**

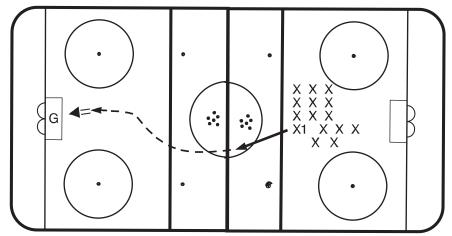
- X1 skates with puck to cone. When X1 gets to cone he/she drives to the net.
- D1 has skates facing up ice and is stationary.
- When X1 hits blue line, D1 makes a pivot turn to outside (facing X1) and skates to the net.
- X1 must deke goalie, D1 checks X1 when they meet.



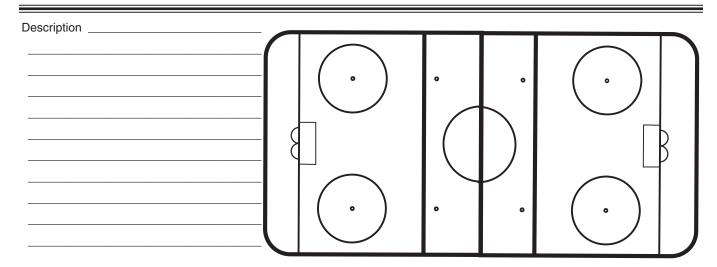
Notes/Comments: D1 must pivot and skate to the net. If D1 skates towards X1, D1 will never catch X1.

#### Drill #8 —Showdown

- Pucks at center ice. All players, except goalies, at one end.
- X1 picks up a puck at center ice and continues 1 on 0.
- If score, sit in referee's crease. If not, sit in players' bench.



Notes/Comments: Stress skating full speed and changing goaltenders' angles



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