

Coaching Better Every Day: Shaping the Future

Structuring Progressive Speed and Agility Training for Athletic Development and Sport Performance

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Session Objective

Equip coaches with the knowledge on structuring progressive speed and agility training based upon key scientific principles of quality movements and movements in sports



Key Outcomes

- Gain awareness and knowledge that leads to the proper execution of various multi-planar movement skills, which are relevant to athletic development and field/ court based sports.
- Provide relevant ideas and tools to expand your options and ability when structuring or coaching a progressive speed and agility program.
- Create an avenue for you to utilize speed and agility for fun and engagement when incorporating it into your training sessions.





1. Multi-Planar Movement Drills

 Coverage of multi-planar movement skills that are relevant to sport through static and basic movement drills

2. Dynamic Integration

• Integration of the multi-planar movement skills acquired in phase 1 to form 'change of direction' (COD) drills

3. Agility

 Introduction of chaos/ unpredictability into the movement drills via auditory or visual stimulus

Phase 1: Multi-Planar Movement Drills



- 1. No sudden reaction to a stimulus
- 2. Develop competency in acquiring the various movement skills

Static Drills

- Forward Braking
- Reverse Braking
- Lateral Braking
- Hip Turn

Movement Matrix

- Linear Run-out
- Back Pedal
- Position Jockey
- Reverse Jockey
- Side Shuffle
- Crossovers

COD Mechanics

- Plant Step
- Cut Step
- False Step/ Drop Step
- Crossover Step

COD Mechanics



Plant Step (Forward Braking)



Plant Step (Reverse Braking)



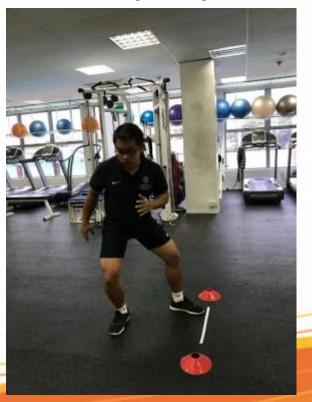
COD Mechanics



Cut Step (Lateral Braking)



Drop Step



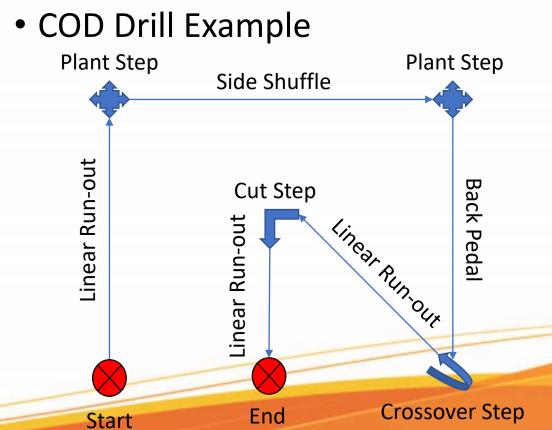
Crossover Step







- COD Drills that mimic movements in sport
- No sudden reaction to a stimulus
- Reinforce the acquired skills from phase 1
- Added dynamism and speed of movement



Phase 3: Agility



- Definition:
 - Rapid whole body movement with change of direction or speed in response to a stimulus
- Drill progression less unpredictability → more unpredictability
- Example:
 - Left-Right Reaction Drills (Y-Shaped Agility Test)
 - Straight Line Mirror Drills
 - Grid Mirror Drills
 - Open Play (Box Tag)



Better movement patterns → Reduced risk of injury → Increase player availability → Better performance



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