# Example Practice Plans

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## Agenda

- 6U-8U
- 10U
- 12U-14U

## Key Reminders

- Safety first!
- Plan too much and cut things out when you get on the field vs. plan too little and not have a plan for what to do next
- You should factor some time for stretching, which is not shown in these examples, typically after progressions and before any running
- Factor in time for water breaks by cutting short a particular drill or two

# 6U-8U

# Plan #1 – Intro to Throwing, Catching and Fielding, with a # of Games to Make it Fun

- 4:00-4:20 Progressions (Infield Drill B1) focus on fundamentals
- 4:20-4:30 Hit the Stuffie Game (Infield Drill B15)
- 4:30-4:40 Self-Toss Drill (Outfield Drill 1) no throw
- 4:40-5:00 Outfield Range Drill (Outfield Drill 2)
- 5:00-5:25 "Knock Out Game" (Infield Drill B14)
- 5:25-5:30 Relay Game (Running Drill 7)

#### Plan #2 – Hitting-centric Practice

- 4:00-4:20 No Glove / With Glove Drills (Infield Drills B3 and B4)
- 4:20-4:30 Combo Infield Progress Drill (Infield Drill B9)
- 4:30-4:45 Turned Back Drill (Outfield Drill 4) have multiple stations
- 4:45-5:15 Hitting Stations
- Station #1 Hitting Stick (away from field of play) 10 swings
- Station #2 Ball hit off tee into Bownet (away from field of play) 20 swings
- Station #3 Live coach pitch on field with each girl getting 5-10 swings
- Station #4 Marshmallow toss keep it fun
- 5:15-5:30 "Beat Me if You Can" Drill (Infield Drill B16)

#### Plan #3 – Add Scrimmage at End

- 4:00-4:20 Progressions (Infield Drill B1)
- 4:20-4:30 "W" Drill (Infield Drill B5)

4:30-4:40 Football Drill (Outfield Drill 6) – one coach on 1<sup>st</sup> base line and one on 3<sup>rd</sup> base line going into outfield

4:40-5:00 Zipper Game (Infield Drill B18)

5:00-5:30 Scrimmage with coach pitch (divide team in half, every player gets to bat at least twice)

#### Plan #4 – Mainly Focused on Running

- 4:00-4:20 No Glove / With Glove Drills (Infield Drills B3 and B4)
- 4:20-4:30 Simple March Drill (Running Drill 1)
- 4:30-4:40 Timing to 1<sup>st</sup> / Timing to 2<sup>nd</sup> (Running Drills 2 and 3)
- 4:40-5:00 What to Do at 1<sup>st</sup> Drill (Running Drill 9)
- 5:00-5:20 Beat Me if You Can Game (Running Drill 8)
- 5:20-5:30 Be Like Wall Game (Infield Drill B13)

## 10U

## Plan #1 – Focus on Fielding and Running

4:00-4:10 Progressions (Infield Drill B1)

4:10-4:15 Zipper (Infield Drill B18)

*Group 1 – outfield* 

Key goals is get girls to learn to start catching balls that are not hit to them

4:20-4:30 Self-toss and catch 5-10 each (Outfield Drill 1)

- 4:30-4:40 Zig Zags- 5 each (Outfield Drill 10)
- 4:30-4:50 Left to right then right to left range drill (Outfield Drill 2)

Groups 2 – infield

Key goals: (a) teach proper form for fielding grounders, including thumbs up/triangle/alligatoring/butt down; and (b) teach second base coverage between 2B and SS.

4:20-4:30	Infield progressions (Inf	ield Drill B3, B4 and A4)

4:30-4:40 Basic SS to 1<sup>st</sup> base progression (Infield Drill B6)

4:40-4:50 Who covers 2B drill with SS and 2B (Infield Drill B11)

Switch Groups

All Groups

5:20 - 5:30

Base running (Running Drill 2 and 3)

### Plan #2 – More Hitting Focused

- 4:00-4:10 Progressions (Infield Drill B1)
- 4:10-4:20 "W" Drill (Infield Drill B5)

4:20-4:30 Football Drill (Outfield Drill 6) – one coach on 1<sup>st</sup> base line and one on 3<sup>rd</sup> base line going into outfield

- 4:30-5:00 Hitting Stations
- Station #1 Hitting Stick (away from field of play) 10 swings
- Station #2 Ball hit off tee into Bownet (away from field of play) 20 swings
- Station #3 Live coach pitch on field with each girl getting 5-10 swings

5:00-5:30 Scrimmage with coach or girl pitch (divide team in half, every player gets to bat at least twice)

# Plan #3 – Focus on Throwing and Catching Accuracy

- 4:00-4:10 Progressions (Infield Drill B1)
- 4:10-4:30 3x3 Drill (Infield Drill I14)
- 4:30-4:55 Infield Cross Drill (Infield Drill I1)
- 5:00-5:20 "Beat Me if You Can Game" (Running Drill 8)
- 5:20-5:30 Relay Game (Running Drill 7)

#### Plan #4 – Game Scenarios

4:00-4:20	Infield progressions (Infield Drill B3, B4, A3 and A4)
4:20-4:40	Infield Crossfire Drill (Infield Drill I1)
4:40-5:00	Outfield Relay Drill (Outfield Drill 11)
5:00-5:15	Wait Wait Go Drills (Running Drills 10a/10b)
5:15-5:30	Hold the Runner to a Single Drill (Outfield Drill 12)

# 12U-14U

### #1 – Focus on Infield and Outfield

- 4:00-4:10 Progressions (Infield Drill B1)
- 4:10-4:15 ... with Outfield Safety Stop (Outfield Drill 7)
  - ... with Outfield Crow Hop (Outfield Drill 8)
- 4:20-4:25 Zipper (Infield Drill B18)
- Group 1

4:15-4:20

- 4:30-4:40 Star Drill (Infield Drill I5)
- 4:40-4:50 Expanding 4 Corners Drill (Infield Drill 11)
- 4:50-5:00 Infield Loop Drill (Infield Drill 113)
- Group 2
- 4:30-4:40 Drop Step Drill (Outfield Drill 5)
- 4:40-4:50 Quarterback Drill (Outfield Drill 15)
- 4:50-5:00 Two Cone Drill (Outfield Drill 16)
- [then switch groups]
- 5:30-5:45

Stretching a Single to a Double Drill (Running Drill 14)

## #2 – Hitting and Running Focused Practice

- 4:00-4:10 Progressions (Infield Drill B1)
- 4:10-4:20 W Drill (Infield Drill B5)
- 4:20-4:30 3x3 Drill (Infield Drill 114)
- 4:30-4:40 Timing to 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Base Drills (Running Drills 2 and 3)
- 4:40-4:50 Overthrow at 1<sup>st</sup> Base Drill (Running Drill 12)
- 4:50-5:10 Stretching a Single to a Double Drill (Running Drill 14)
- 5:10-6:00 Hitting Stations, use Bownets and Whiffle Balls, as well as Batting Cage
  - One Knee Drill (Hitting Drill 7) with whiffle
  - Walk Through (Hitting Drill 11) into BowNet
  - Batting Cage(s)

#### #3 – Game Scenarios

- 4:00-4:20Infield progressions (Infield Drill B3, B4, A3 and A4)4:20-4:40Infield Crossfire and Bunt Drill (Infield Drill A1)4:40-5:00Outfield Relay Drill (Outfield Drill 11)5:00-5:15Wait Wait Go Drills (Running Drills 10a/10b)5:15-5:30Hold the Runner to a Single Drill (Outfield Drill 12)
- 5:30-6:00 Scrimmage with Live Pitching