2014 PCR 1st and 2nd Grade Group Practice Plans

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Equipment Needed for each Practice

- 6 tees 2 per field
- 3 buckets of flexi balls 15-20 balls per bucket (45 60 balls total)
- As many age appropriate bats as possible
- 15 helmets 5 per field
- 12 buckets of pickle balls 4 buckets per field, 12 balls per bucket (144 pickle balls total)
- Multiple parental volunteers

Monday April 28, 2014, 6:00 p.m. - Practice 1 - Hitting

Group Throwing for 20 minutes

- Throwing mechanics
 - Stepping towards target
 - o Front shoulder points to target
 - o Releasing out front
 - o Following through
 - o Throw to the chest
 - Catching
 - Watch the ball all the way to the glove
 - Catch the ball out front
 - Don't step away from the ball
- Throwing Progression
 - Standing straddle toss
 - o Regular catch

Hitting

- Basics 10 minutes
 - Stance
 - Grip on bat
 - Location of hands
 - Bat angle
 - Placement in the box
 - Alignment of feet
 - Swing
 - Keeping head down
 - Swinging hard through the ball
 - Finishing the swing
- Stations 3 stations, 15 minutes each
 - o Tees
 - 2 tee stations with other kids shagging
 - Short Toss with pickles
 - 2 groups throwing pickles
 - Live Hitting
 - 1 hitter, 1 on deck, rest shagging

Saturday May 3, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – Practice 2 – Fielding & Base Running

Group Throwing for 20 minutes – Review mechanics before starting

- Throwing mechanics
 - Stepping towards target
 - o Front shoulder points to target
 - o Releasing out front
 - Following through
 - o Throw to the chest
 - Catching
 - Watch the ball all the way to the glove
 - Catch the ball out front
 - Don't step away from the ball
- Throwing Progression
 - Standing straddle toss
 - o Regular catch

Fielding

- Basics 10 minutes
 - o Ready position
 - o Dodger step
 - o Getting in front of the ball
 - o Glove in the dirt
 - o Use 2 hands
 - Bend knees
 - o Charging slow rollers
- Stations 2 stations, 15 minutes each
 - o 4 lines of fielding and throwing back to 2 coaches rolling the balls
 - o 2 lines with 1 coach rolling the balls and throws to a coach at first base

Base Running

- Basics 5 minutes
 - o Run hard all the way through first base
 - Cannot run through 2nd or 3rd base, but run hard all the way to it
 - o Pop flies cannot run until the ball hits the ground
 - With 2 outs always run right away
- Stations 2 stations, 8 minutes each
 - Home to 1st multiple times
 - \circ Home to 2^{nd} and 2^{nd} to home

Saturday May 10, 2014, 8:15 a.m. - Practice 3 - St. Croix Valley Baseball Clinic

Location: Firehall Field Registration: 8:15-9:00 a.m. Clinic: 9:00-12:00



Monday May 12, 2014, 6:00 p.m. - Practice 4 - Hitting

Group Throwing for 20 minutes

- Throwing Progression
 - o Standing straddle toss
 - o Regular catch

Hitting

- Basics review 5 minutes
 - Stance
 - Grip on bat
 - Location of hands
 - Bat angle
 - Placement in the box
 - Alignment of feet
 - o Swing
 - Keeping head down
 - Swinging hard through the ball
 - Finishing the swing
- Stations 3 stations, 20 minutes each
 - o Tees
 - 2 tee stations with other kids shagging
 - o Short Toss
 - 2 groups throwing pickles
 - o Live Hitting
 - 1 hitter, 1 on deck, rest shagging

Saturday May 17, 2014 - Practice 5 - Situations

Group Throwing for 15 minutes

- Throwing Progression
 - Standing straddle toss
 - o Regular catch

Situation

- Stations 3 stations, 17 minutes each
 - o Defense
 - Defensive infield situations
 - o Hitting
 - Tees and Short Toss
 - o Base Running
 - Running the bases in a game like scenario