

MOUNTIE THE MIDDLE



OBJECTIVE

To improve defensive tracking in a fun game-like environment.

GAMESETUP

Space Needed Equipment Needed

Sug. Time Allocation Group Size

10 x 10 metre grids Cones, Rugby Balls (1 Per Group), Flag Belts 10 minutes

Any Group Size (Small Groups of 4-6)

LTAD STAGES

FII Ages: 6-8 / Grades: 2-3

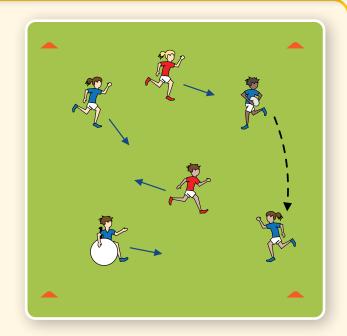
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FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS

- Agility
- Passing
- Catching
- Pulling

HOW TO PLAY

- 1 Create 10 x 10 grids and place 4-6 players inside each with one rugby ball.
- 2 One to two players in each grid are the Mounties (defence) and the other 3-4 players are on offence.
- The attacking players work as a team with the objective of successfully completing 10 passes without getting caught by the Mounties.
- 4 The Mounties' goal is to pull the flag of a player holding the ball before they can pass to a teammate.
- 5 After the attacking team completes 10 passes in a row, change the Mounties to other players so that everyone gets a chance to defend.
- 6 A dropped pass or flag pull resets the passing count.



MODIFICATIONS

If the Mounties are having trouble capturing the attacking team, make the grid smaller or slow down the speed of play by having players walk.

EXTENSIONS

- 1 Enforce rules on the attacking team that they can only complete rugby-style passes.

 No overhead (soccer or football) passes allowed.
- 2 Limit the attacking team to only lateral and backwards passes.

CHECK & CORRECT

Encourage players to take proper flag pulling form including a low body position, close positioning to the target, and tracking a player's hips.

