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A - Skating Technique Video Demonstrations:

Skating is and always will be the most important foundational skill. I remember coaching a player at university who scored 81G 81his last season in major junior (I think he still has the pp goals record) and he wasn't even invited to one NHL camp because they didn't think he skated well enough and he was on the small side. So you might have all the other skills and great game intelligence but the first thing you need is to be a great skater.

Skating technique demo. Kai. The slides are in Finnish but anyone can understand the demo's of good technique by the Finnish coach. Kai mentions he has an English translation but I can't find it on the site. Maybe you can submit it Kai.

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Hal Tarse from Minnesota Hockey moderates a 30 minute video with exercises for good skating technique.

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A1 Going Back for a Loose Puck

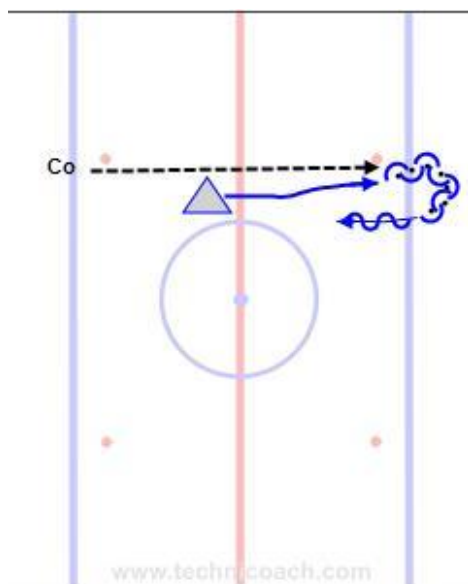
Key Points:

Head on a swivel looking before you get the puck. Line up the puck and pick it up as you start turning.

Description:

When a player goes back for a loose puck they need to shoulder check to see where the open ice is. They should turn just as they are getting to the loose puck and have it on the stick as they are turning as opposed to getting the puck and then turning. The coach is a former NHL defenseman.

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A1 Introduction to Balance on Ice and the Sideway Motion of Skating

Key Points:

We walk and run with a front to back movement of our legs. Skating is a foreign movement because it is side to side. Gaston uses balls and pucks to introduce beginners to the side to side weight transfer. Dr. Gaston Schaeffer introduces this unnatural movement along with proper skating posture with a sequence of exercises using balls, pucks, hurdles, etc. The entire sequence is shown on the video cards in the Hockey Coaching ABC practice video folder on the site. It is with older players and the new video at the bottom is young players with the balls and pucks. (big guy in red and white is Dany Heatley when he was playing for Wisconsin) The video cards are at.

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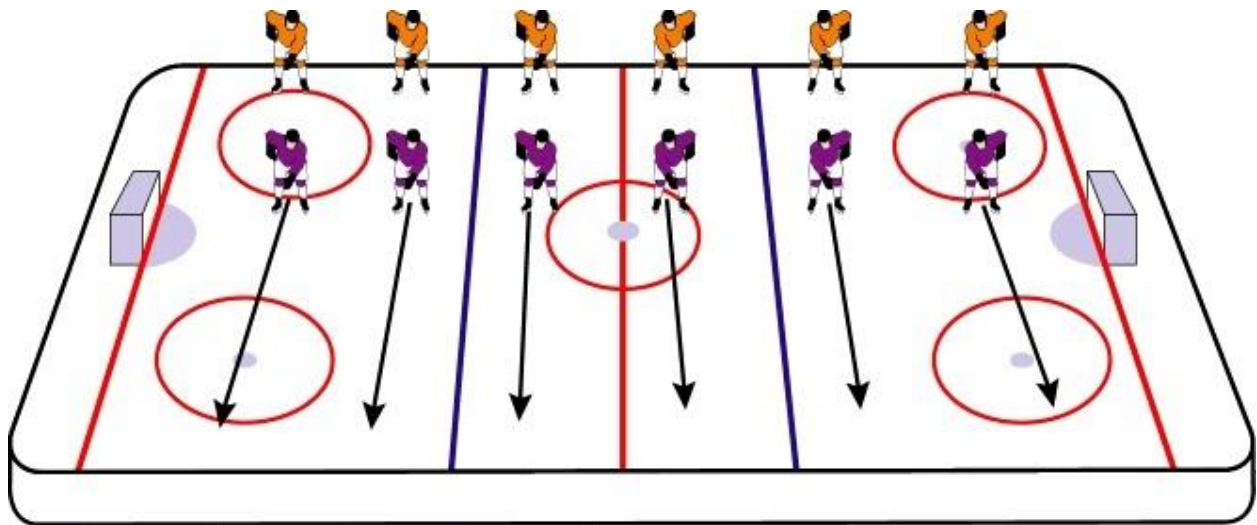
Description:

- Walk across the ice.
- While standing on the same spot, try and bend the body in all possible positions.
- Walk to a puck, bend over, pick up the puck, return to starting point and repeat.
- While standing try to stand on 1 foot, then the other.
- Walk and then glide on 2 feet.
- Take a puck in your hand and throw it ahead of you; go to it; pick it up and repeat the exercise until you have crossed the width of the rink.
- Walk on the ice.
- The coach spreads pucks all around on the other side of the ice. Walk to where the pucks are, by stepping over the sticks laid on the ice. See how many pucks you can collect.
- Put hurdles on the ice (24-28"/60-70 cm in height) get the skaters to pass under hurdles to go and collect the pucks (this forces them to bend the knees).
- Combine the going over the sticks and under the hurdles, to provide a new challenge.
- Introduce the tennis ball. Start by having skaters pass the ball from hand to hand while walking across the width of the arena.
- Try to do the same thing while skating backwards for a short period of time (to prevent boredom and frustration).
 - Develop the glide by trying to pass the ball from hand to hand as you stride.
- Introduce the bouncing of the ball while walking or gliding across the ice.
- Skate across the ice skating under and over hurdles of different height ranging from 4-28"/10-70 cm.
- Skate backwards by passing the ball from hand to hand.
- Skate backwards by trying to move a puck between your feet.
- Skate forward by passing a puck between your feet.
- Skate forward passing the puck between your feet and the ball from hand to hand.
- Skate while passing the puck from 1 foot to the other.
- Skate while bouncing the ball from hand to hand at the same time as you move from 1 foot to the other.
- Skate, passing the ball from hand to hand as you skate from 1 foot to the other.
- Skate, passing the puck between the feet and the ball from hand to hand while skating forward.
- Same exercise as above but backwards.
- Put up some hurdles – try to jump over (4"/10 cm) some and slide under others (16"/40 cm).
- To increase the level of difficulty, add low hurdles, asking the skaters to first step over them while bouncing the ball on the ice.
- Spread pucks around the ice – the players move around the ice and pick up the pucks by bending their knees and keeping a straight back. They then put the pucks into the puck bag. This activity works on the

proper skating posture and balance.

- Skate forward and hop over a low hurdle then, as quickly as possible, turn around and catch the ball thrown by a teammate or coaching assistant.
- Same as above but upon landing turn around in the opposite direction.
- Skate forward and hop over the hurdle, then fall in a roll – get up, turn around and catch the ball.
- Same exercise but the other direction (turning around the other way).
- Jump over a hurdle, crouch under the next hurdle then do a slalom around 5 pylons on 1 foot, then jump over the last hurdle and catch the ball as you jump.
- Repeat the same exercise but doing the slalom on the opposite foot.
- Skate forward and stop – as you stop, you will catch the ball thrown to you at the same time as the command.
- Skate backwards – at the command turn around as your the partner throws the ball for you to catch.
- Same exercise but turn around the other way.

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A2-3-200-300 Skating Technique from Finland

Key Points:

Good posture with the knees over the toes and shoulders no farther than the knees. Use all of the edges both forward and backward. Skating is a sideways motion with a quick recovery. The four videos focus on exercise for balance, edges, proper stride, turning, stopping, starting.

Description:

Video 1 – forward stride, balance position and edges.

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Video 2 – edges, forward, backward, tight turns.

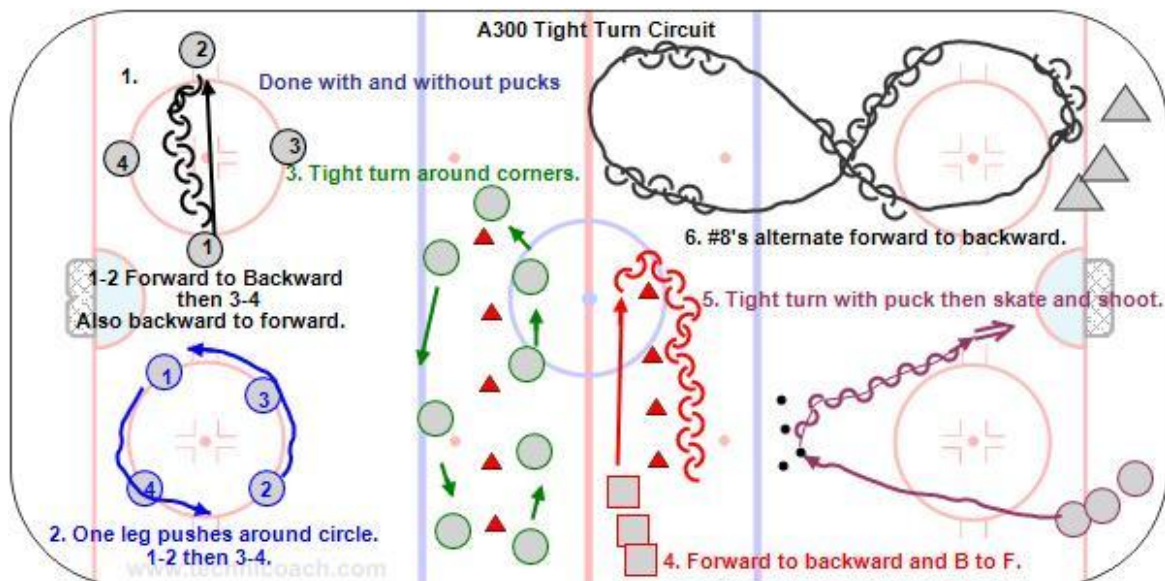
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Video 3 – backward skating, edges, stride, turn, stop.

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Video 4 – transition pivots, tight turns, skating with the puck, forward and backward turning.

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A2 Puck Dog and Pass Dog

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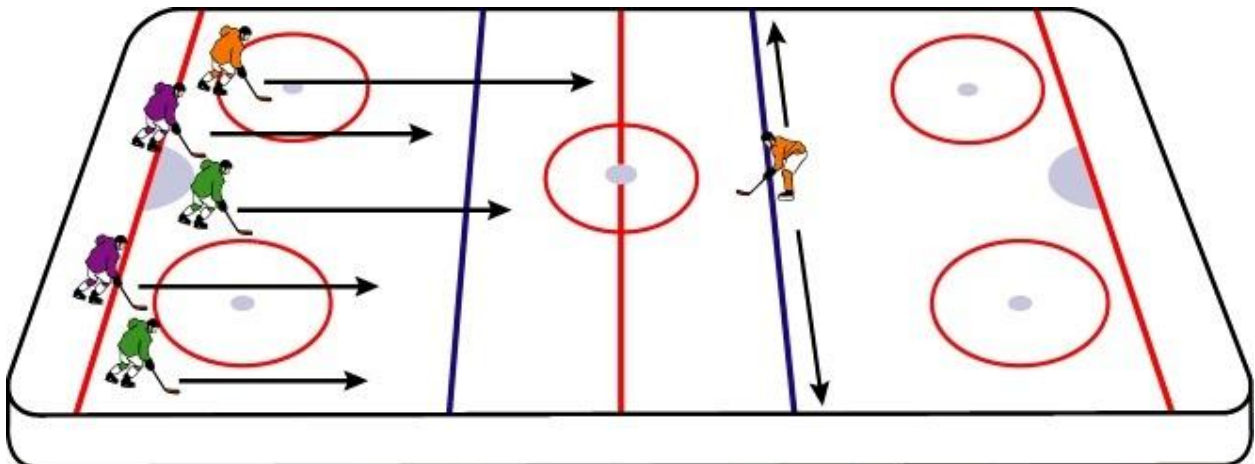
Encourage the players to use moves and fakes, change of pace and to protect the puck.

Description:

This game has the players line up at the end of the rink in the A2 formation. Each player has a puck. One player (who is 'it') is at the blue line and calls out 'British Puck-dog.' The players stickhandle the puck, trying to get to the end without being checked. If a player loses the puck, she becomes 'it' and is in the middle checking. The last player with a puck wins.

Another option is Pass Dog where partners must make at least one pass in each zone and get to the other end without losing the puck.

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C2 Backward Skating Tag Game-Jursi

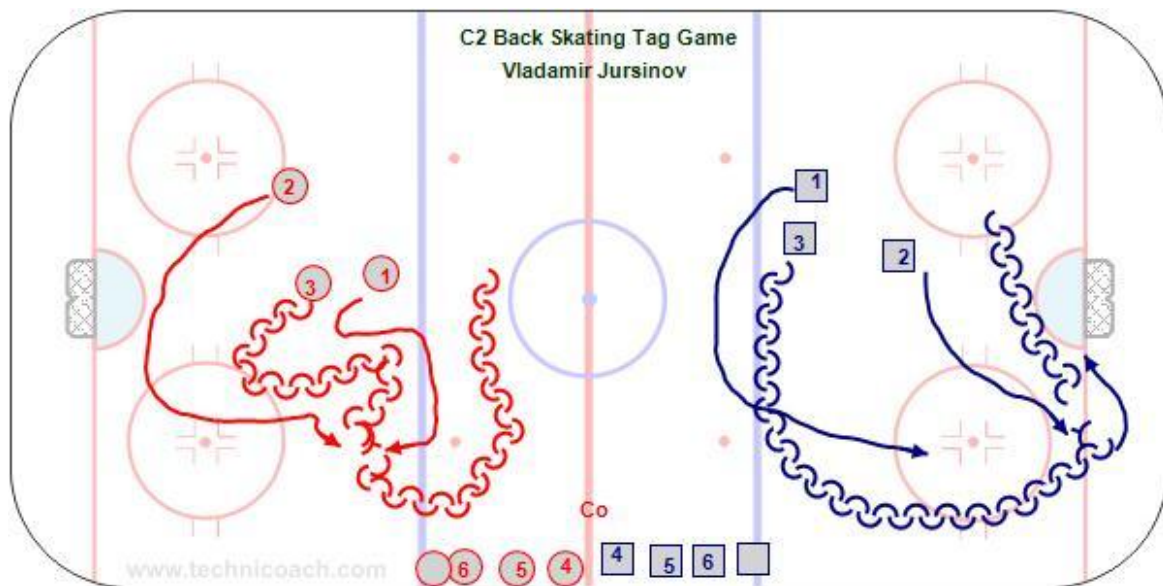
Key Points:

Backward acceleration, fakes, tight turns, back striding.

Description:

1. Players line up in the neutral zone.
2. Start with 1 and 2 skating forward chasing 3 who is skating backward.
3. When tagged #3 now becomes a chaser and whoever tagged him skates backward.
4. Go about 15 seconds.
5. The next three players repeat.

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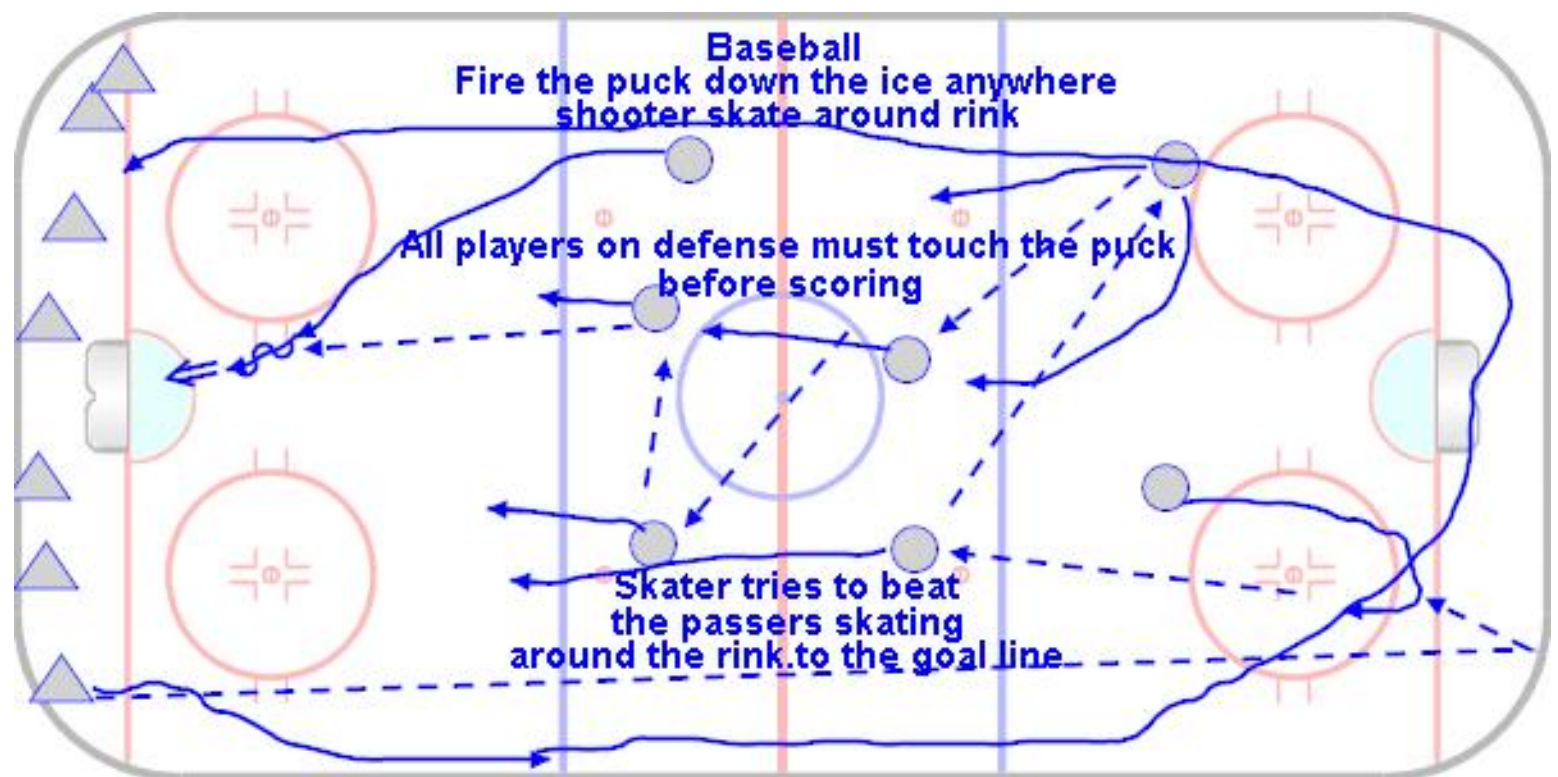
A2 Baseball

Key Points:

Players must figure out the quickest way to pass the puck around the ice and give close support. Young players love this game.

Description:

1. Half the players are on one team below the goal line and half are in the field scattered around the ice.
2. A player on the team below the goal line fires the puck anywhere.
3. The player who shot the puck now skates as fast as he can around the rink and must cross his goal line before the defending team score.
4. All the players on the defending team must touch the puck and the last player score a goal before the skating player gets over the goal line.
5. Three outs and the other team goes into the field.



A2 Chocktow and Tight Turns

Key Points:

Go front to back on an arc using the Chocktow pivot and then do a tight turn each way before going to the next dot.

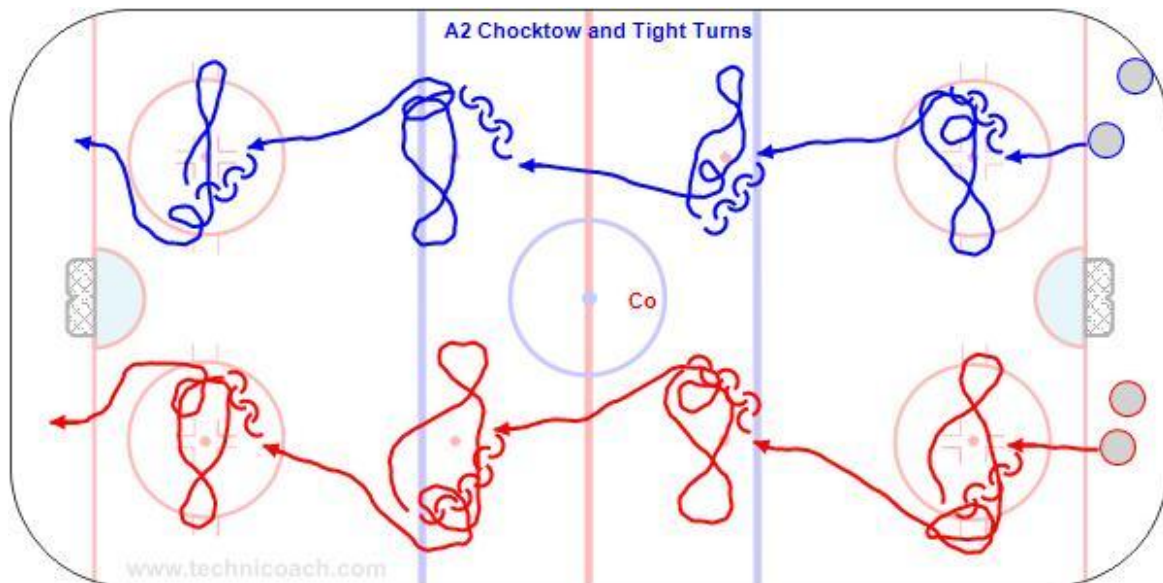
Description:

1. Leave skating forward from behind the goal line.
2. Before each dot do this sequence.
3. Chocktow pivot front to back.
4. Open up facing forward and turn.
5. Tight turn one way.
6. Tight turn the other direction.
7. Alternate which side you do the first Chocktow turn.

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Demonstration of the Chocktow front to back pivot.

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A2 Crossover-Pivots-Balance U18

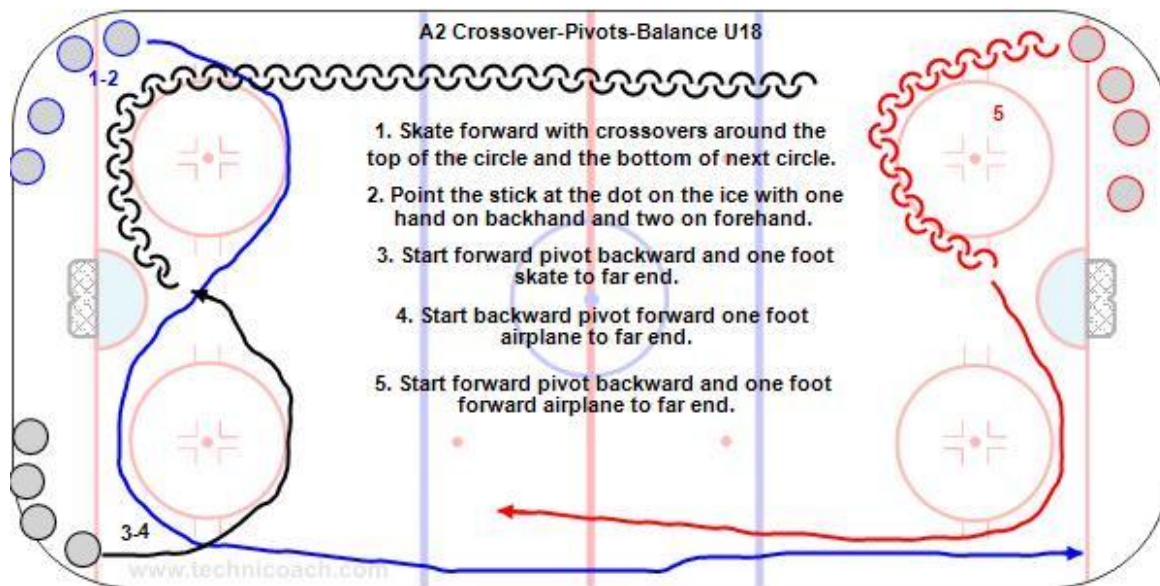
Key Points:

Balance position with as much blade on the ice as possible. Turn and pivot with balance. In forward skating turn with upper body facing the turn direction. Use a chocktow turn front to back.

Description:

1. Skate forward with crossovers around the top of the circle and the bottom of next circle.
2. Point the stick at the dot on the ice with one hand on backhand and two on forehand.
3. Start forward pivot backward and one foot skate to far end.
4. Start backward pivot forward one foot airplane to far end.
5. Start forward pivot backward and one foot forward airplane to far end.

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A2 Defensive Back Skating

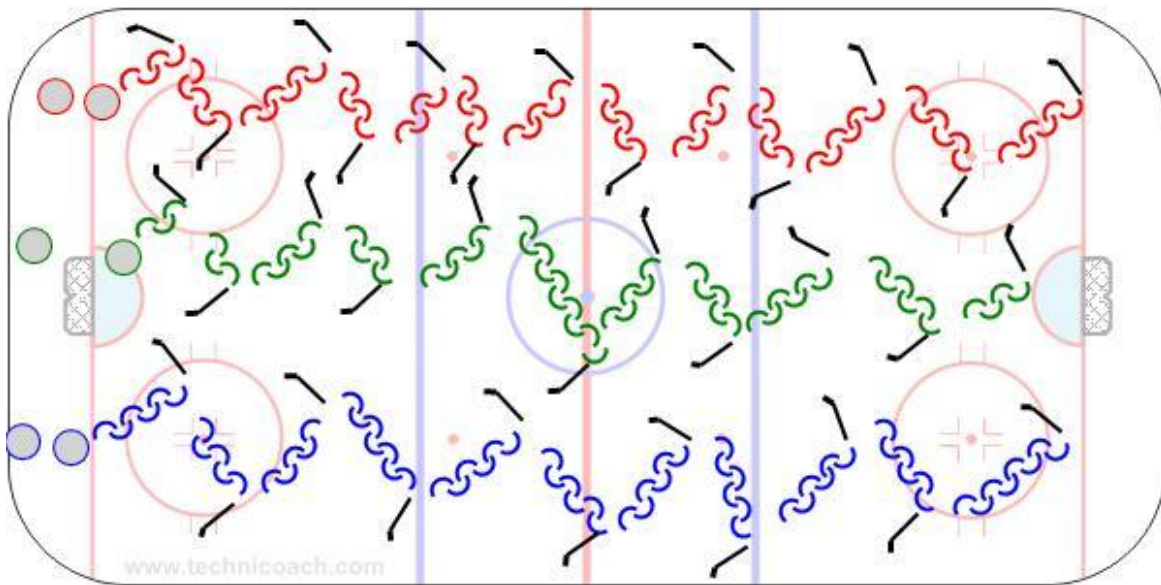
Key Points:

All the players including the goalies do this. Zig zag back keeping good posture and practice reaching with a poke check with the knees bent and the back straight.

Description:

1. Players start in 3 lines at one end of the ice.
2. Skate backward 3 or 5 strides in a zig-zag pattern from one side to the other.
3. Keep the elbow back to hide the reach of the stick and then extend the stick at the finish of each repetition.

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A2 Forward Stride Mechanics Taught by Dr. Gaston Schaeffer

Key Points:

Be in a balanced position with a good knee bend. Use as much blade as possible. To start fall forward and push back the first few strides and then skate with a sideways push. The arms move opposite the legs in a back and forth motion never causing the upper body to over rotate. Lead with the head up and chest forward.

Description:

I have put together various videos of Dr. Gaston Schaeffer teaching skating. Gaston has a Doctorate in Body Mechanics and taught at University in Switzerland where he was the Swiss figure skating Champion and followed that being feature skater for Ice Capades and Holiday on Ice where he toured the world. He met his wife while touring and they had a girl and a boy. Gaston was the Olympic figure skating coach for Switzerland as well as in charge of fitness for their speed skating team. He worked with Juhani Wahlsten in Davos when Juuso was coaching there.

Gaston Junior demonstrates the forward stride. He is one of the most powerful skaters I have seen. He suffered a major injury at 18 and stopped playing but his technique is perfect.

The video goes in this order.

1. Gaston talking about the mechanics of the forward stride while I film him on my deck.
2. Gaston and his son doing an on ice demonstration with Gaston describing the important points of the stride.
3. Gaston leads a group through a forward skating and balance warm up.
4. Gaston teaching that group the mechanics of the forward stride starting with the long stride first, then the start and the medium length stride.
5. Gaston leading a U17 skills group. Dany Heatley came and skated with them that day. He had just won the NHL Rookie of the Year. He came as a favour to me to say hi and skate about 15 minutes but because we did transition games all practice he stayed and played and did the skating as well (he has a black sweatsuit and hat on).

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A2 Gaston Forward and Back Skating and Transition Turn

Key Points:

Be in a strong athletic position with the knees bent, seat down, shoulders no farther forward than the knees and the head up. The skating stride starts with a fall and about 3 forward pushes and then it is a sideways motion. When skating backwards stride sideways and don't turn the heel to the inside. Replace the Mohawk turn with the much more efficient Transition Turn.

Description:

Gaston Schaeffer leads a group of 12-14 year old girls and boys. They cover:

1. Forward long stride.
2. Forward medium stride.
3. Quick start.
4. Basic backward stride and starting.
5. Transition turn from front to back that is much more efficient than the Mohawk Turn.

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There are other videos of Gaston teaching turning, stopping and these strides. Gaston talks about the skating stride.

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Picture is of Gaston and Gaston Jr. At a hockey camp in Winfield B.C.



A2 Neutral Zone Overspeed

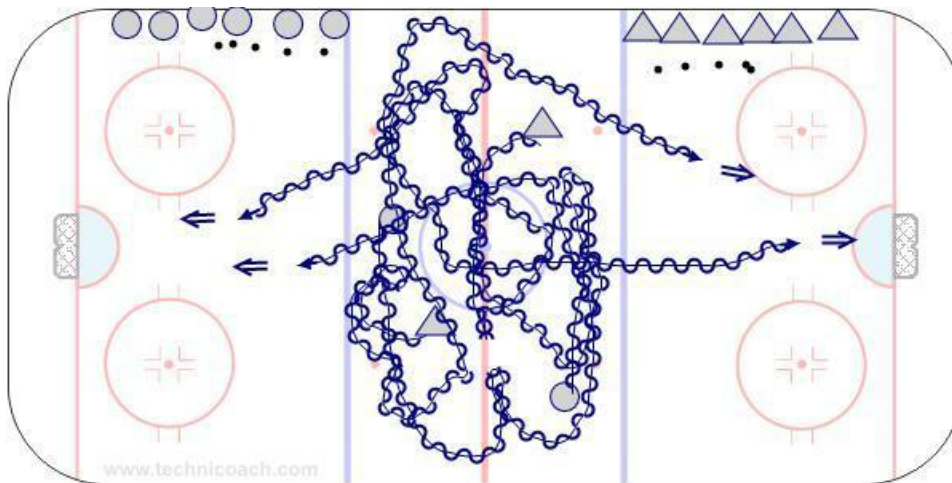
Key Points:

It is important to do some overspeed training where players skate and do all the skills at a top speed. Go as fast as you can or faster. If no players fall down it means they aren't pushing the envelope. If they all fall down then they aren't good skaters.

Description:

Players wait outside the neutral zone against the boards. On the whistle two players from each line carry the puck doing moves for 8" and on the next whistle skate hard to take a shot on net. Stress that they shoot while skating at top speed like Ovechkin. While the first group leaves the second group skates with a puck in the middle. Follow the shot, look for rebounds. You could add a give and go with the group ahead and a one timer or other situation at full speed. Whistle every 8 seconds.

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A2 Russian Puck-Handling Warm-up with Shots

Key Points:

This can be done every time players go on the ice to expand their muscle memory. The point of these exercises is to increase the size of the reach with the stickhandling moves, and to separate the upper and lower body.

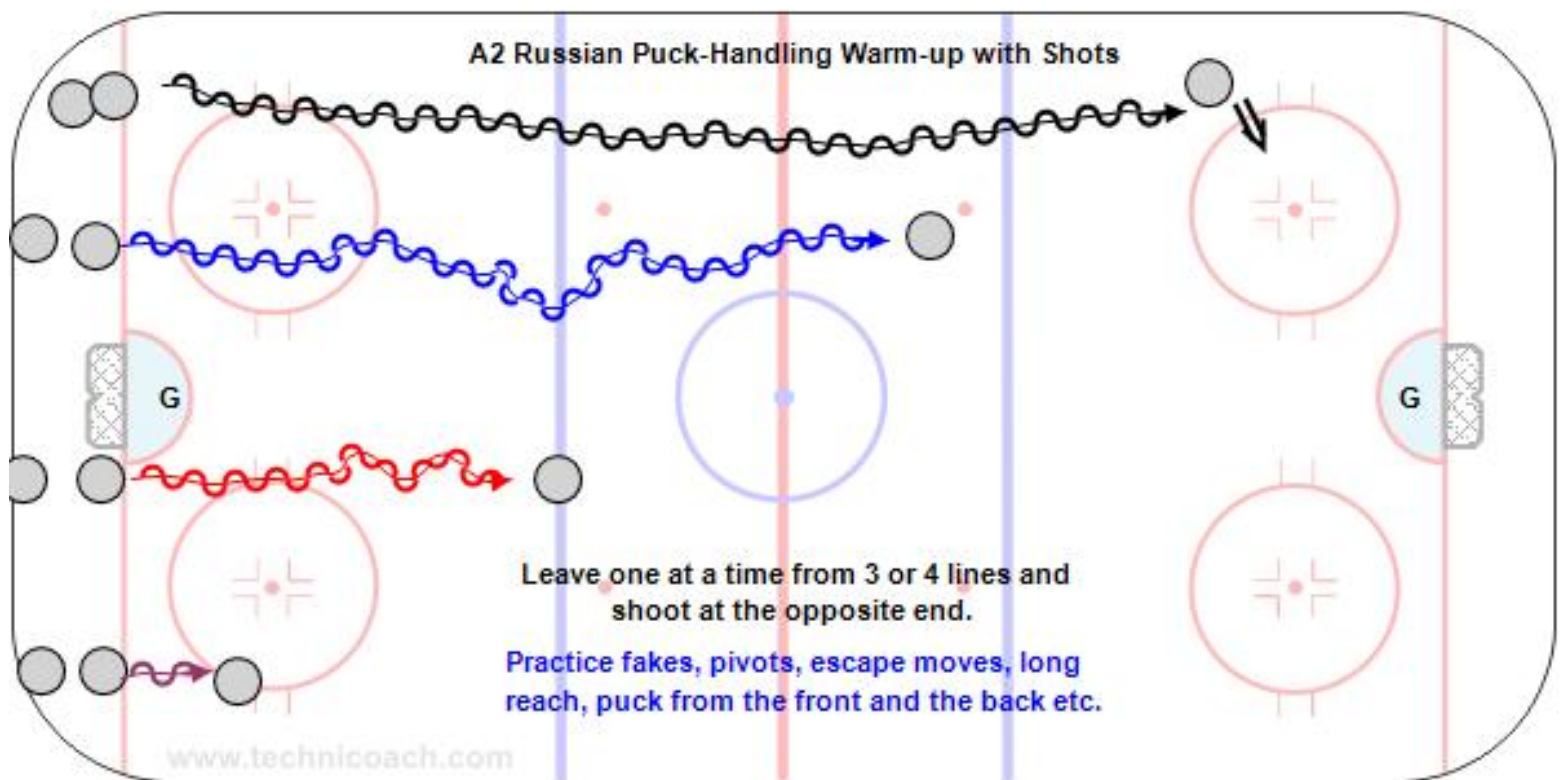
This is one of the most important exercises a player can do to develop puck handling skills. All the moves can also be practice off ice with various kinds of balls and pucks.

Description:

- From the A2 formation, players skate down the ice in 3 or 4 groups; practice big moves with the puck. One player leave and the next player go when he/she gets past the top of the circle. Finish with a shot from your lane no closer than the hash marks.
- . Go one way then the other and do a different skill each time.
- Reach forward while down on 1 knee, reach back as far as you can.
- Give the puck forward and take it back with the toe of the stick.
- Place hands close together and reach sideways each way as far as possible.
- Practice head fakes and shoulder drops, and move the puck quickly to the other side of your body.
- Do high step-overs, when you step with your right foot to the left, reach as far as possible to the right with the puck, step with the left foot to the right and reach as far as possible to the left with the puck.
- Reach back as far as you can with the puck, turning the upper body so you are looking behind you as you skate in the opposite direction. Do the same the other way.
- Do 3 or 4 crossovers to the left and reach as far as possible to the right with the puck, then cross over to the right and reach as far as possible to the left with the puck. Reach back as far as you can with the puck, turning the upper body so you are looking behind you as you skate in the opposite direction.
- Single fake by practicing a small fake one way, then quickly pull the puck across your body to the other side.

- Double fake by giving a small fake one way, then quickly pull the puck across your body to the other side. Immediately bring it back.
- Put the puck behind you and pass it up into your skates from 1 side, then the other.
- Have the puck in front of you and pass it back to your skates and up to your stick, then off the outside of each skate and to your stick.
- Reach back on the forehand, then quickly pull the puck across your body.
- Skate backwards with the puck after pivoting to the right and do the same after pivoting left.
- Slide sideways, pushing about 4 or 5 times with the inside skate and gliding on the outside skate. Fake passes and shots while skating like this.
- Pivot a complete circle to the left and then to the right.
- . Fake a slapshot and go around opponent on the backhand side.
- . Fake a slapshot and go around opponent on the forehand side.
- . Fake a slapshot and then do a backhand tight turn around opponent.
- . Fake a slapshot and reach out like you are going around the opponent on your forehand and then pull the puck quickly to your backhand and go around opponent.

*All of these fakes are demonstrated in the <http://hockeycoachingabcs.com> video section on puck handling.
(Vladimir Jursinov)



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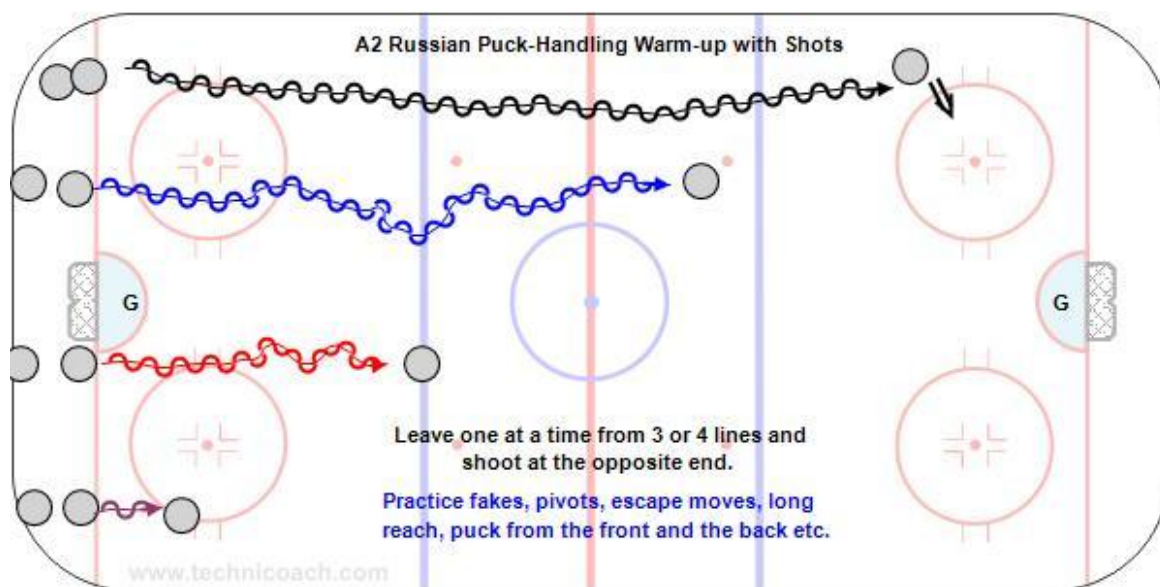
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Any move can be practiced in this method.

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A2 Skating Agility-Balance-Power-Coordination Circuit U18

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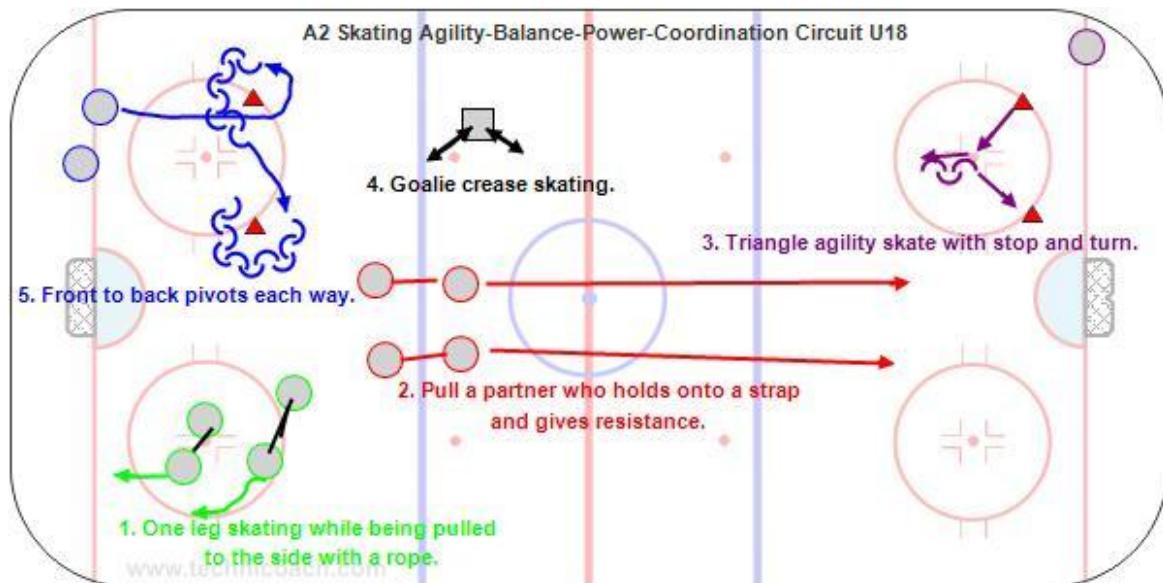
Focus on good technique with the weight over the middle of the blade and using as much blade on the ice as possible. Use the Chocktow Turn in the front to back pivots and cut small S's while on one foot.

Description:

The players rotated through these stations.

1. One leg skating while being pulled to the side with a rope.
2. Pull a partner who holds onto a strap and gives resistance.
3. Triangle agility skate with stop and turn.
4. Goalie crease skating.
5. Front to back pivots each way. (Chocktow should be learned)

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A2 Skating Edges – Pro

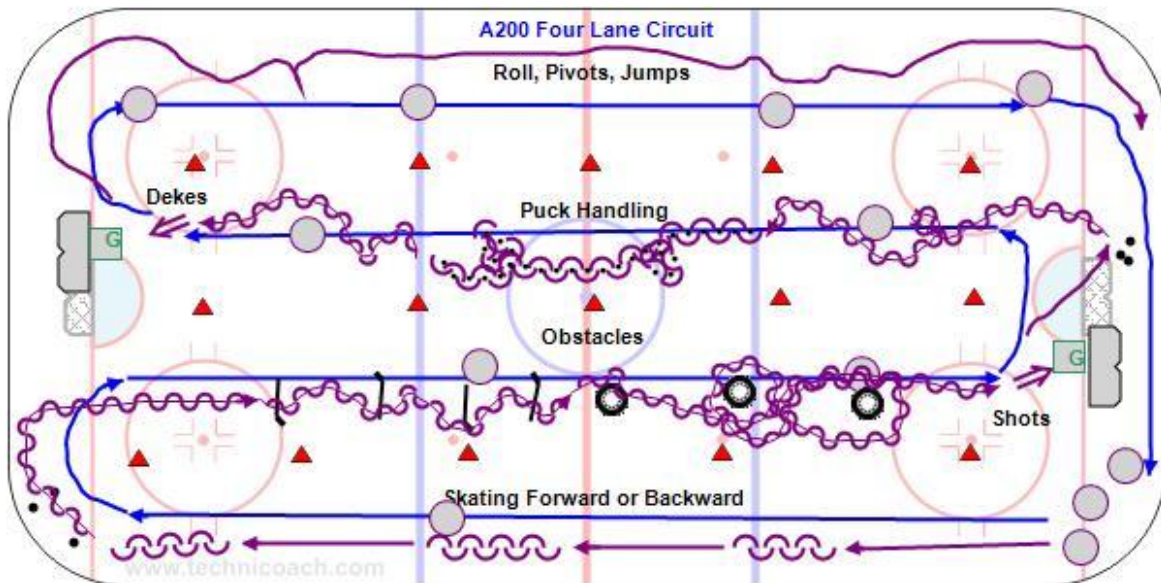
Key Points:

To be able to use all of the edges for power and balance.

Description:

Pro prospects are shown the various exercises to use the edges and skate one lane and back from diagonal corners.

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A2 Skating for Quickness

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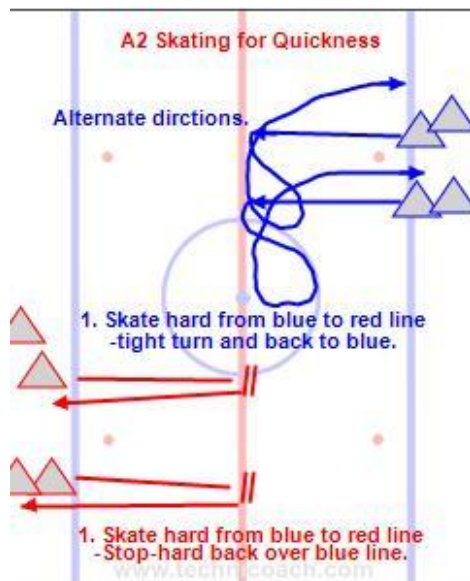
Hockey requires quick feet and agility to change directions. Keep the knees bent and use the outside edges.

Description:

1. Skate hard from blue to red line-Stop-hard back over blue line.
2. Skate hard to red line-turn inside-tight turn and back to blue.

Alternate directions.

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A2 Skating Warm up-Edges and Balance Position

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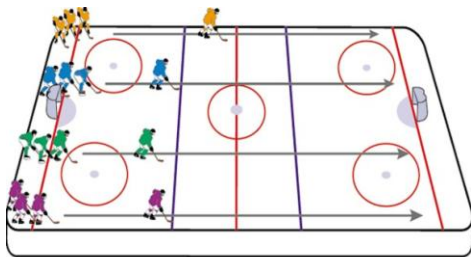
Be in a good athletic position with the knees bent, back upright and lead with the chest and head up. Use all of the edges.

Description:

Gaston leads a skating warm up.

Exercises use the inside and outside edges, proper body position both forward and backward as well as a one skate exercise that requires a good balance position and use of all of the edges.

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A2 Skating Warm-up for Edges and Balance

Key Points:

Good players can move in all directions efficiently because they use all edges and have great balance on the ice. Routines for skating, puck handling, shooting and passing are efficient ways for a coach to quickly review the foundation skills and allow the players to get a lot of reps and improve at their own rate.

Description:

A2 Formation - Players start at one end and skate to the other end.

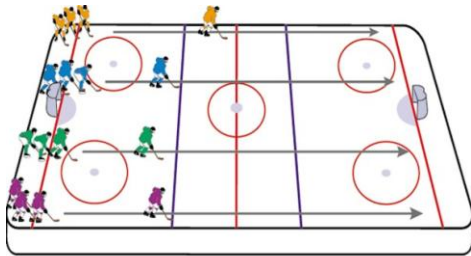
- inside edges - out and in using a snowplow.
- inside edges - sculling one leg at a time on the inside edges.
- outside and inside edges - slalom with the skates together and a good knee bend.
- balance and edges - one length of the ice on each leg.

Repeat the same sequence but skate Backward.

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The same warm up with 12-14 year olds.

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A2 Transition Turn Forward to Backward

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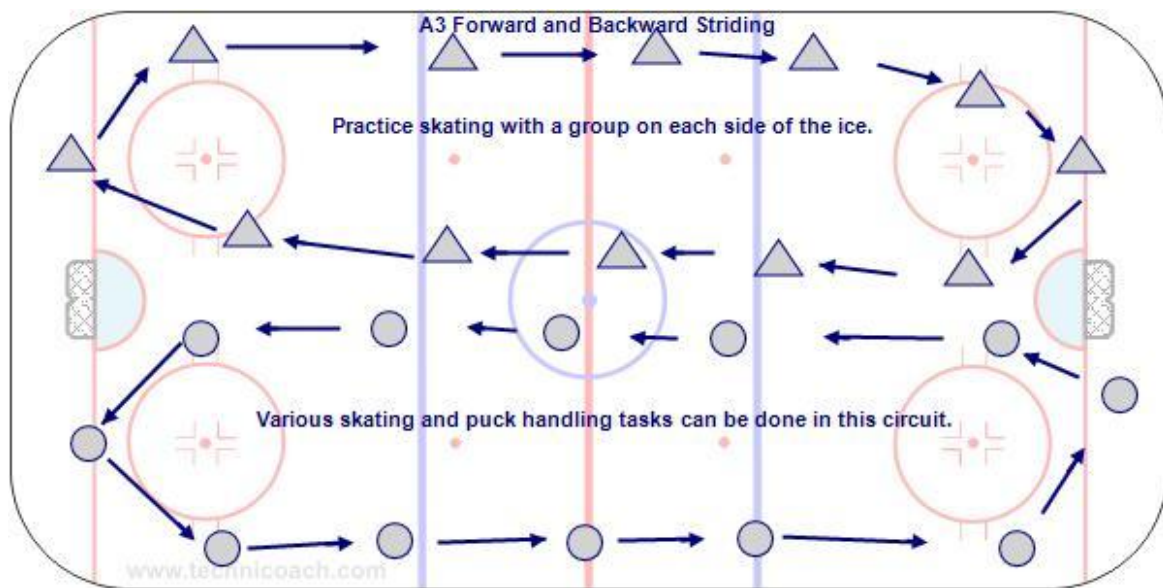
Practice turning from front to back and don't lose any speed. This turn is smooth with a minimum of crossovers.

Description:

Gaston Schaeffer teaches an efficient transition turn from forward to backward. The benefit of this pivot is that the player keeps the skating momentum.

If skating to the right the weight is on the right leg and the left skate goes behind at an angle to the turn, the player transfers the weight to the left leg and does a crossover.

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A2-A200 Puck Handling and Skating Practice from Finland

Description:

This is a video on the ABC site uner Puck Handling

1. A200 formation and Yashin leads the big moves warm demonstrating the skill and the kid's follow.
2. A2 skating drills for balance and edge control.
3. A200 Russian Big Moves exercises. Pro player demonstrate the big moves and the players follow.

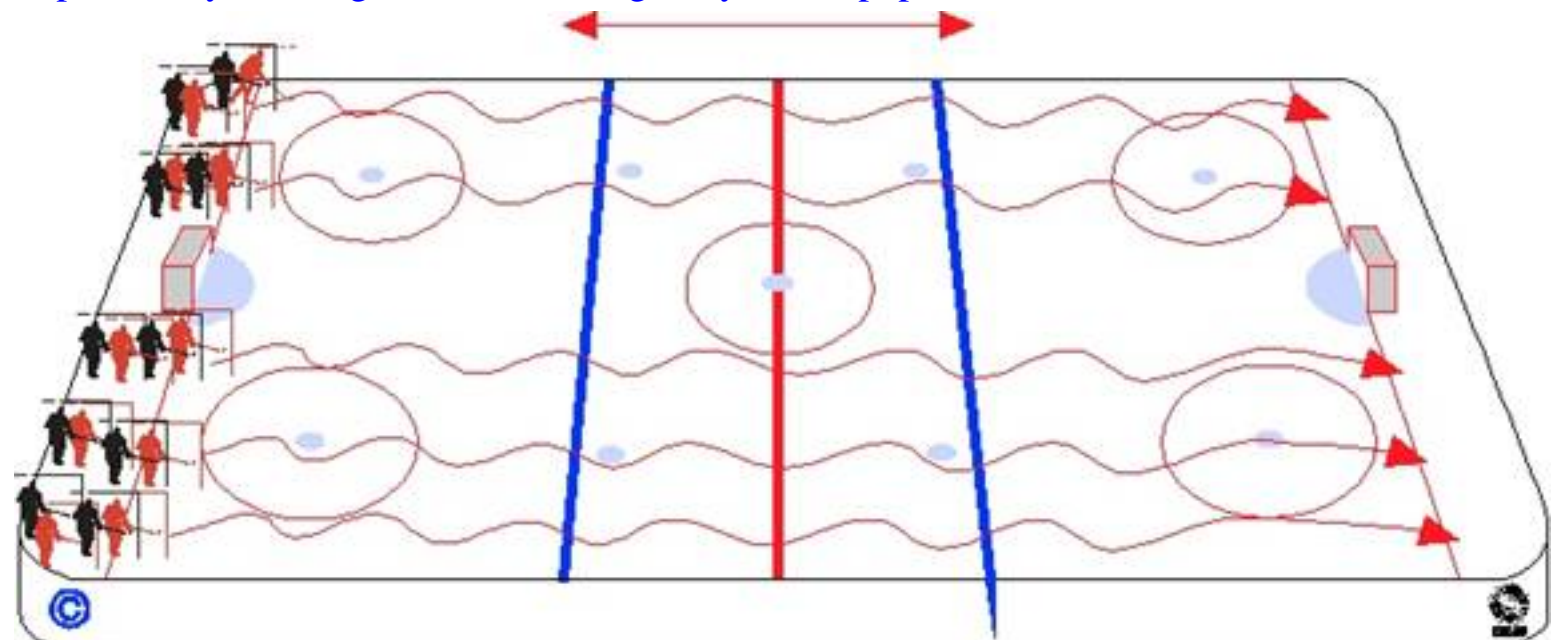
Key Points:

This practice was done at Juhani's hockey school in Mikkeli, Finland. It is beautiful lake country where he has his summer place. The focus is on Big Moves with Good Hard Fakes when puck handling. Many pro's including Yashin helped with his camps. Juhani is in the IIHF Hockey Hall of Fame and is a legend in Finland.

Another IIHF hall of famer Vladimir Yursinov is the one who developed this big moves warm up. He is a Russian hockey legend as a player and coach. Between them they have developed about 70 NHL players.

In my coaching experience these puck handling exercises are the most effective way for players to develop good hands. They can be done off ice as well. Big moves and handling the puck all around the body with big fakes and protecting the puck with the body are the essentials to being a good offensive player.

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A2-B202 Conditioning Agility Skate

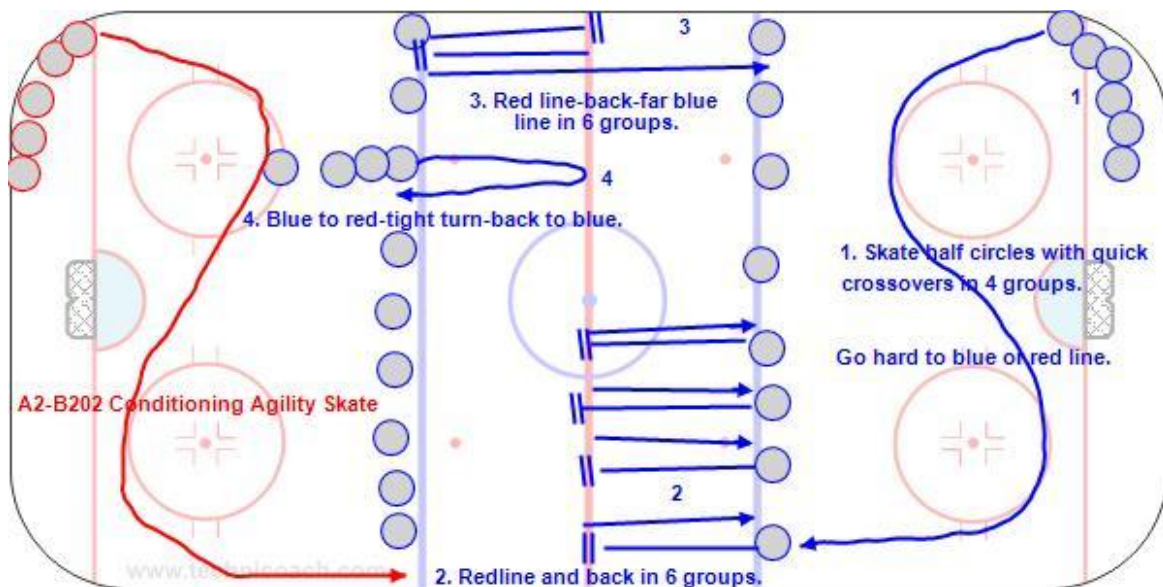
Key Points:

Quick feet, shoulder leads in crossovers. Learn to turn with speed in both directions. A puck could be added.

Description:

1. Skate half circles with quick crossovers in 4 groups. Go hard to blue or red line.
2. Redline and back in 6 groups.
3. Red line-back-far blue line in 6 groups.
4. Blue to red-tight turn-back to blue.

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A3 Backward Crossovers in 5 Circles

Key Points:

Back is upright, stride out with the toes pointed a little in. Transfer weight one side to the other. Skate one direction and then the other.

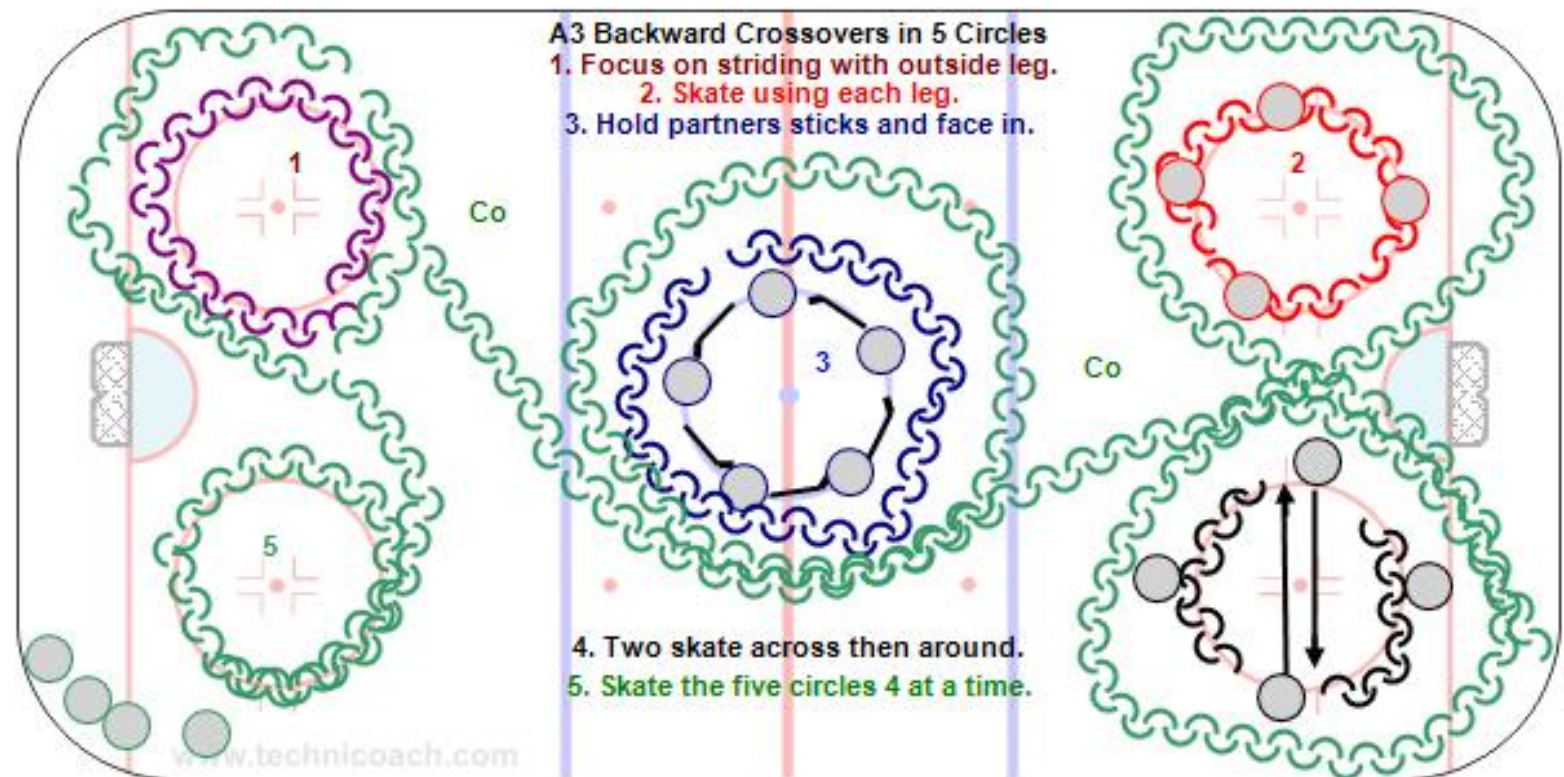
A great explanation on technique is in Gaston Schaeffer's video's in the skating section.

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Description:

1. Focus on striding with outside leg.
2. Skate using each leg.
3. Hold partners sticks and face in.
4. Two skate across then around.
5. Skate the five circles 4 at a time.

Video of this circuit: <http://hockeycoachingabcs.com/mediagallery/media.php?f=0&sort=0&s=2010040408031239>



A3 Backward to Forward Pivots and Starts

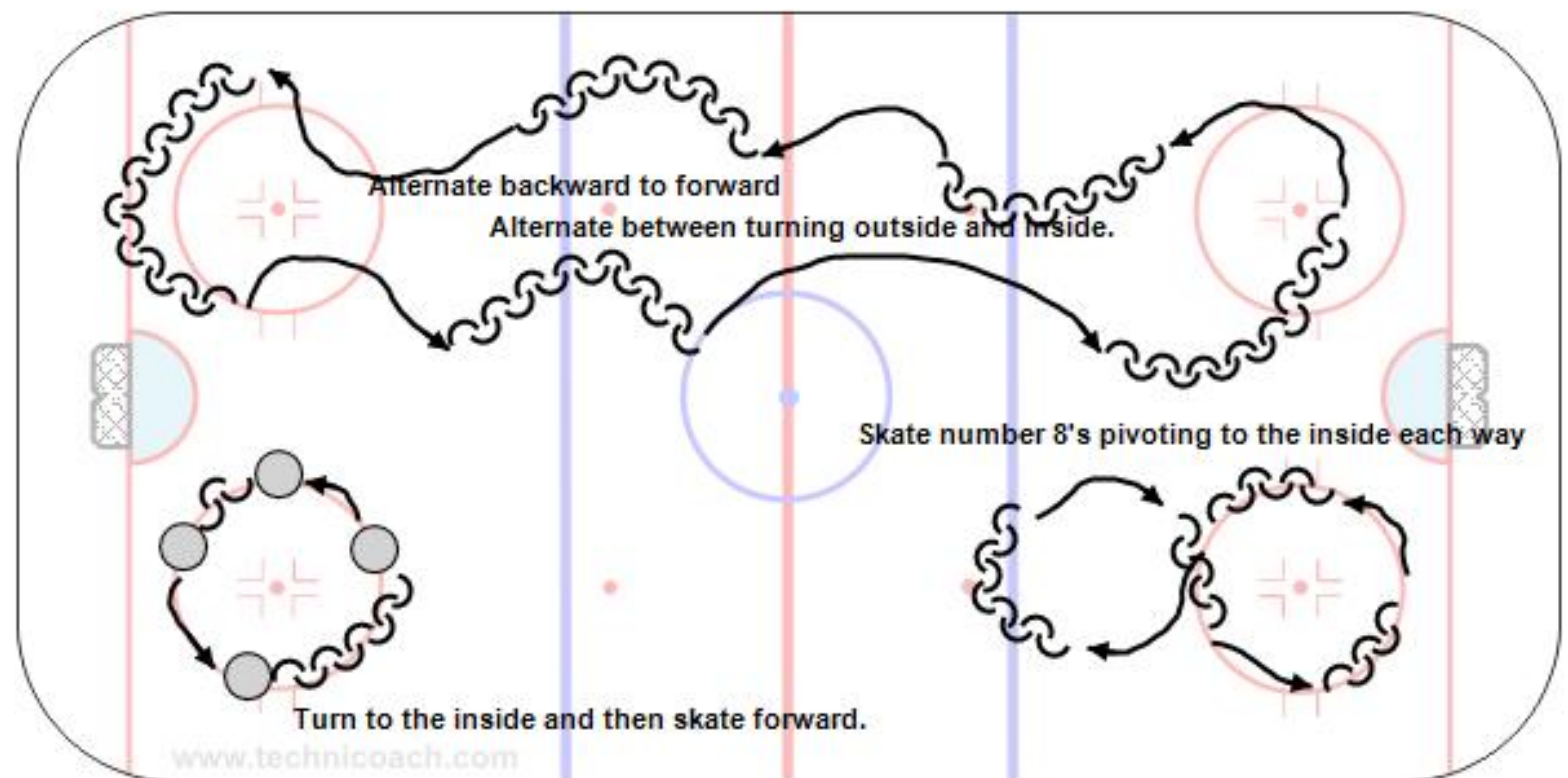
Key Points:

Knees must be bent and the hip open for the turn. Practice in both directions.

Description:

1. Start skating backwards with a few crossovers before striding.
2. Skate the full length of the ice alternating back to forward.
3. Skate figure 8's going sideways to forward.
4. Skate circles forward to facing the inside. Switch directions.
5. Skate the 5 circles.

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A3 Conditioning Skate

Key Points:

D pivot and F start and stop

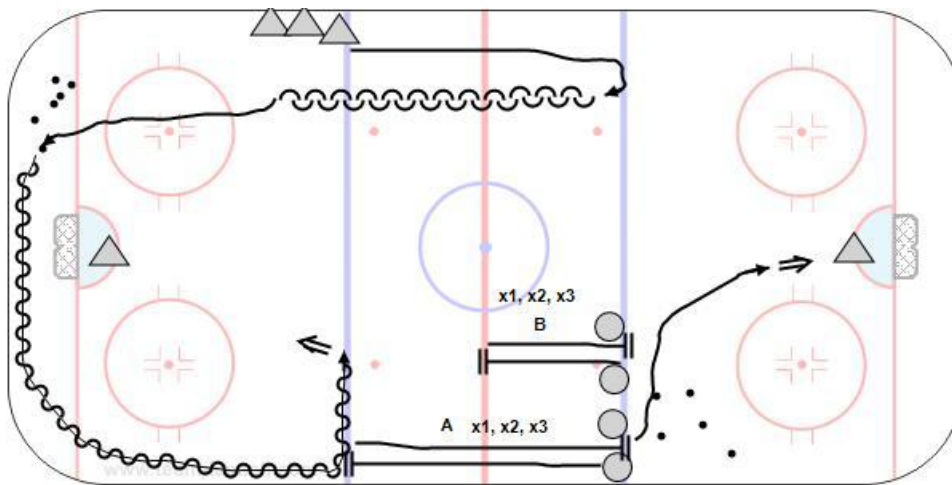
Description:

The D skate hard to the far blue then power turn backward to the blue and mohawk to get a puck from the corner, take it to the blue line, walk the line and shoot from the point.

A. Forwards skate blue line to blue line stop and start x1 and x2, then blue to red in order x1, x2, x3. do 2 sets facing one way when they stop. You can add a shot after.

** In the video section there are demonstrations of many drills focusing on skating for conditioning and agility.**

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A3 Figure Skater Edges and Balance Warm-up

Key Points:

Skate forward and backward pivoting each way. Skate on all of the edges with good posture.

Description:

1-forward stride.

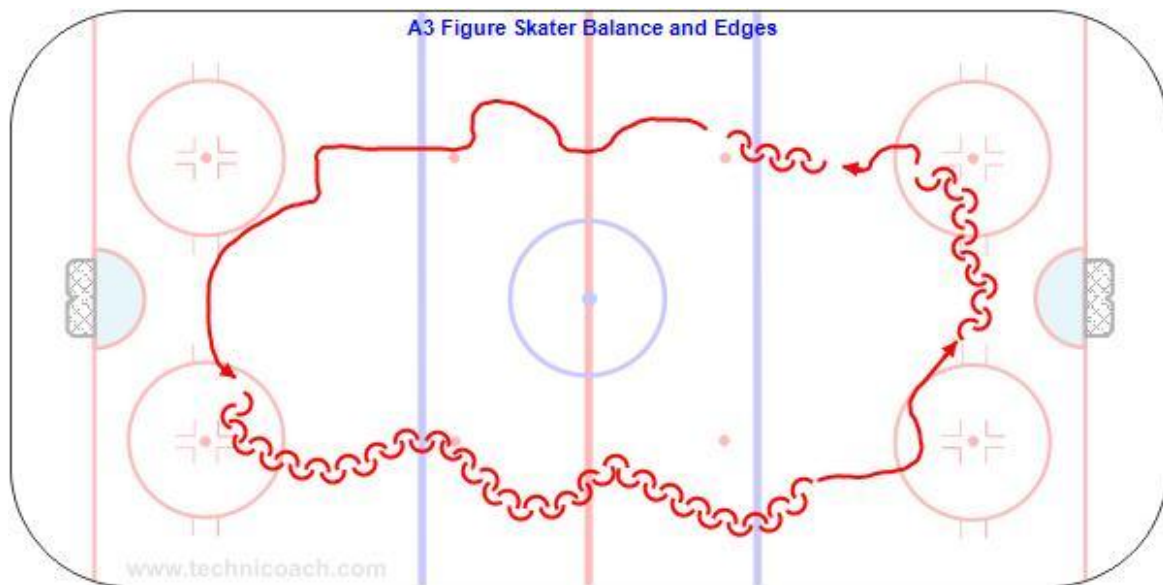
2-backward stride.

3-crossovers forward and backward.

4-inside edges.

5-outside edges.

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Key Points:

Players work on the forward and backward skating stride. Maintain good body position with the knees bent and weight transfer from side to side.

The toes are pointing out a little in the forward stride and in while striding backward.

Gaston Schaeffer's two skating videos give a great explanation and demonstration of the proper mechanics in English.

Description:

1. One leg push to the side with good posture and finish with a push. Do this when practicing both the forward and backward stride.
2. Long strides forward with good weight transfer, then long strides backward.

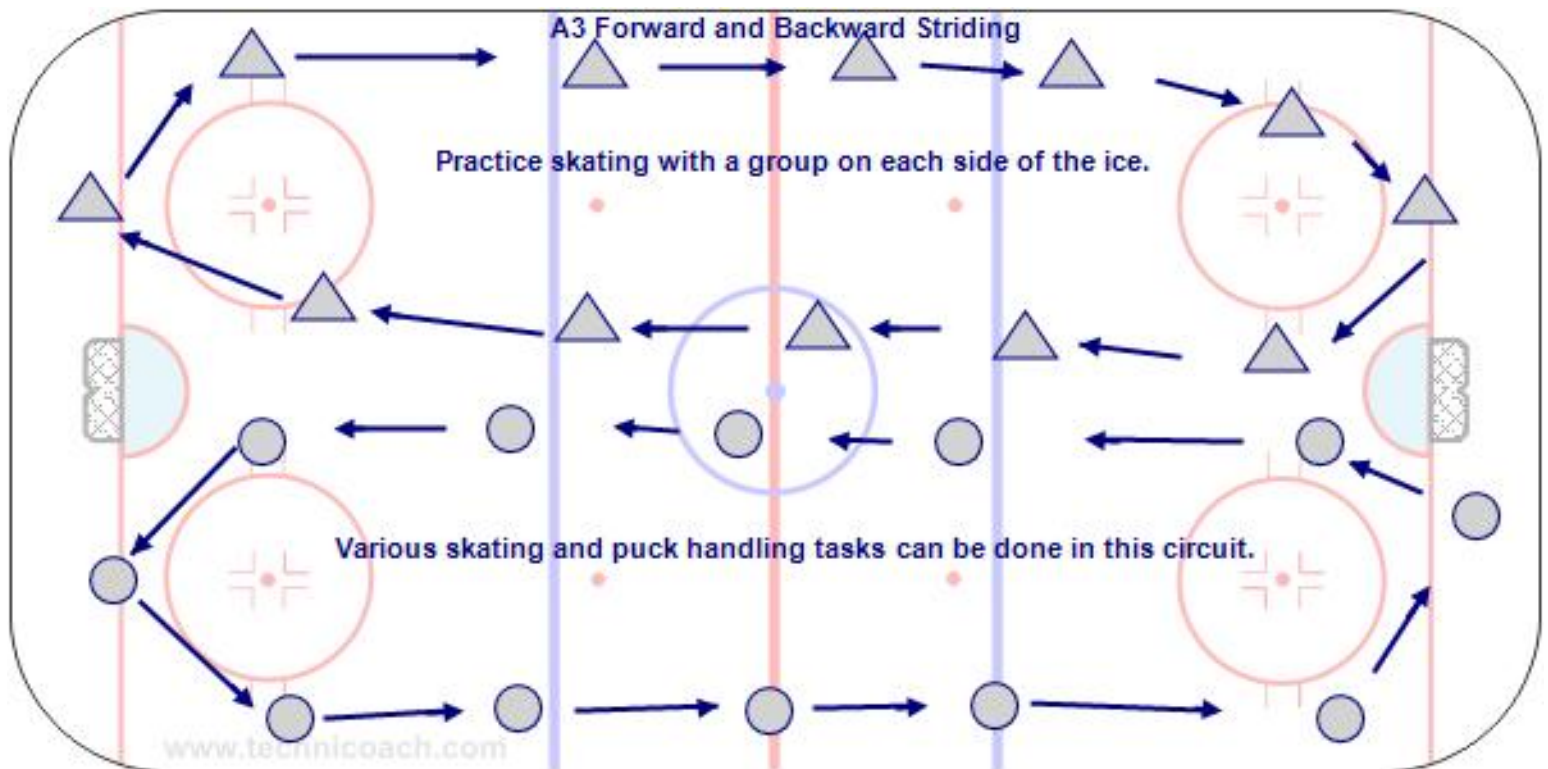
*The video section has many other exercises that can be done using this circuit. The ABC cards, the Minnesota and other video's have many balance and agility exercises.

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for the video of the forward stride.

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for video of the backward stride.



A3 Puck Handling Moves With a Shot

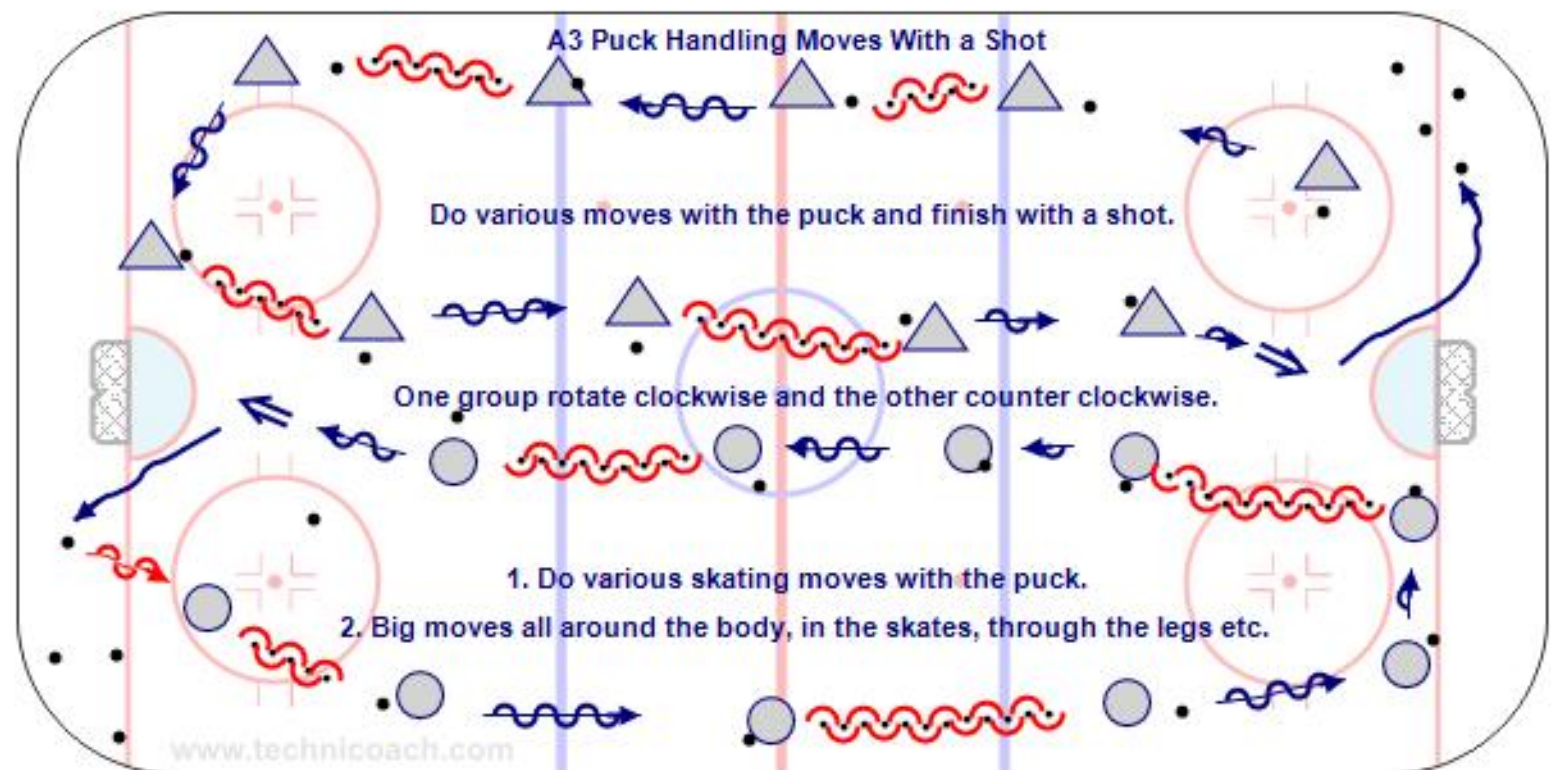
Key Points:

Do various moves with the puck and finish with a shot.

Description:

One group rotate clockwise and the other counter clockwise.

1. Do various skating moves with the puck.
2. Big moves all around the body, in the skates, through the legs etc.



A3 Puck Handling Nervous System Overload

Key Points:

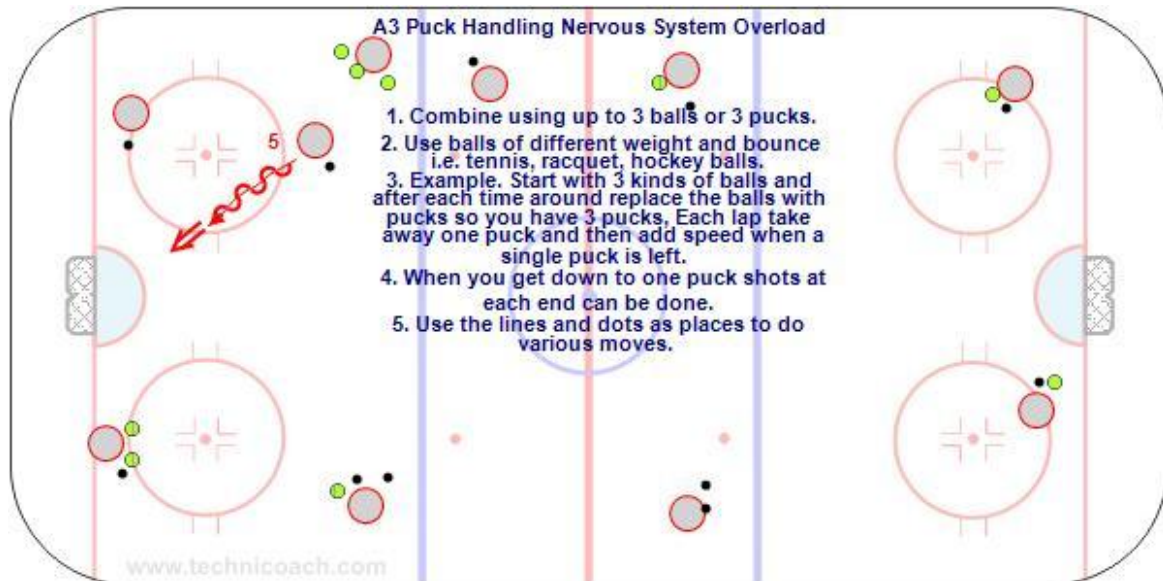
Keep the balls and pucks within a stick length and move them around the body. Stress rolling the wrists big moves.

Description:

1. Combine using up to 3 balls or 3 pucks.
2. Use balls of different weight and bounce i.e. tennis, racquet, hockey balls.
3. Example. Start with 3 kinds of balls and after each time around replace the balls with pucks so you have 3 pucks. Each lap take away one puck and then add speed when a single puck is left.
4. When you get down to one puck shots at each end can be done.
5. Use the lines and dots as places to do various moves.

The first part of this college women's practice has them handling one ball and one puck.

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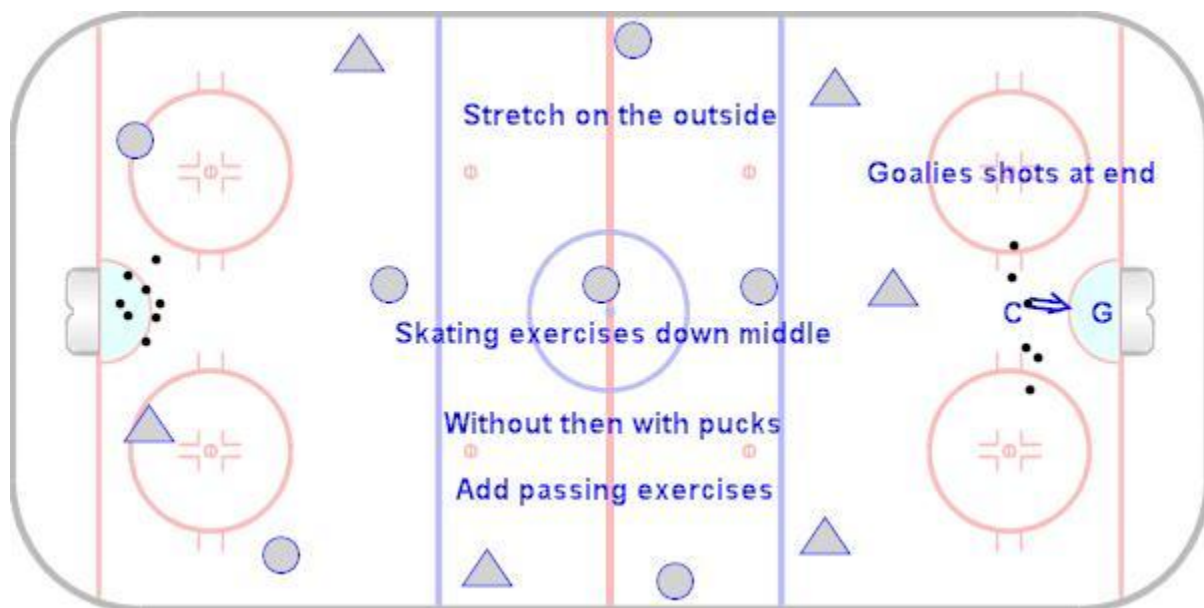


A3 Puck Handling Warm up

Players skate around the ice and practice stickhandling moves all around the body, in the feet and try to separate the movement of the upper and lower body.

This was filmed at a camp in Jihlava, Czech Republic.

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A3 Quick Feet Conditioning Skate

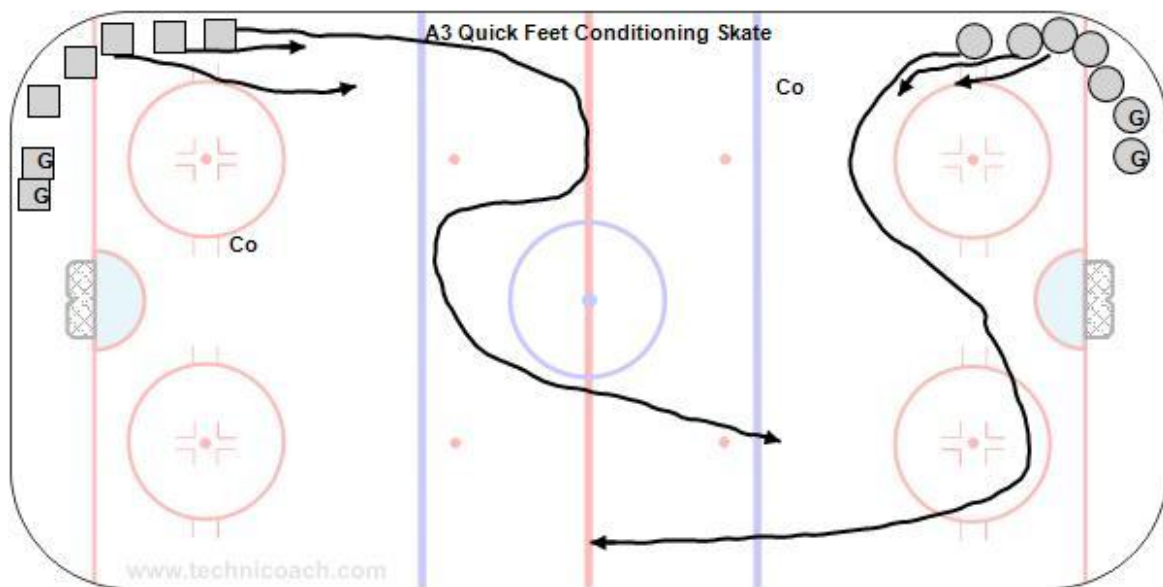
Key Points:

Player should keep their feet moving all the time. Coach move the pattern around the rink so you don't break the ice and ruin it for the next group.

Description:

1. Players leave in small groups with at least a 1:4 work rest ratio.
2. Skate a lateral S pattern do they turn both right and left.
3. Sprints should be less than 10 seconds.
4. Can also be done with pucks.

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A3 Skating Edges and Balance

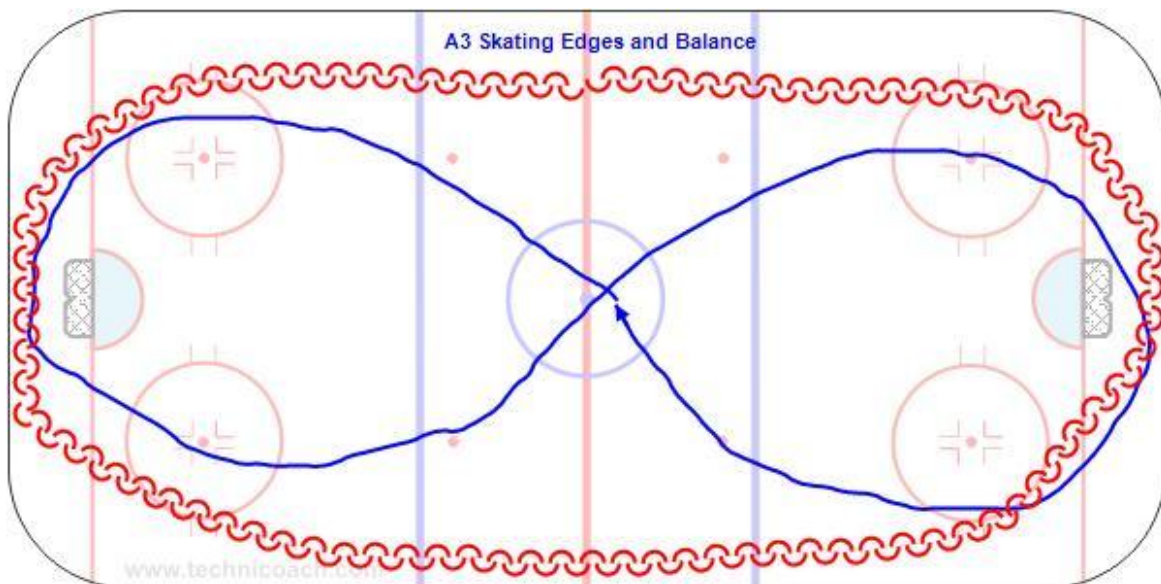
Key Points:

Skate forward, backward, pivot, Good to just go around when backward. Full speed 8's can be dangerous. A guy I play with collided with his best friend doing the big 8 and his friend died as a result of hitting his head on the ice.

Description:

1. Player lead or the coach call out the technique.
2. Skate forward and backward.
3. Striding, crossovers, transition forward to backward, backward to forward.
4. Side to side smooth transition.

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A3 Skating Edges and Balance Warm-up - Kazakhstan W

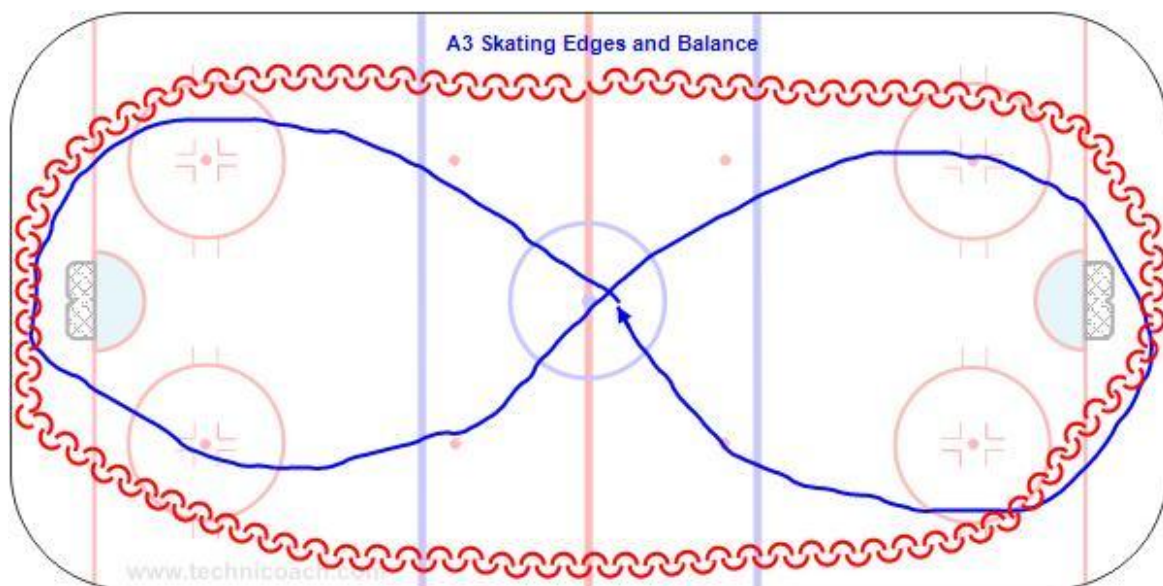
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A3 Skating Five Circles

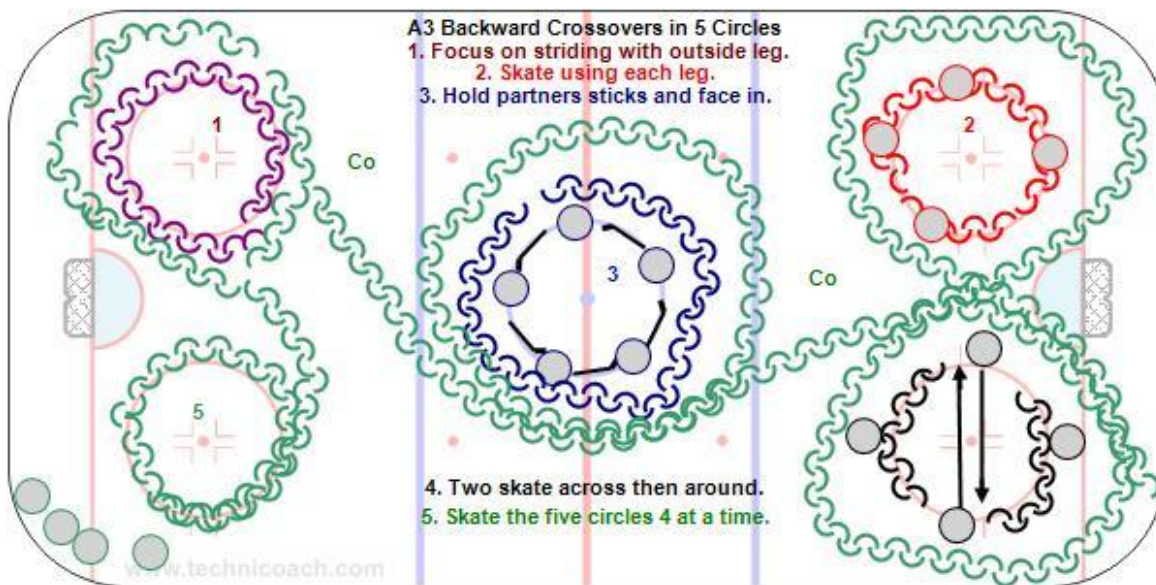
Key Points:

Skate around the five circles and change direction each circle. Upper body rotate in when skating forward.

Description:

1. Start in the corner and skate around all five circles.
2. Forward, backward and alternating directions are possible.
3. Send between 3-5 players at a time.
4. Add carrying a puck.

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A3 Skills Warm Up

Key Points:

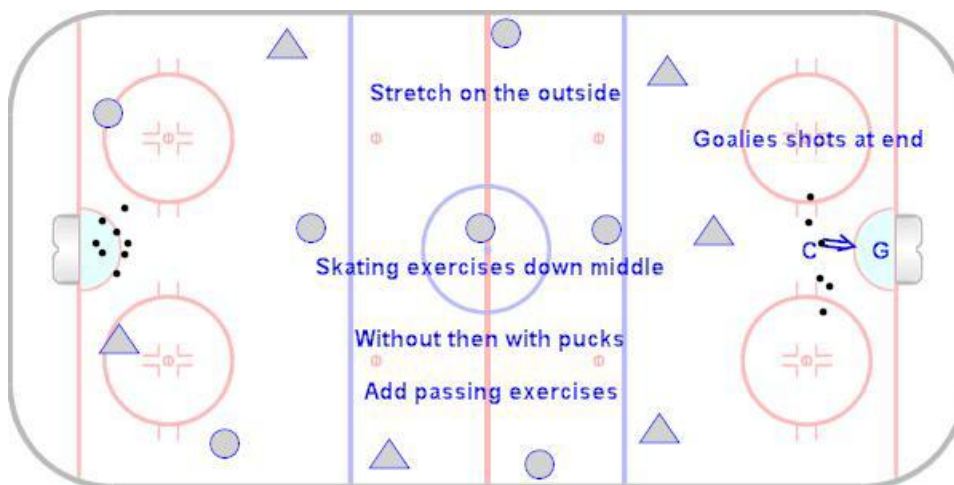
Start practice with mild skating using long strides to dynamically warm up the muscles. Follow with puck and passing skills. Allow the goalie to do crease skating and take some shots to areas before shooting to score. This is a common warm up routine for high level teams.

Description:

1. Skate and stretch in the outside lanes followed by puck skills.
2. Partner passing or puckhandling down the centre. Progress to finishing with a shot.
3. Progress to hard on one side only so there is recovery.

Example video is the Russian U20 Team at the start of practice.

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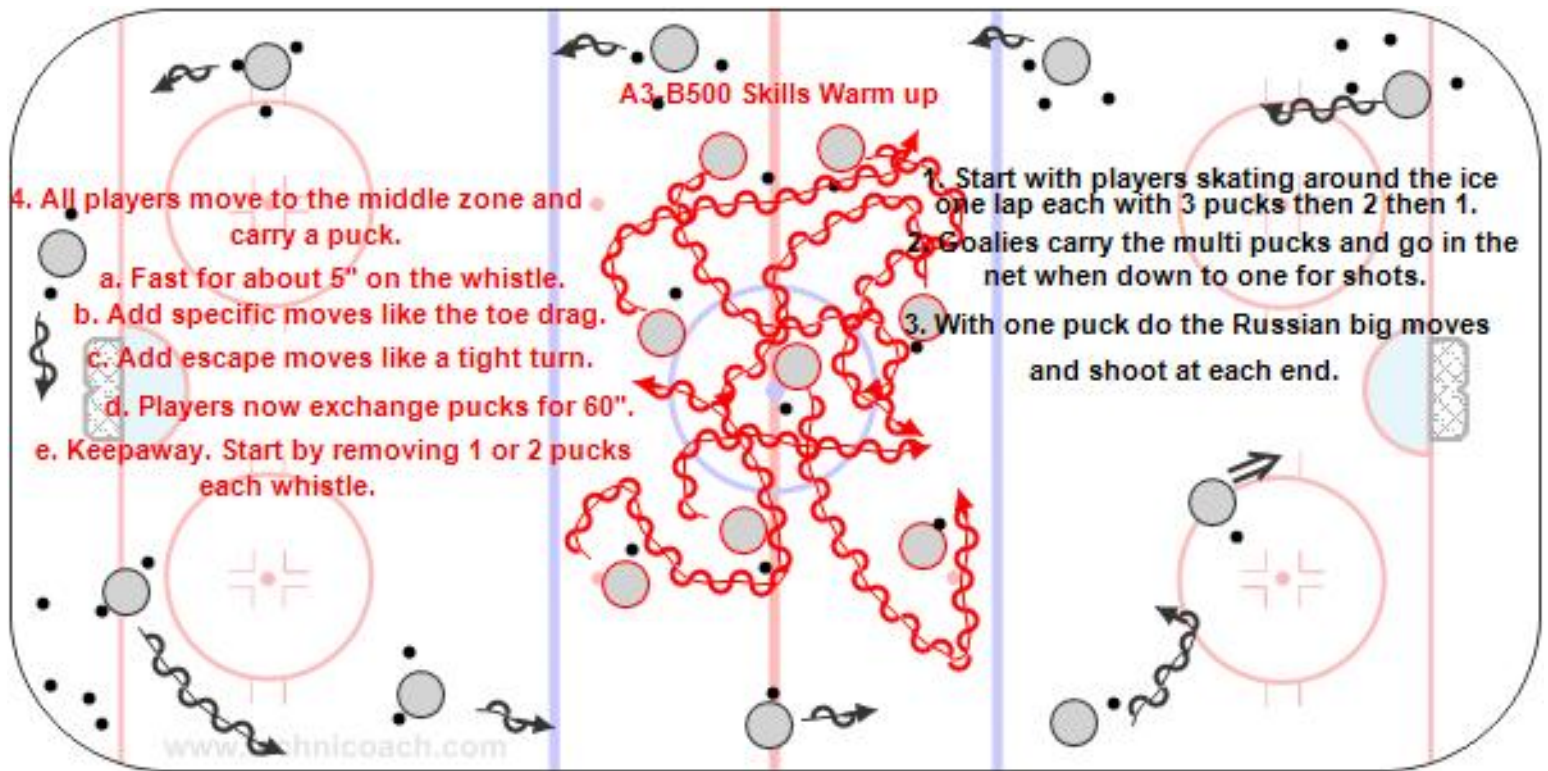
A3-B500 Skills Warm up Routine

Key Points:

It is important for all players to have a puck on their stick. Multi pucks overload the nervous system. Split vision is developed as a tacit skill in crowded situations. Develop routines to minimize talking time and maximize puck time.

Description:

1. Start with players skating around the ice one lap each with 3 pucks then 2 then 1.
2. Goalies carry the multi pucks and go in the net when down to one for shots.
3. With one puck do the Russian big moves and shoot at each end.
4. All players move to the middle zone and carry a puck.
5. Partner pass with two pucks, parallel and one fwd one bkwd. Partners work 1-1 skills skating around each other.
 - a. Fast for about 5" on the whistle.
 - b. Add specific moves like the toe drag.
 - c. Add escape moves like a tight turn.
 - d. Players now exchange pucks for 60".
 - e. Keepaway-start by removing 1 or 2 pucks each whistle.



D1-A2 Puck Dog

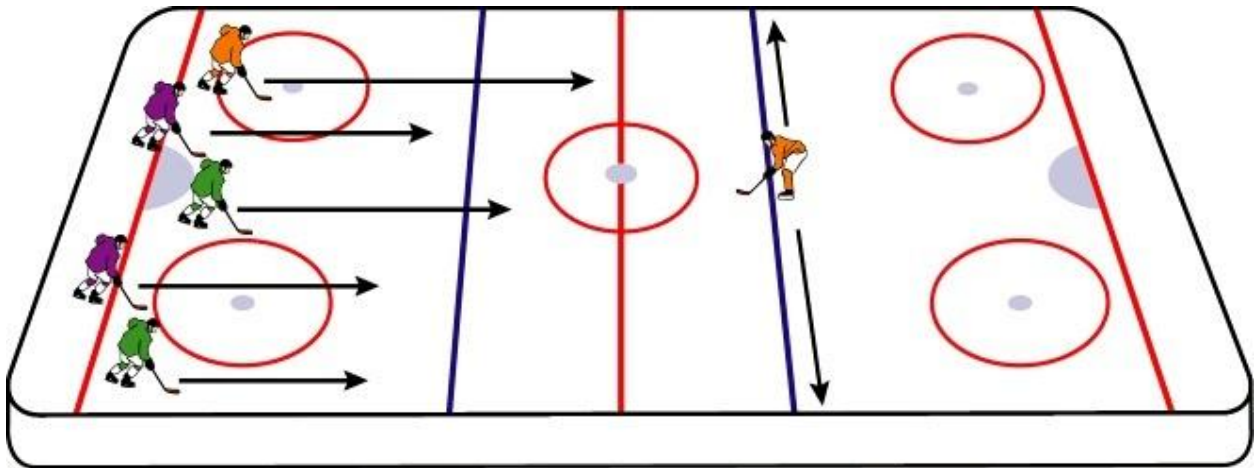
Key Points:

Encourage the players to use moves and fakes, change of pace and to protect the puck.

Description:

This game has the players line up at the end of the rink in the A2 formation. Each player has a puck. One player (who is 'it') is at the blue line and calls out 'British Puck-dog.' The players stickhandle the puck, trying to get to the end without being checked. If a player loses the puck, she becomes 'it' and is in the middle checking. The last player with a puck wins.

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A200 - Puck Handling – Pro

Key Points:

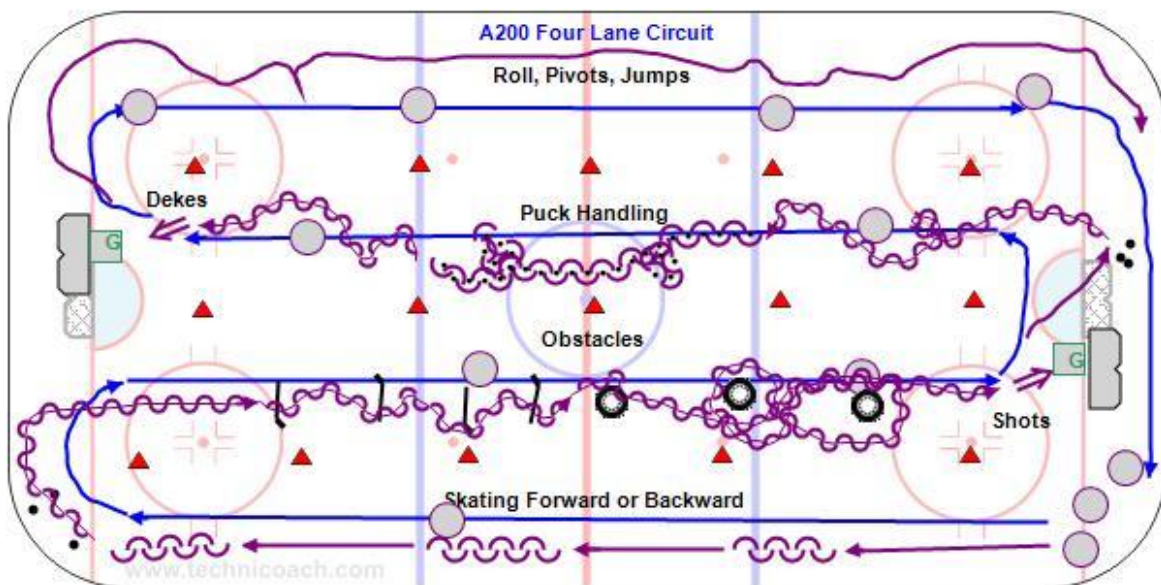
Handle the puck all around the body. Loosen the shoulders and roll the wrists. Stick handle quietly and softly. You must be able to move the puck side to side, so the stick is too long if you cannot do this and too short if you are too bent over to see up ice. Separate the movement of the upper and lower body moving the puck one way and the body the other way. Use head and shoulder fakes.

Description:

1. Rink is separated into four lanes with one two groups starting one way and two the other.
2. Players do each exercise down and back two of the lanes on their side of the ice.
3. Do a new exercise each time with a coach or player demonstrating the new exercise.

Refer to the Russian Big Moves postings for more exercises, especially with Jursinov and Yashin.

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A200 Agility Skate - Pass - Shoot - U18F

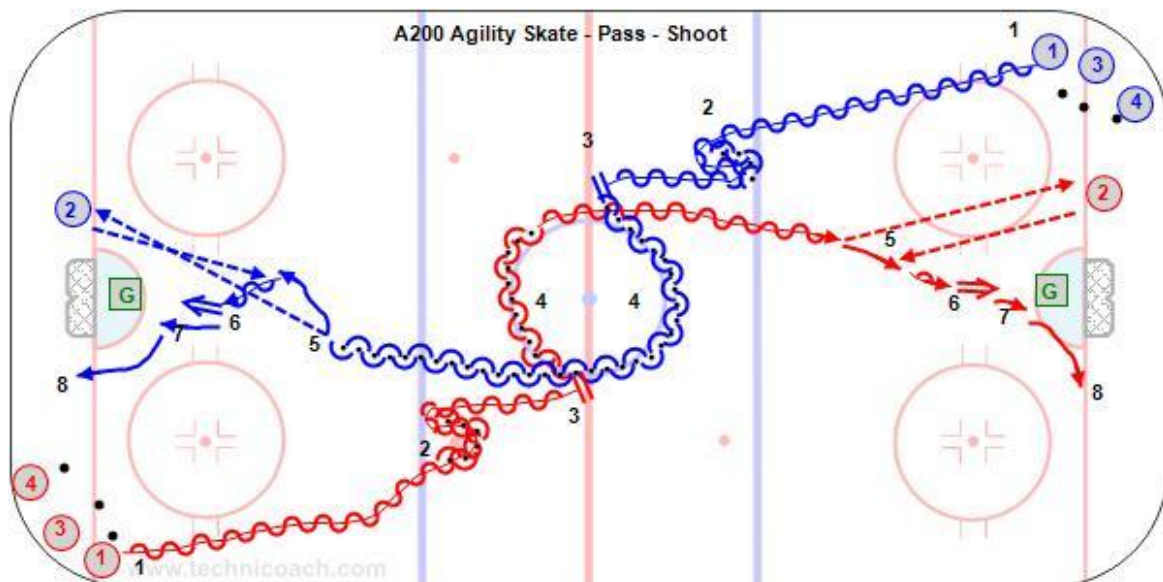
Key Points:

First player skate at full speed with the puck. Pass hard and give a target for the return pass. Hit the net and follow the shot for a rebound. Keep the head up all of the time. Players leave on their own when the player in front crosses the far blue line.

Description:

1. Leave with a puck from diagonal corners.
2. Transition skate hard around the face-off dot back to the blue line and up to the red line.
3. Stop at the red line.
4. Around the bottom of the circle while facing the far end.
5. Pass to 2 on the goal line and get a return pass.
6. Shoot.
7. Follow the shot for a rebound.
8. Skate to the goal line to give and go with the next attacker.

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A200 Agility Skate and Puck Handle

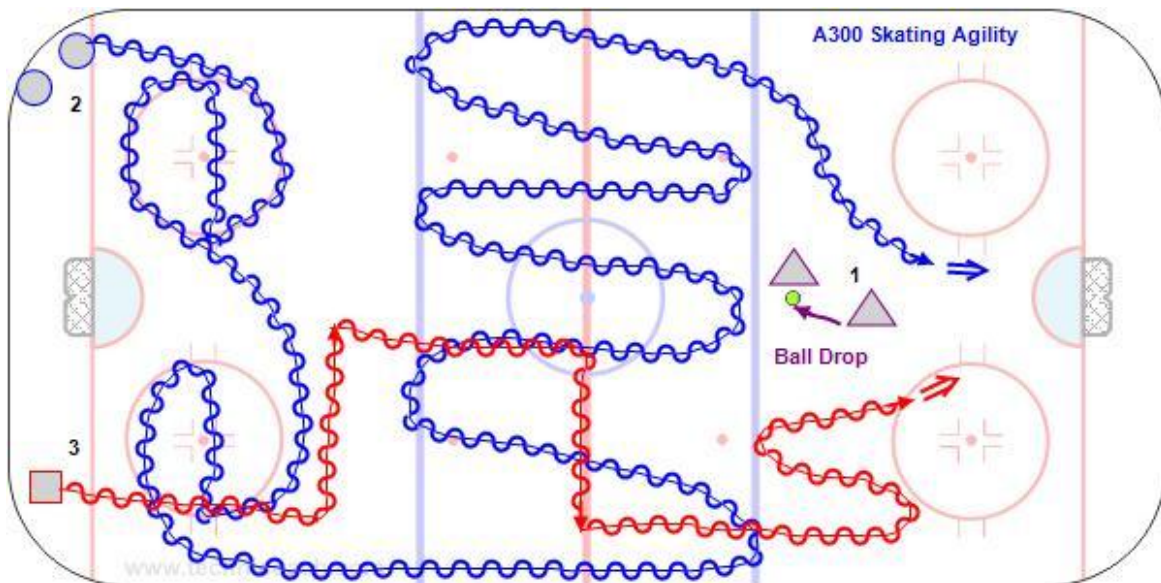
Key Points:

Stress quick changes of direction while controlling the puck.

Description:

1. One player drop a tennis ball and the other is about 5m. away and sprints to get it before it hits a second time.
2. Up-around top of circle-across-around bottom and then other circle. Forward and backward 3 times in nzone and then a shot.
3. Skate to top of circle, across-up-across red line-up and back from top of circle to blue line and then shoot.

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A200 Big Moves _ Russian Warm-up

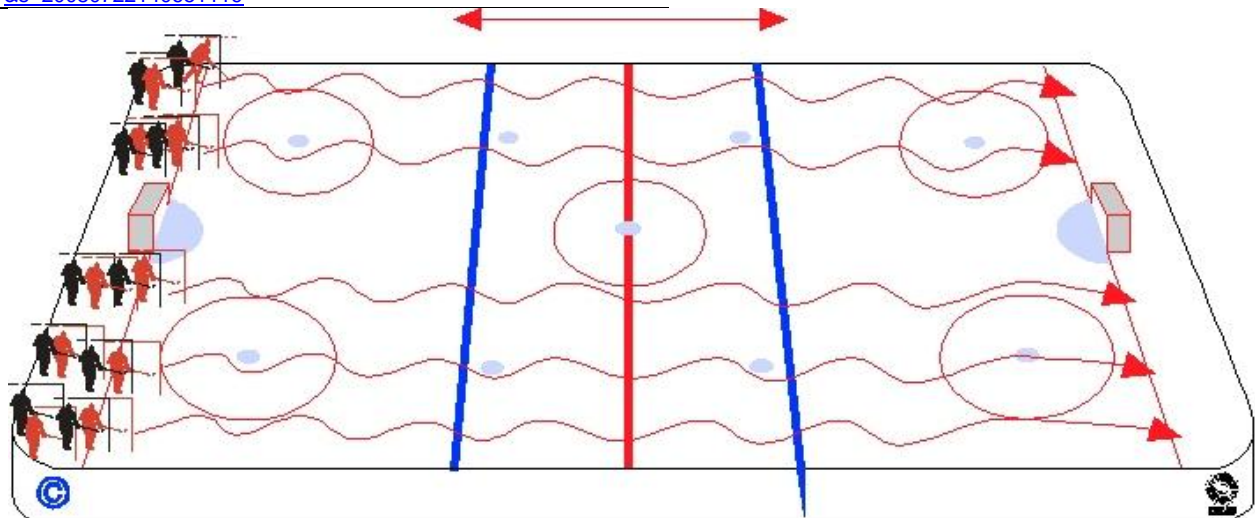
Key Points:

Increase the size of the moves by reaching as far as possible with the puck. Separate the movement of the upper and lower body by skating away from the puck. Players must be able to handle the puck under control around and through their body.

Description:

- Skate away from the puck. Skate right reach left and skate left and reach right.
- Reach as far forward and back as you can using the top hand.
- Put the puck from the stick to inside and outside edges back to the stick.
- Move puck from behind to front through skate forehand and backhand.
- Escape moves backward with the puck and tight turns each way.
- Fake a shot and go left then right. Spin on backhand.
- Touch each knee while skating.
- Yo-yo the puck give it and take it away.
- Toe drag fake inside and pull the puck back while sliding back.
- Bring the puck from behind to in front through the skates on forehand.
- Bring the puck from behind to in front through the skates on backhand.
- Skate fake inside and go outside.

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A200 Chaos Puck Handling

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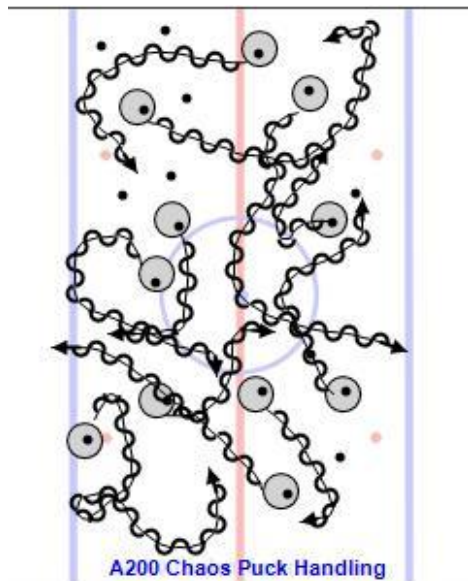
Make moves, protect the puck, go hard on the whistle. Designate moves, add pucks, play keepaway, use ball, multiple pucks, etc.

Description:

1. Carry a puck and protect it while skating in random directions. Stay in the zone.
2. Go hard for about 5" on the whistle and slow down on the next whistle.
3. Coach designate the move to be practiced, i.e, tight turn when you approach someone.
4. Exchange pucks-pass with eye contact.
5. Spread pucks around which also must be avoided.
6. Keepaway-coach take a puck away every 10".

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A200 Four Lane Circuit

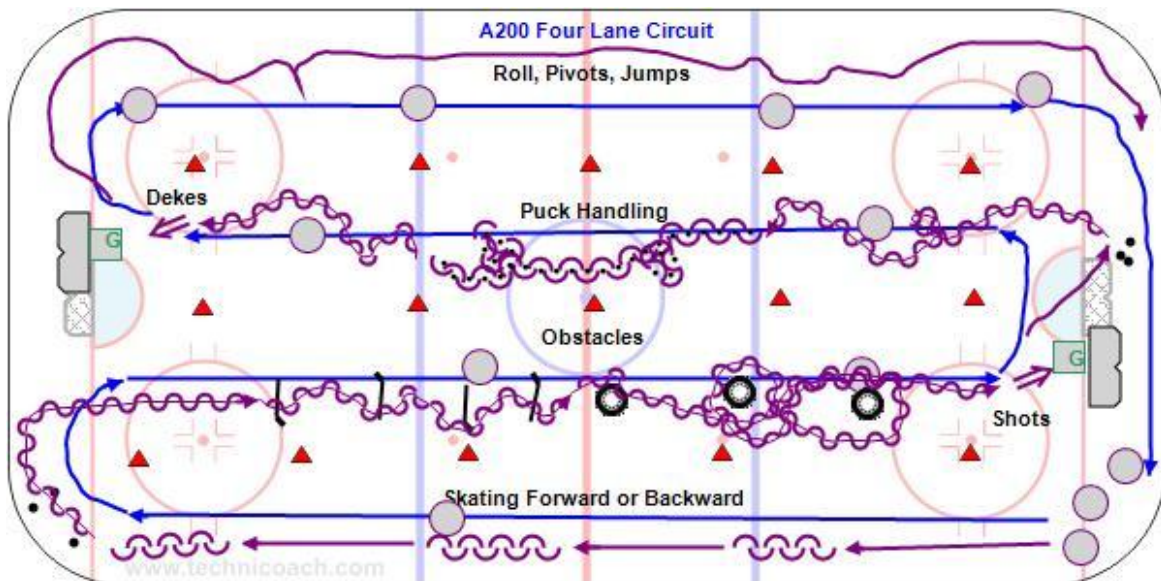
Key Points:

Practice skills down the lanes. Incorporate passes, shots, moves, dekes, obstacles, different pivots, jumps, multiple pucks, balls etc. This is a Howie Meeker circuit and is a great way to practice skills with large groups and use the ice efficiently.

Description:

1. Set up four lanes up and down the rink.
2. Each lane has a different task.
3. Each lane could have a shot at the end.
4. Ideal for skills or for a Mission Impossible Game. (any level can play Mission Impossible)

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Mission Impossible:

Mission Impossible was the most popular activity I ran in schools. The pictures are from a Kindergarten to ninth grade school, 5-14 year olds. All classes did it. We set up an obstacle course with the equipment in the gym. The kid's got 8 minutes to get to the end. Any failure and they have to start again. There was complete silence because the scenario was that they are trying to escape from a prison of war camp. Half the students were guards and half prisoners. If they touched the floor anywhere but safe places, knocked anything over, made a loud noise, were touched by a snake (dangling ropes), fell off the raft and into the acid moat (off the scooter and touch the floor) etc. They had to ring the bell at the top of the rope to finish. I built in areas where cooperation was needed to pass through.

At noon they all played together and there are pics with them in the regular clothes.

This same idea can be used at hockey practice by making a progressively more difficult circuit requiring individual or partner work.

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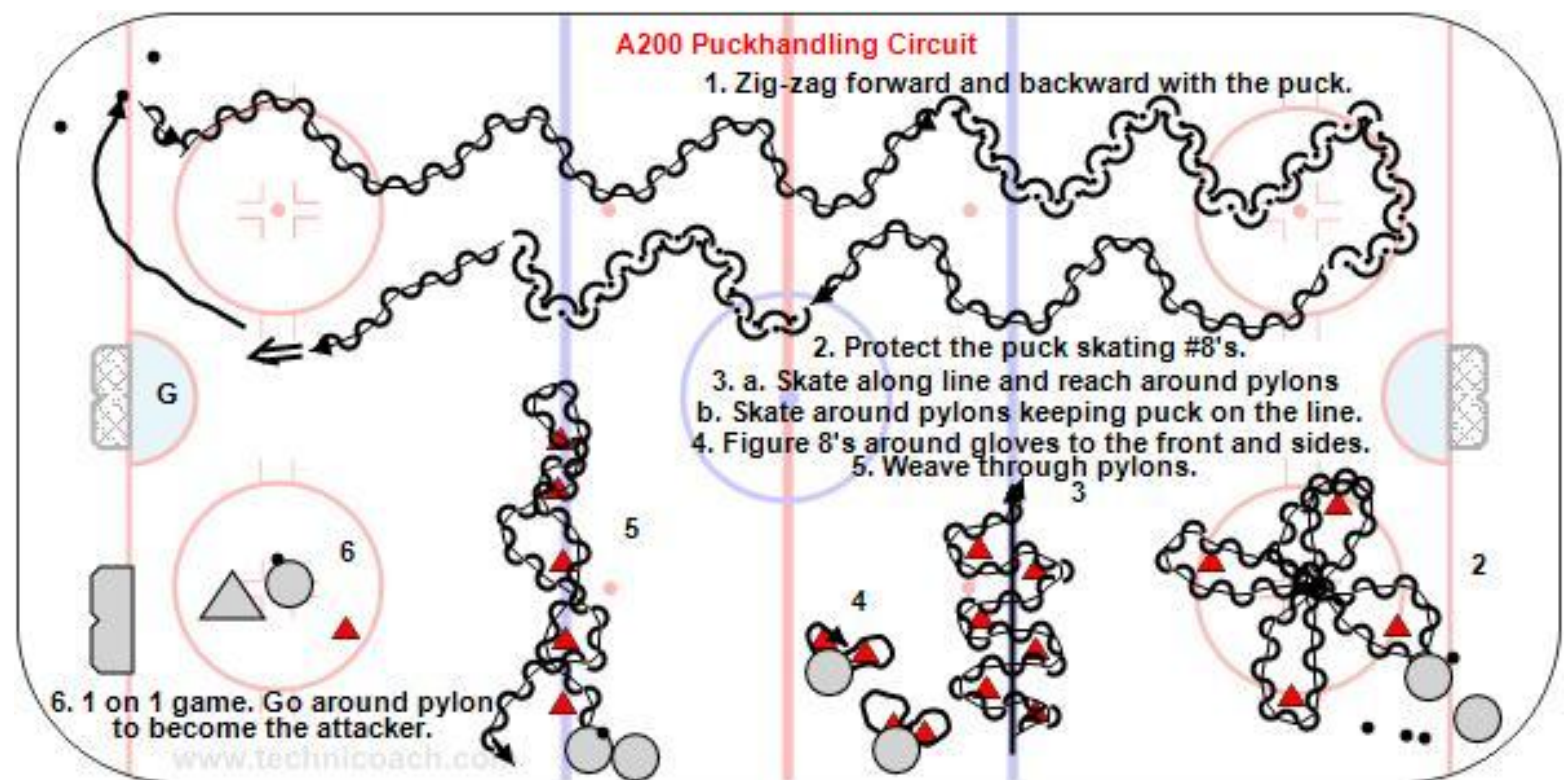
Key Points:

Protect the puck with the body. Develop big moves all around the body and thru the legs to shield the puck. Learn to pivot and make quick turns and backward escapes.

Description:

1. Zig-zag forward and backward with the puck.
2. Protect the puck skating #8's.
3. a. Skate along line and reach around pylons.
b. Skate around pylons keeping puck on the line.
4. Figure 8's around gloves to the front and sides.
5. Weave through pylons.
6. 1 on 1 game. Go around pylon to become the attacker.
7. Partners work inside the circle and protect the puck from each other for 10".

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A200 Puck Protection Circuit

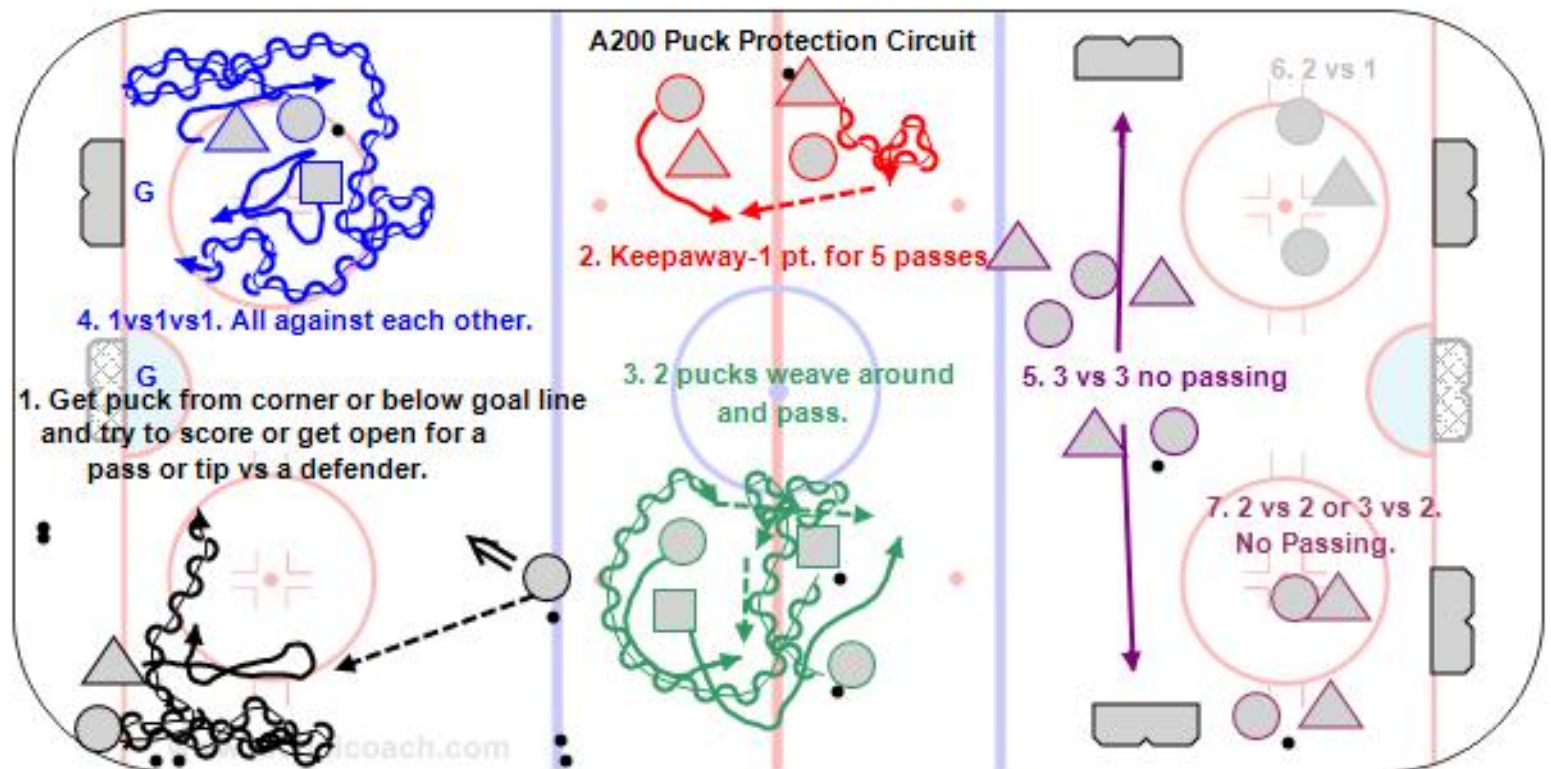
Key Points:

Shield the puck with the body. Use quick turns, head and body fakes, pivots, escape moves to gain the offensive side and score. Keep the stick free to receive passes and tip shots.

Description:

1. Get puck from corner or below goal line and try to score or get open for a pass or tip vs a defender.
2. Keepaway-1 pt. for 5 passes.
3. 2 pucks weave around and pass. No Passing.
4. 1vs1vs1. All against each other.
5. 3 vs 3 no passing.
6. 2 vs 1
7. 2 vs 2 or 3 vs 2.

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A200 Russian Olympic Coach Teaches Puck Handling

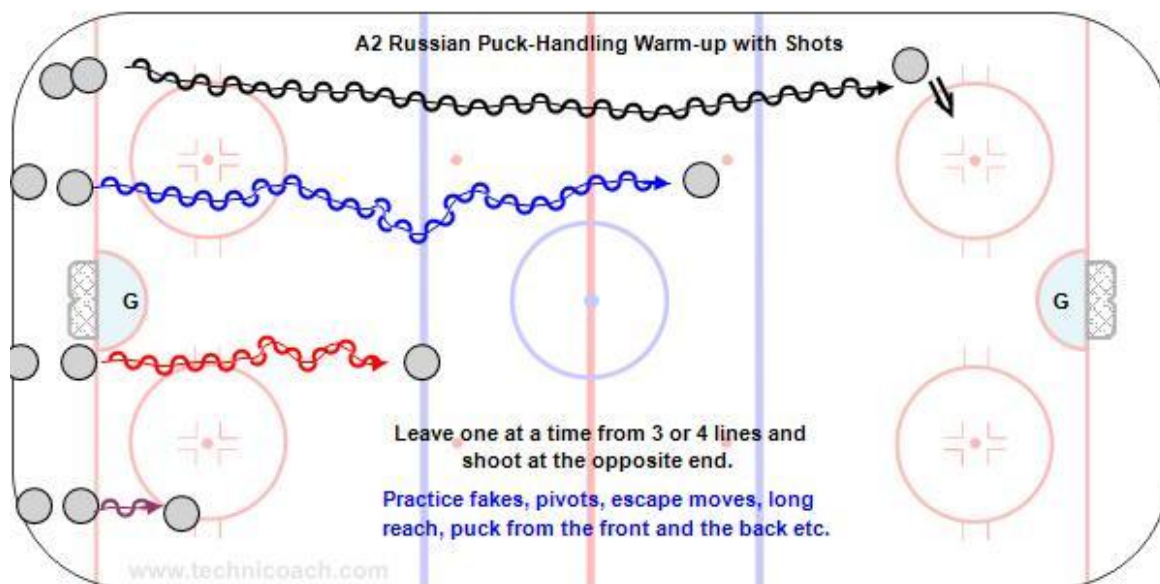
Key Points:

Make hard fakes and sell them to the defender. Separate the movement of the upper and lower body. Create puck handling sequences that flow together. Learn to use the forehand and the backhand and have loose shoulders and the hands away from the body. Don't over handle the puck.

Description:

- A. Warm-up with backward cross-over skating and reach with the stick in a balanced position.
 - B. Practice moves and fakes while skating down the ice and finish with a shot on net.
1. Fake the slapshot with a convincing fake and finish with the stick hitting the ice.
 2. Fake the slapshot and accelerate around the defender on the forehand.
 3. Fake the slapshot and move like you are going around on the forehand but quickly pull the puck across to the backhand.
 4. Fake a backhand pass or shot and rotate the body in a convincing manner.
 5. Fake the backhand and pull the puck across to the forehand.
 6. Fake the slapshot and pull the puck to the backhand, fake a backhand and pull the puck to the forehand.
 7. Fake a wrist shot and spin on the backhand.
 8. Fake a wrist shot and spin to the forehand.
 9. Fake a backhand shot-across to the forehand then fake a wrist shot and across to the backhand.
 10. Combine the moves.

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A200 Russian Puck Handling – Fake Shots and Finnish with a Shot

Key Points:

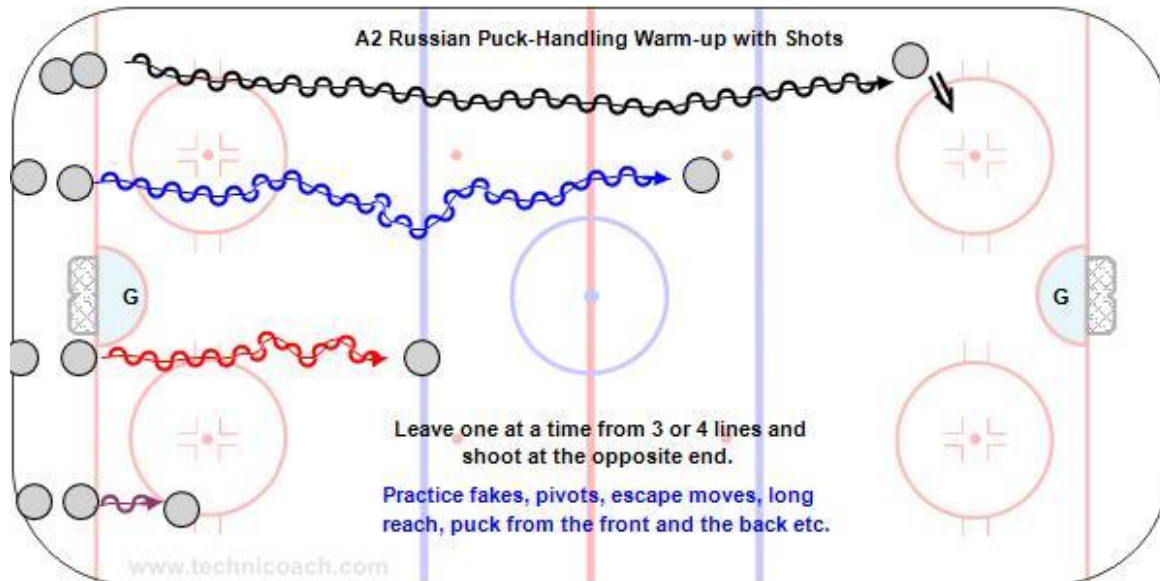
The idea of stick handling is to protect the puck from the opponent or to make him/her reach or straighten their knees and then go around them. Vladimir Jursinov is probably the most successful skills coach in the world. This Soviet and Russian Olympic coach has helped more than 65 players into the NHL from his teams. He leads a group of 15-20 years olds in a fake shot sequence.

Description:

Players are in four lines and do multiple fake shots and moves, then finish with a shot.

- . Practice Faking a slapshot with a hard back swing.
- . Fake a slapshot and go around opponent on the backhand side.
- . Fake a slapshot and go around opponent on the forehand side.
- . Fake a slapshot and then do a backhand tight turn around opponent.
- . Fake a slapshot and reach out like you are going around the opponent on your forehand and then pull the puck quickly to your backhand and go around opponent.

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A200 Skating Warm-up for Edges and Balance with a Puck and Shot

Key Points:

Good players can move in all directions efficiently because they use all edges and have great balance on the ice. Routines for skating, puck handling, shooting and passing are efficient ways for a coach to quickly review the foundation skills and allow the players to get a lot of reps and improve at their own rate. Do these skating exercises with a puck.

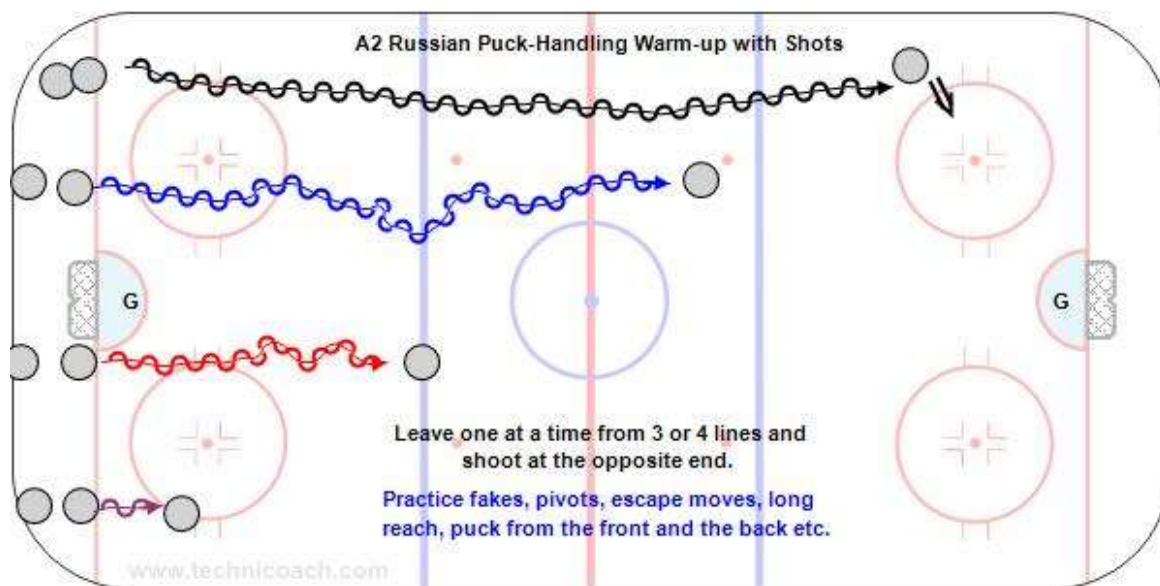
Description:

A200 Formation in Four Groups

- Players start at one end in 4 lines and skate to the other end with a puck and shoot from their lane.
- inside edges - out and in using a snowplow.
- inside edges - sculling one leg at a time on the inside edges.
- outside and inside edges - slalom with the skates together and a good knee bend.
- balance and edges - one length of the ice on each leg.

Repeat the same sequence but skate Backward.

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A200 Variable Goal Training - Skating and Puckhandling

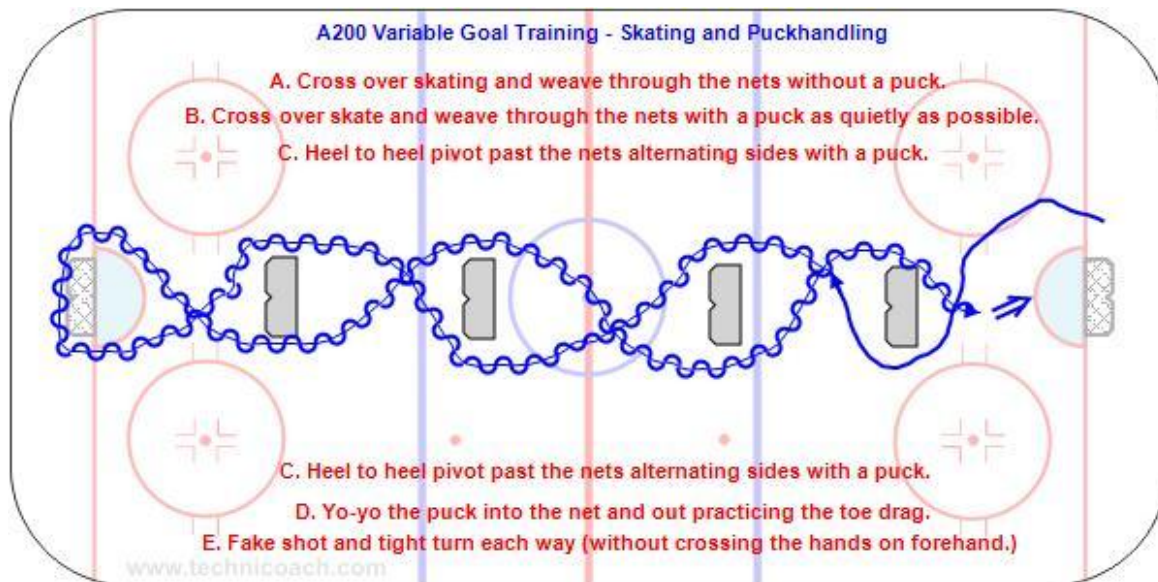
Key Points:

Simulate a defender by using small nets as obstacles. The player skates around and carries the puck using various moves and fakes. Any move can be practiced and the nets are a much larger obstacle than pylons. Focus on good technique.

Description:

1. Put 4 nets as obstacles down the length of the ice.
2. Player does various skating and puck handling exercises and finish with a shot. Start slowly focusing on technique and then add speed and different skills around each net.
3. The video example shows.
 - A. Cross over skating and weave through the nets without a puck.
 - B. Cross over skate and weave through the nets with a puck as quietly as possible.
 - C. Heel to heel pivot past the nets alternating sides with a puck.
 - D. Yo-yo the puck into the net and out practicing the toe drag.
 - E. Fake shot and tight turn each way (without crossing the hands on forehand.)

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A300 Big Moves _ Russian Warm-up

Key Points:

Increase the size of the moves by reaching as far as possible with the puck. Separate the movement of the upper and lower body by skating away from the puck. Players must be able to handle the puck under control around and through their body.

Description:

- Skate away from the puck. Skate right reach left and skate left and reach right.
- Reach as far forward and back as you can using the top hand.
- Yo-yo the puck give it and take it away.
- Toe drag fake inside and pull the puck back while sliding back.
- Bring the puck from behind to in front through the skates on forehand.
- Bring the puck from behind to in front through the skates on backhand.
- Skate fake inside and go outside.

Nervous System Overload

- Carry two pucks at once; keep them in front and within a stick length.
- Carry three pucks at once.
- Carry four pucks at once.
- Carry one wiffle ball and three pucks to change the feel and weight.
- Carry a wiffle ball and sponge puck at once.
- Carry wiffle ball, sponge puck and racquet ball at the same time.
- Carry a small soccer ball with the feet.
- Handle a small soccer ball with the feet and a puck with the stick.

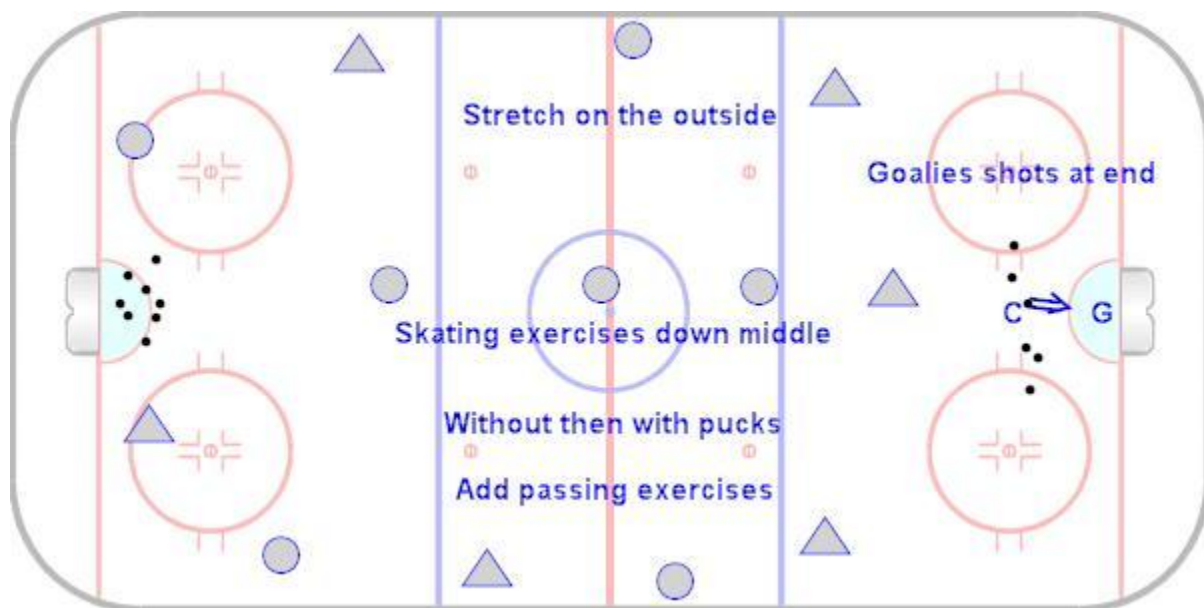
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A3 Puck Handling Warm up

Players skate around the ice and practice stickhandling moves all around the body, in the feet and try to separate the movement of the upper and lower body.

This was filmed at a camp in Jihlava, Czech Republic.

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A300 Edges and Puck Handling with a Shot

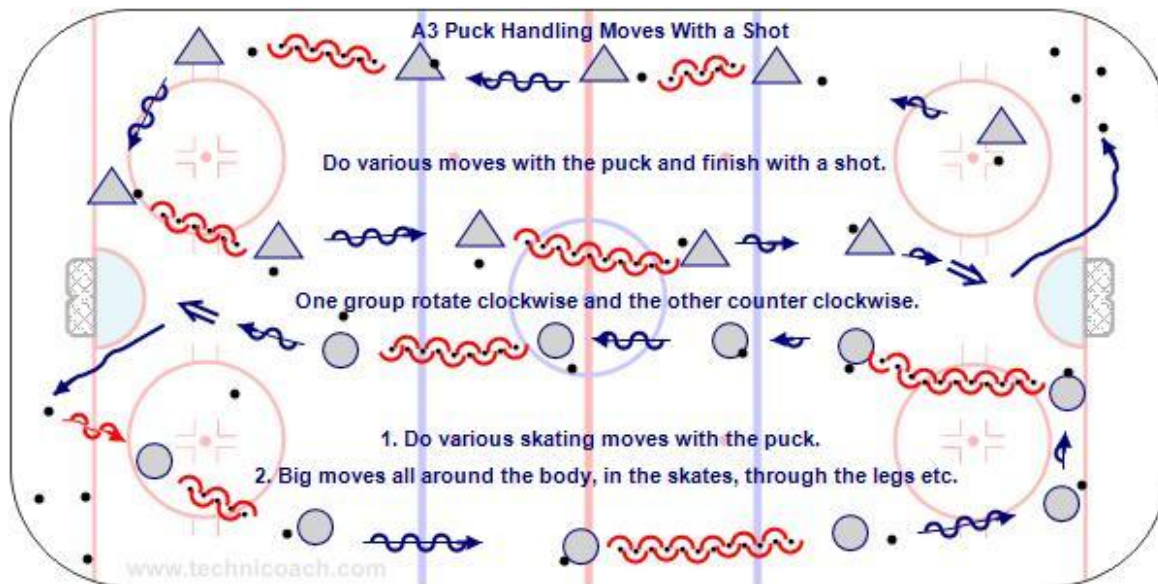
Key Points:

Move the puck all around the body in two circles going opposite directions. Finish with a shot. Use all of the edges and big moves reaching as far as possible.

Description:

1. Dark group skate down half the rink with a puck and shoot from the middle and white group skate the opposite way and shoot on the other net.
2. Skate on all of the edges and use big moves by reaching the opposite. i.e. Skate left and reach as far as you can to the right.
3. The players skating down the middle finish with a shot and then get a new puck.
4. Exercises are done while zig-zagging in and out.
 - a. Forward skate and alternate on the front inside edges.
 - b. Backward skate and alternate on the inside edges.
 - c. Skate forward and cross-over alternating on the outside edges.
 - d. Skate backward and cross-over alternating on the outside edges.
 - e. Open hip turn each way.
 - f. Slalom and reach as far as possible with the puck the opposite way.

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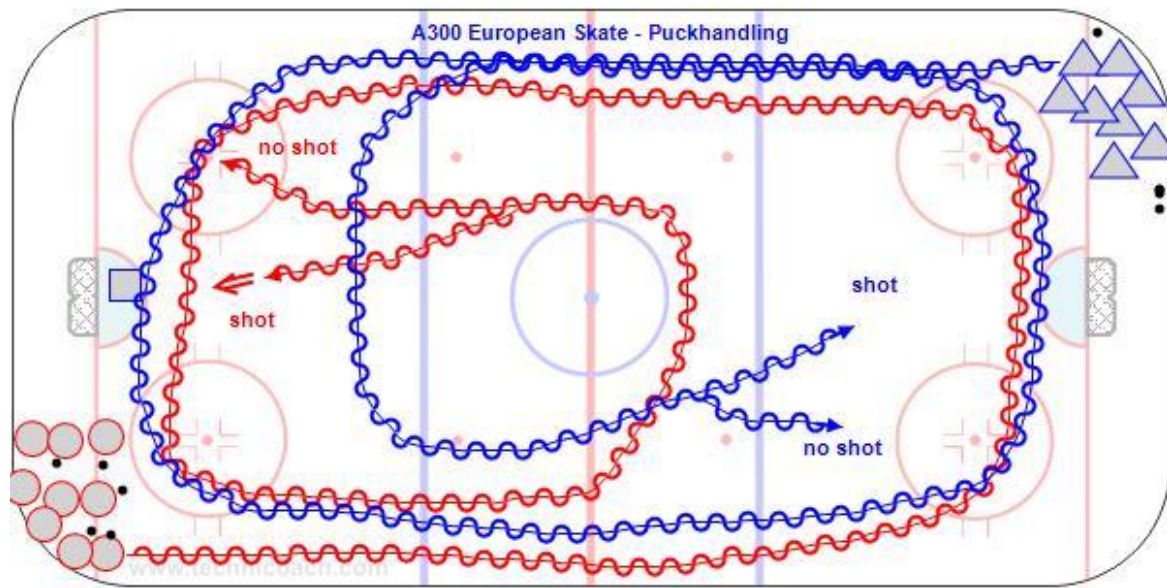
A300 European Skate - Puckhandling

Key Points:

- Quick feet, crossovers.
- Push the puck on the flat sections.
- Accelerate on the turns.
- Control and protect the puck on turns.

Description:

- Groups of 3-4 players leave on the whistle and skate with the puck 1.5 laps.
- An extra half lap can be added and finish at the opposite end.
- Repeat 4 times, 2 forward and 2 backward.
- Both groups or only one group at a time can leave.



A300 Individual Puck Handling Practice

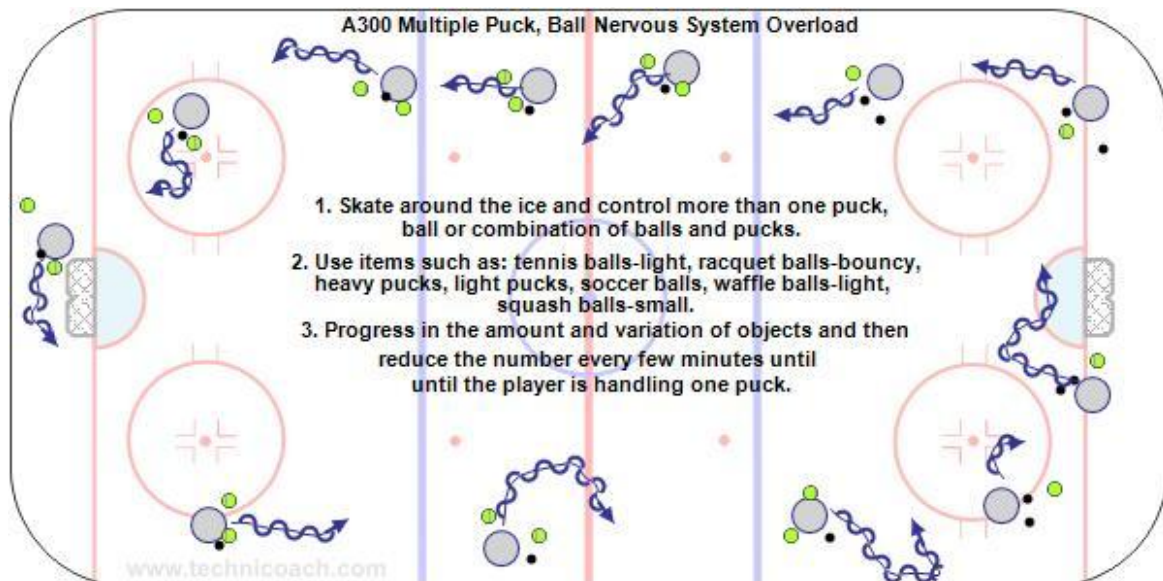
Key Points:

Use multiple pucks and balls to overload the nervous system and control them all around the body. With one puck over extend to increase your reach. Separate the movement of the upper and lower body, loosen the shoulders and use head and shoulder fakes. Practice moving the puck from the stick to the skates and back, as well as controlling the puck from in front and behind.

Description:

1. Handle two or three pucks at once never letting them get more than a stick length away.
2. Reach with one hand as far back and forward as possible.
3. Slalom to the right and reach with the puck to the left and visa-versa in order to separate the movement of the upper and lower body.
4. Repeat the same thing but this time skate and power away from the puck.
5. Move the puck from the stick to the inside and outside skate edges and back.
6. Bring the puck thru the skates on the forehand and backhand.
7. Hands close together and legs wide apart and use head and shoulder fakes.
8. Toe drag and move to the forehand and the backhand.
9. Fake a slapshot and accelerate to the forehand and backhand.
10. Handle two or three different kinds of balls around the body. i.e. tennis, racquet, hockey, Keep the balls within a stick length and under control.

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A300 Multiple Puck, Ball Nervous System Overload

Key Points:

Use two or more balls, pucks of different sizes, weights, bouncyness to overload the nervous system.

Description:

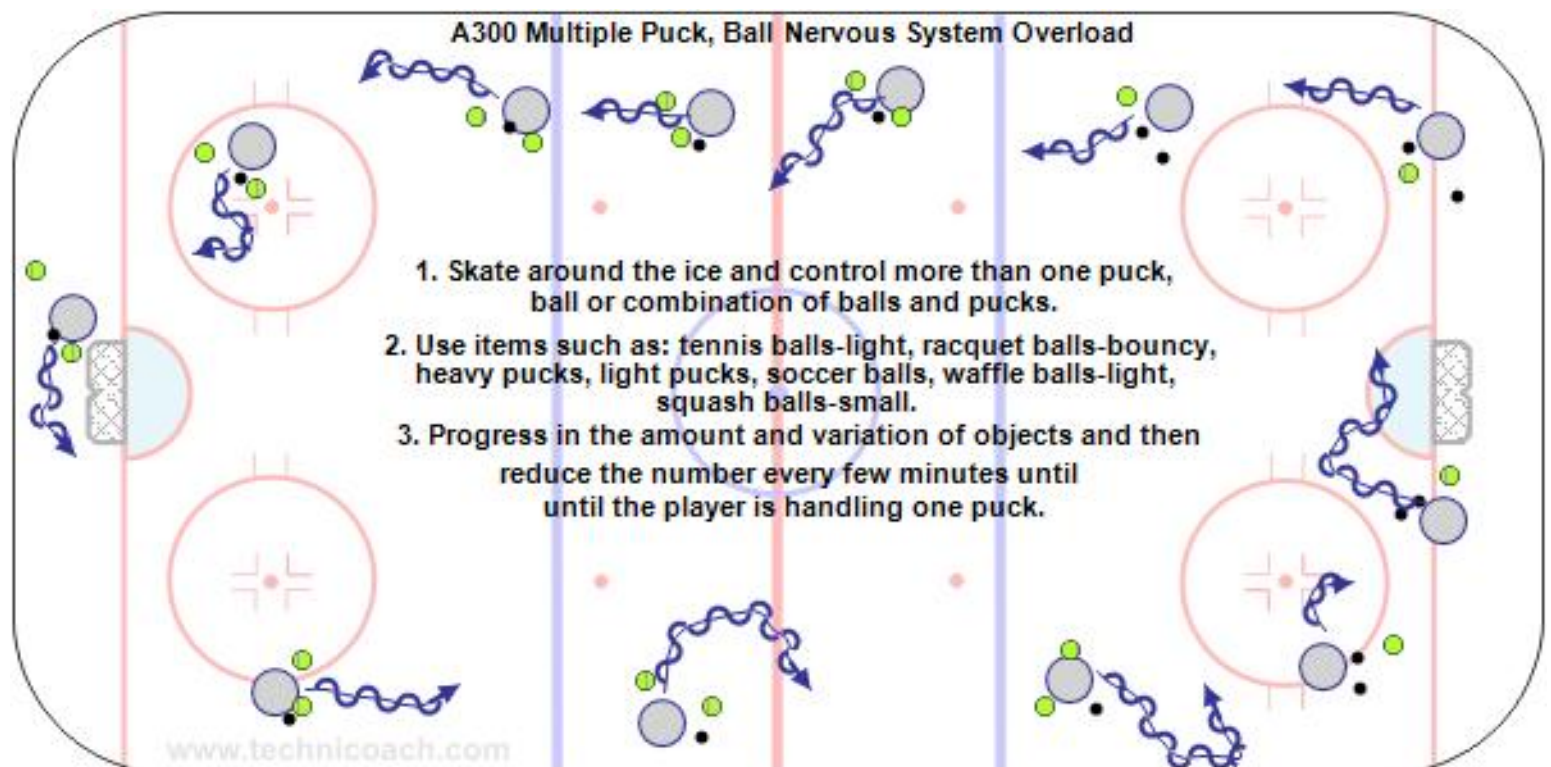
1. Skate around the ice and control more than one puck, ball or combination of balls and pucks.
2. Use items such as: tennis balls-light, racquet balls-bouncy, heavy pucks, light pucks, soccer balls, waffle balls-light, squash balls-small. The nervous system has to adjust to each weight and size and control the amount of pressure applied on each object.
3. Progress in the amount and variation of objects and then reduce the number every few minutes until the player is handling one puck.

-A routine I have a pro player do is; skate around the ice with a tennis, racquet and hockey ball. After one lap I take away the hockey ball and replace it with a puck, another lap and I replace the tennis ball with another puck, third lap I take away the racquet ball and now he has 3 pucks. After a lap two pucks putting them back to the skates and on the stick. Then one puck doing the Russian big moves all around and thru the body.

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A300 One Touch Warm-up Slovakia U20

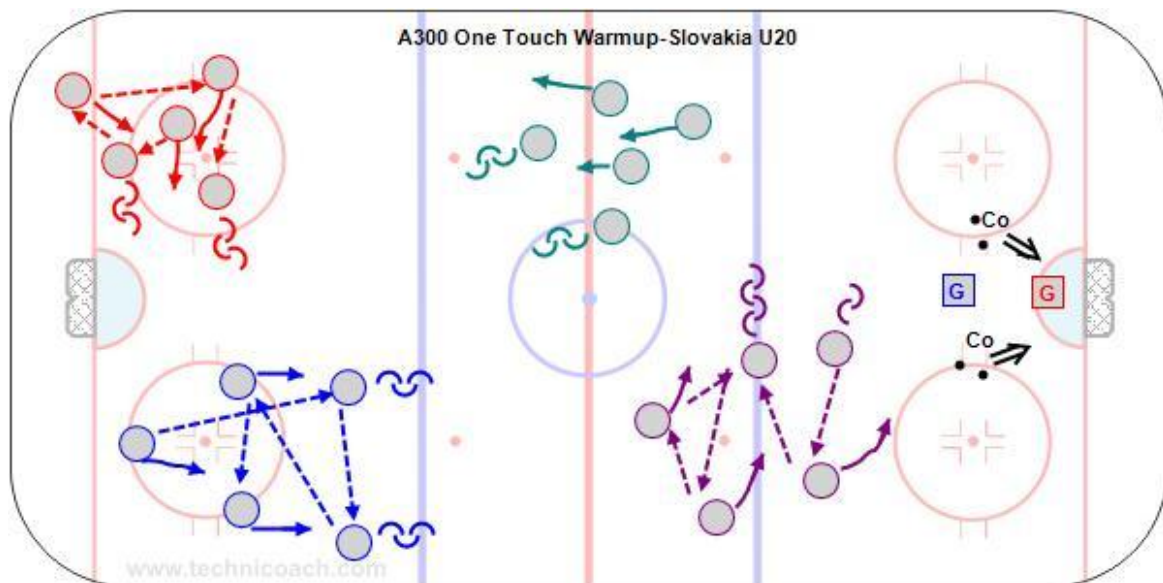
Key Points:

Move the puck to everyone in the group facing the puck at all times. Goalies warm up with the coaches. Do this instead of aimlessly skating around the ice with a puck at the start of practice.

Description:

1. Players skate around in their 5 man units.
2. One touch pass the puck to each other.
3. Coaches warm up the goalies at one end.
4. Do this for about 3 - 5 minutes.
5. Blocks of 5 players could move onto 3-2 Keepaway.

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A300 Puck Handling vs. Defender Warm-up

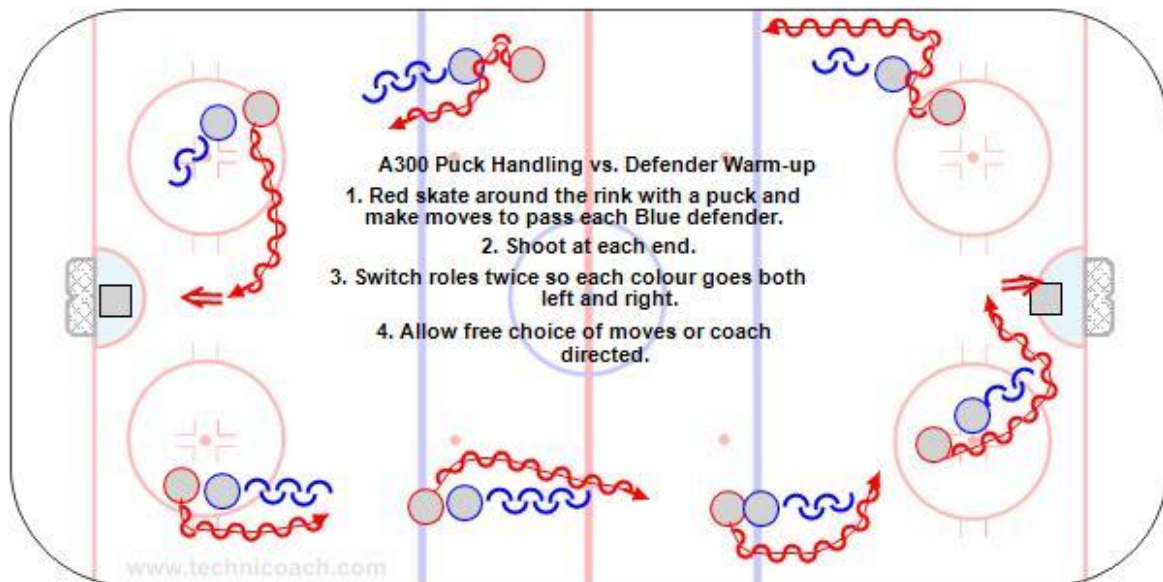
Key Points:

Defend passively and allow the attacker to make moves.

Description:

1. Red skate around the rink with a puck and make moves to pass each Blue defender.
2. Shoot at each end.
3. Switch roles twice so each colour goes both left and right.
4. Allow free choice of moves or coach directed.

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A300 Puckhandle and Shot-U22

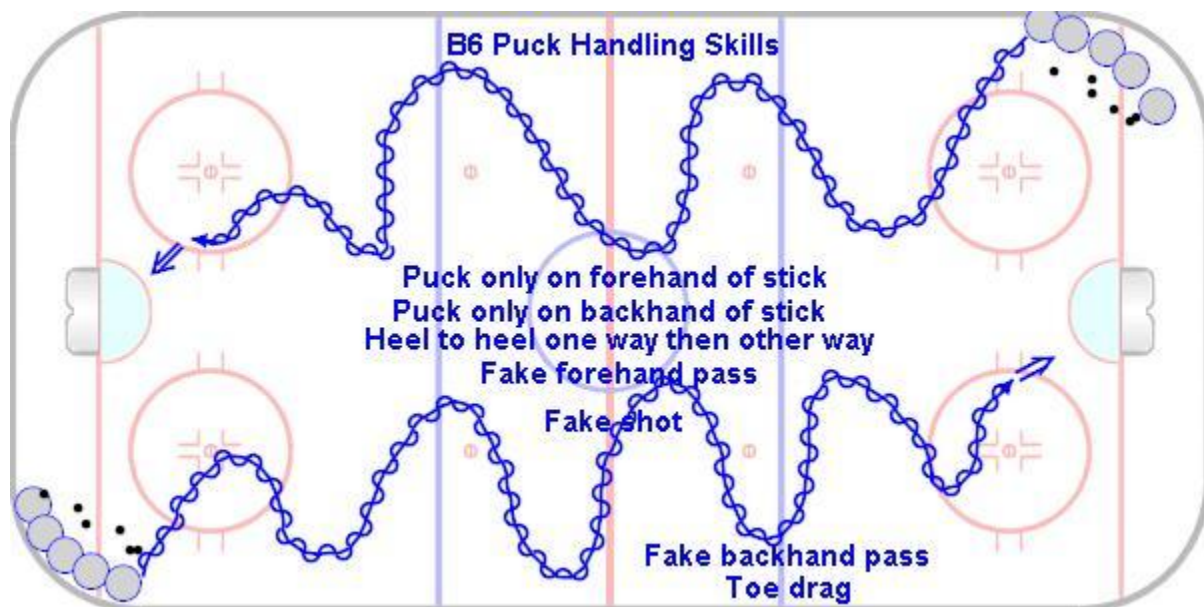
Key Points:

Players should do many moves down the ice and learn to shoot while skating and then follow the shot for a rebound. Work on loosening the shoulders and the ability to handle the puck with big moves all around the body.

Description:

1. Players line up in diagonal corners.
2. Leave and do various puck handling moves down the ice.
3. Next player leave about 3" later so the line up keeps moving.
4. Shoot and follow the shot.
5. Circle back and rebound for the next shooter.

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A300 Shoot-Rebound-Walk In-Walk out - Swedish U20

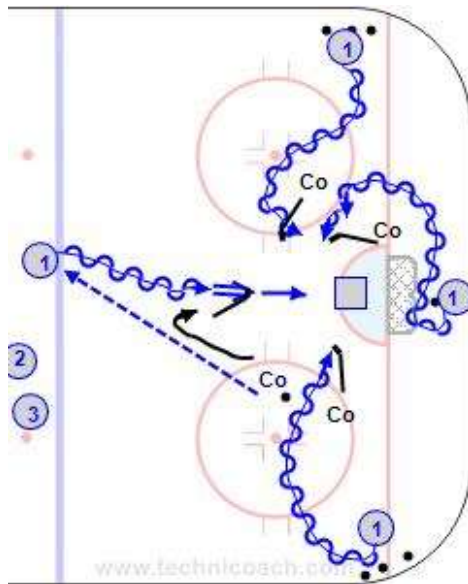
Key Points:

Shoot while skating and follow the shot for a rebound. Fake and build a wall to protect the puck. Block off the checker with your legs and back.

Description:

1. Get a pass from the coach at the blue line, skate in and shoot while moving then follow the shot for a rebound.
2. Goalie place a puck behind the net and the attacker fake and walk out while protecting the puck from the defenders stick.
3. Attacker skate to the corner and get a puck and walk in while protecting the puck and get a shot and look for a rebound.
4. Repeat the walk in from the other corner.

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A300 Skating and Skill Circuit – U18

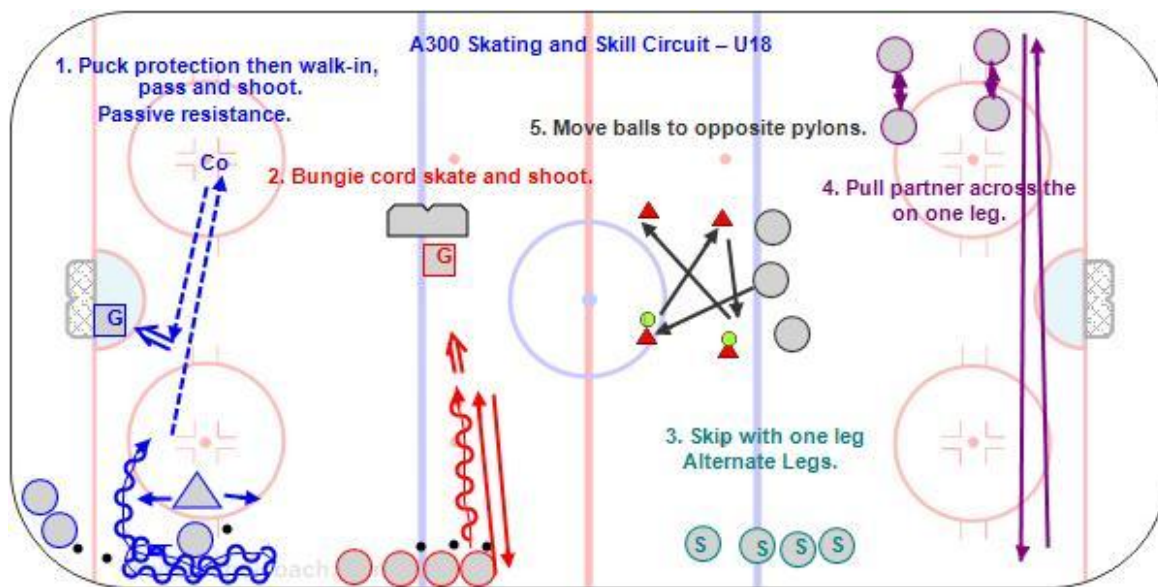
Key Points:

Players move from station to station and do skating, shooting and puck protection skills.

Description:

1. Puck protection then walk-in, pass and shoot. Passive resistance.
2. Bungee cord skate and shoot.
3. Skip on one leg and alternate legs.
4. Pull partner across the ice on one leg.
5. Move balls to opposite pylons.

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A300 Skill Session 1A 1B

Key Points:

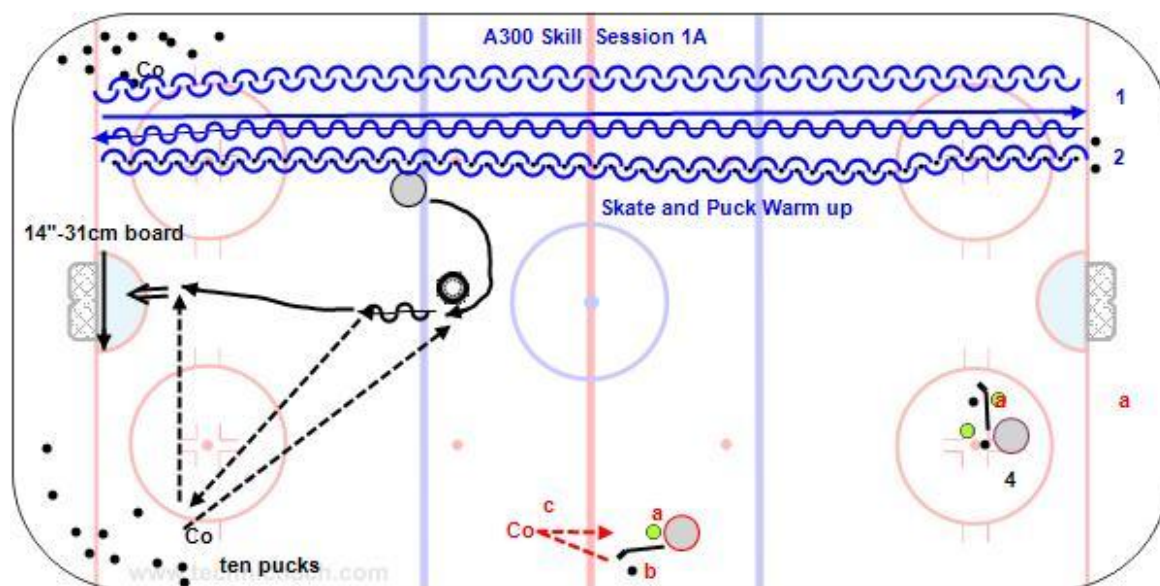
Overload the nervous system with tasks for the hands and feet, many objects, skating and balance exercises without then with a puck.

Practice redirecting hard passes over the goalie pad and shoot in rebounds. Add give and go passes. Either one player and a coach or a circuit for a team. Place a 14"-31 cm board across the goal line.

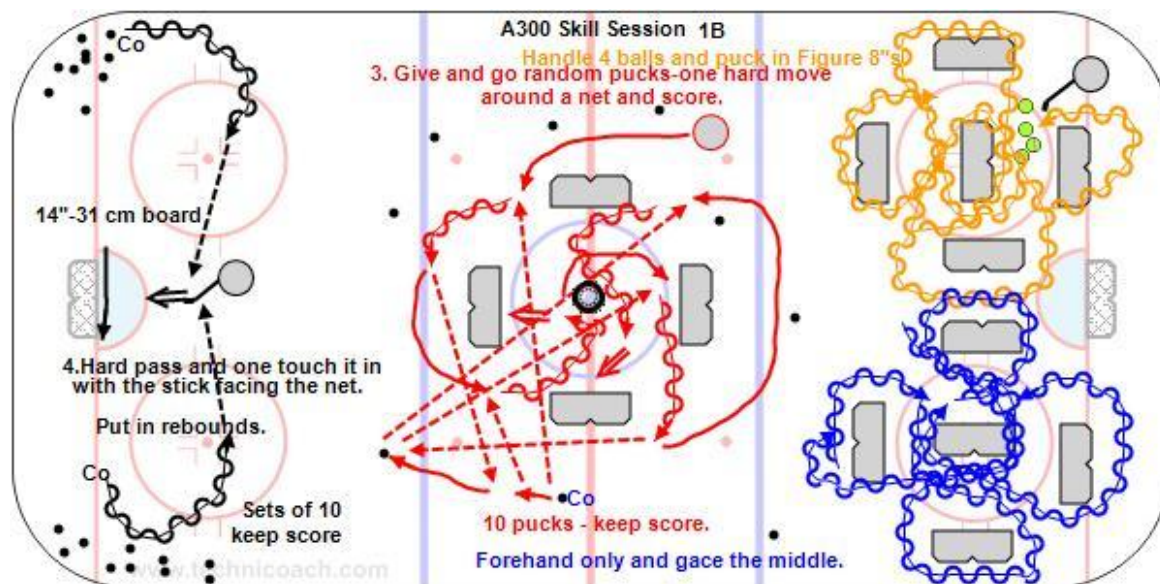
Player must always try to score. With multiple balls and pucks keep them within a stick length and little noise.

Description:

1. Skate edges and puck handling warm up.
 - a. snow plow
 - b. scooter
 - c. swivel
 - d. slalom
 - e. one foot - forward down return backward.
- 2 . Repeat while moving a puck all around the body. Forward down and return backward.
3. Soccer ball-a. carry around the rink in the skates b. ball in the feet and puck on the stick c. ball in the feet and pass the puck with coach
4. Carry 4 different kind of balls what are shaped differently, different bounce and weight. After each lap leave one ball and add one puck until 4 pucks. 1. Handle 4 different balls in figure 8's.
5. Carry 1 puck only on the forehand and facing the middle.
6. Give and go random pucks-one hard move around a net and score. 10 pucks - keep score.
7. Hard pass and one touch it in with the stick facing the net. Put in rebounds.



Skills Session 1A



Skills Session 1B

A300 Tight Turn Circuit

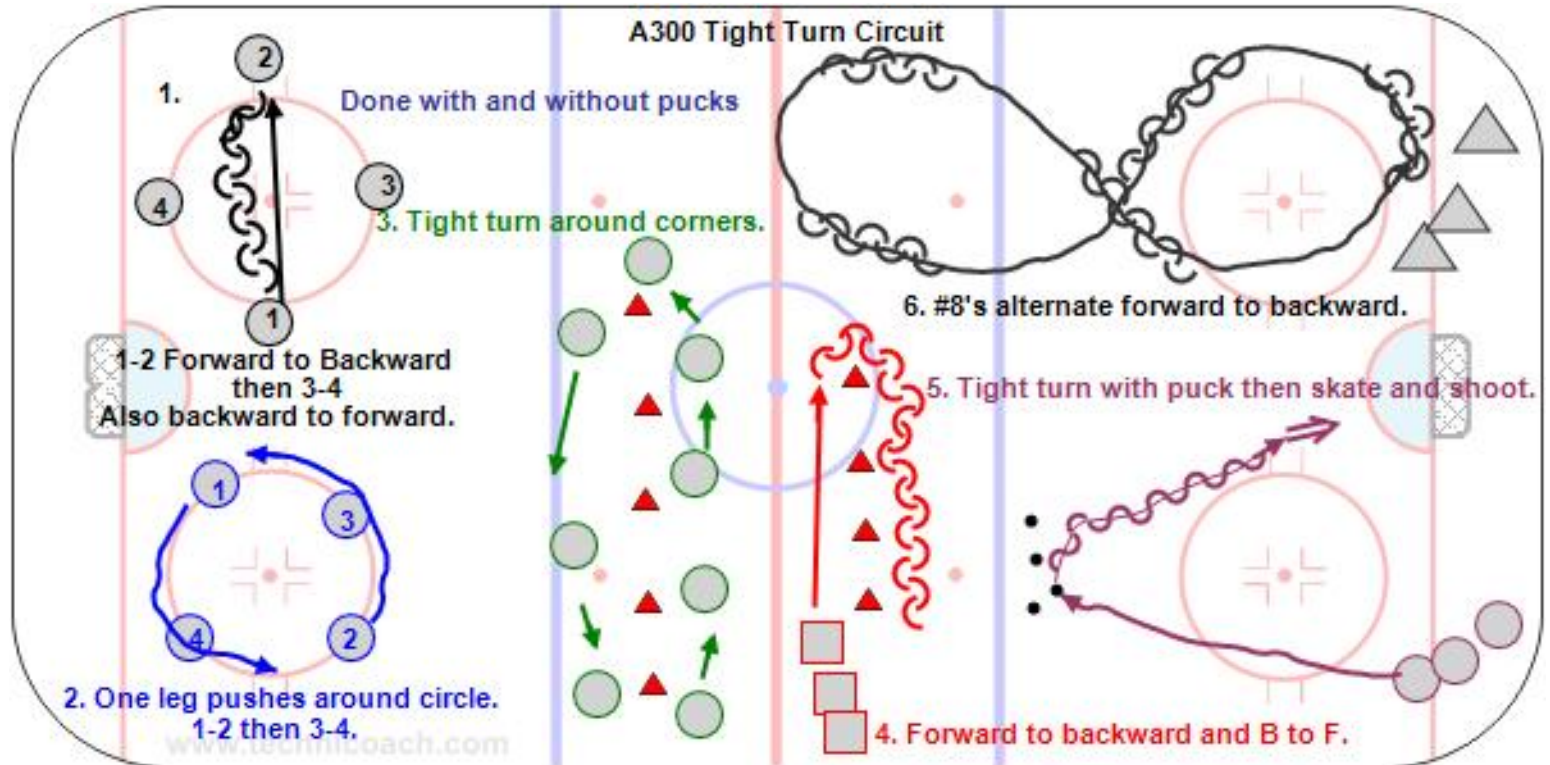
Key Points:

Use all of the edges with a good knee bend to change directions. Shoulders lead the turn. Start without pucks and then add pucks.

Description:

- 1-2 forward to backward then 3-4. Also backward to forward.
- One leg pushes around circle. 1-2 then 3-4.
- Tight turn around corners.
- Forward to backward and B to F.
- Tight turn with puck then skate and shoot.
- #8's alternate forward to backward.

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A300 Tight Turns-Three Hard Strides-Shot

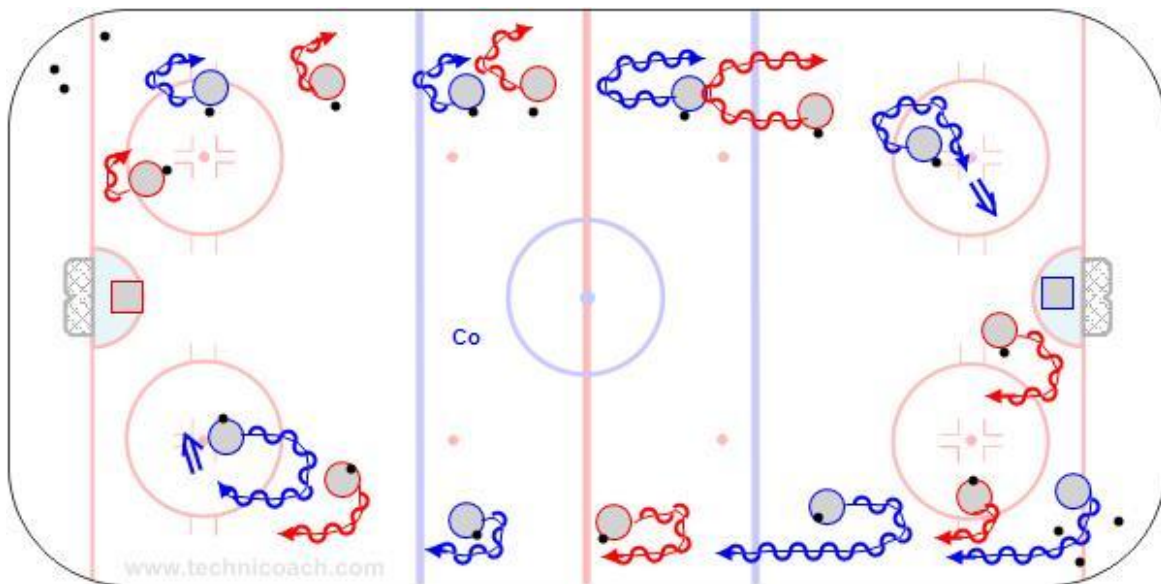
Key Points:

Tight turn towards the boards and take three hard strides. Shoot while skating.

Description:

1. All of the players have a puck and skate around the rink.
2. On the coaches whistle turn towards the boards and take three hard strides and then slow up.
3. Next whistle tight turn toward the boards and go the other direction.
4. Shoot at both ends.

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A300 Toe Drag and Finish with a Shot

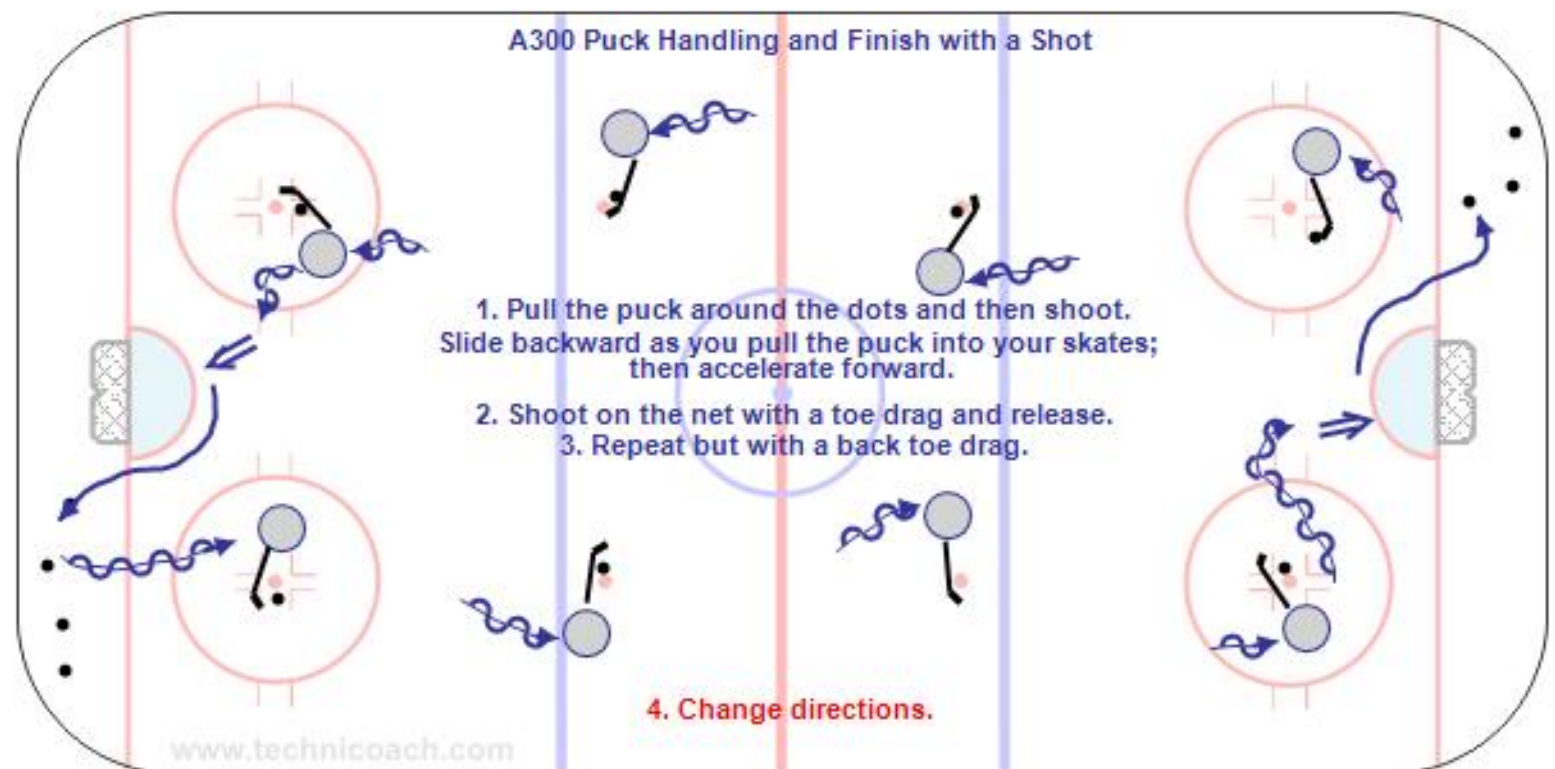
Key Points:

Keep your hands away from the body. Roll the wrists especially with the top hand and slide the bottom hand up the stick. Give a hard fake to the inside to lure the defender then pull the puck across while you slide away and around him.

Description:

1. Pull the puck around the dots and then shoot. Slide backward as you pull the puck into your skates; then accelerate forward.
2. Shoot on the net with a toe drag and release.
3. Repeat but with a back toe drag.
4. Change directions.

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A300 x 2 Skating and Puck Handling Warm-up with Shots

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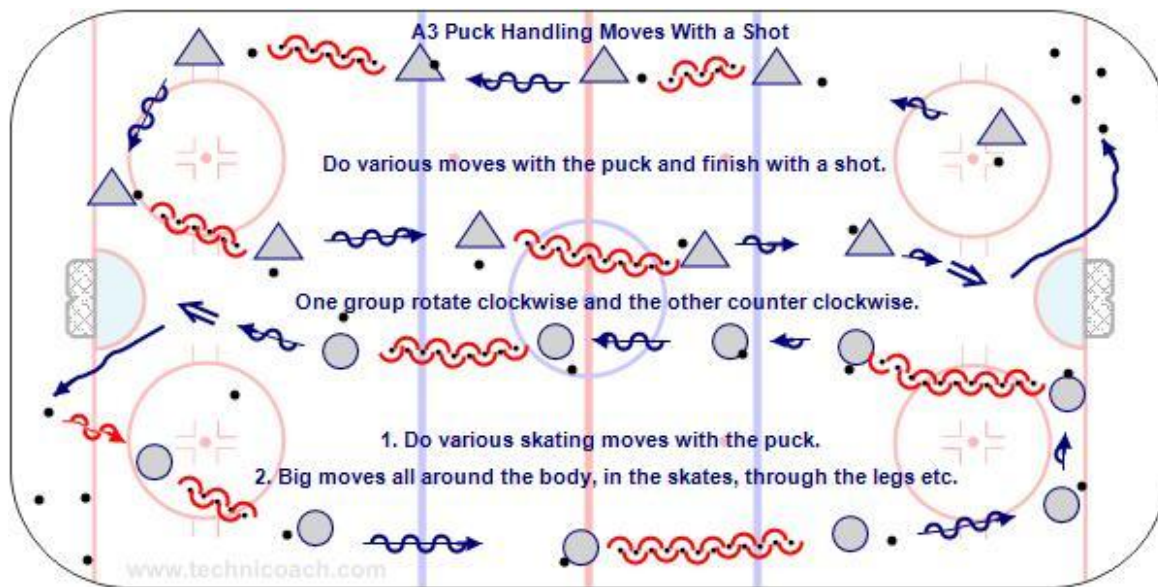
Do various moves with the puck and finish with a shot.

Description:

One group rotate clockwise and the other counter clockwise.

1. Do various skating moves with the puck.
2. Big moves all around the body, in the skates, through the legs etc.

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A500 - Deke and Breakaway vs. Backchecker - Sweden 5

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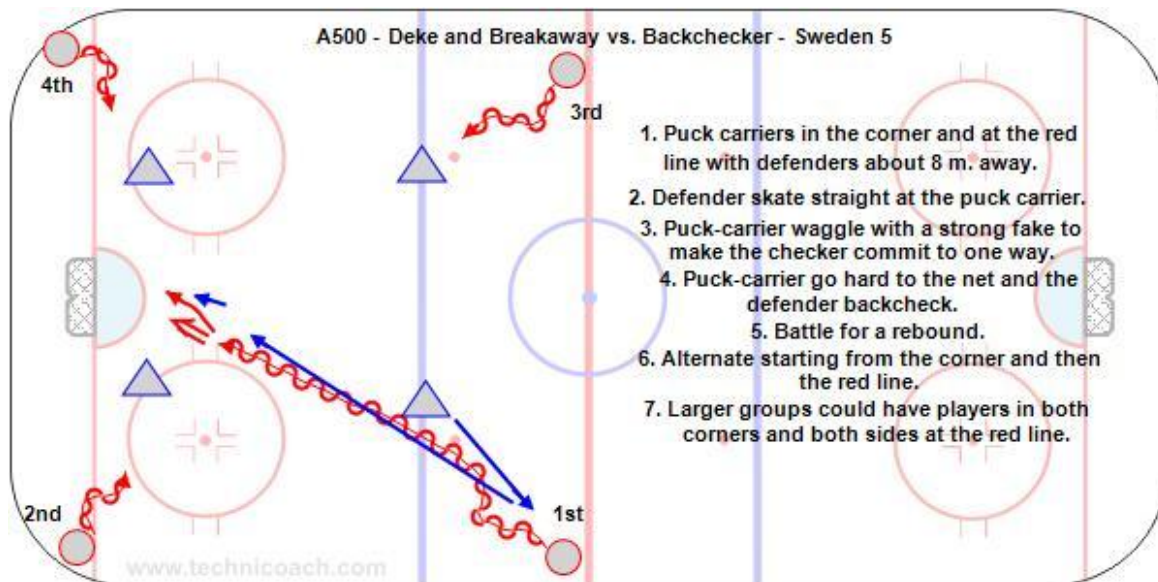
Use the Waggle with head and shoulder fakes skating one way and go the other way when the defender bites. Defender skate straight at the puck carrier and then backcheck when he goes by.

Description:

1. Puck carriers in the corner and at the red line with defenders about 8 m. away.
2. Defender skate straight at the puck carrier.
3. Puck-carrier waggle with a strong fake to make the checker commit to one way.
4. Puck-carrier go hard to the net and the defender backcheck.
5. Battle for a rebound.
6. Alternate starting from the corner and then the red line.
7. Larger groups could have players in both corners and both sides at the red line.

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A500 - Gretzky Move and Shot - Sweden 3

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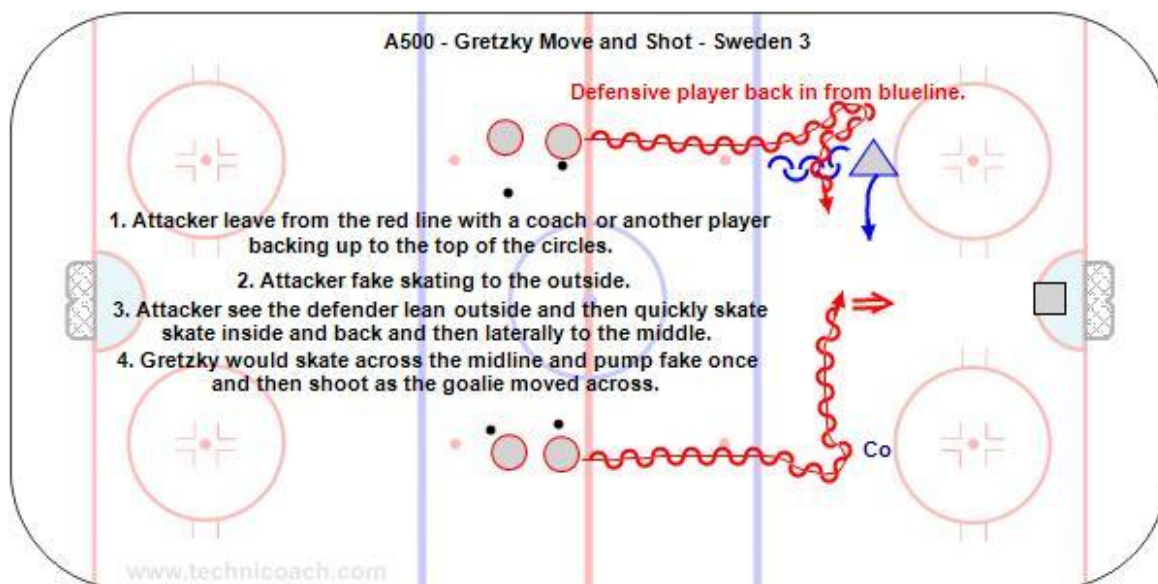
Attacker skate fake outside to draw the defender then cut across inside. Attacker recognize that defender has given up the blue line and force him to skate laterally by moving back and across to create space.

Description:

1. Attacker leave from the red line with a coach or another player backing up to the top of the circles.
2. Attacker fake skating to the outside.
3. Attacker see the defender lean outside and then quickly skate inside and back and then laterally to the middle.
4. Gretzky would skate across the midline and pump fake once and then shoot as the goalie moved across.

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A500 - Keepaway Inside Circle - Sweden 1

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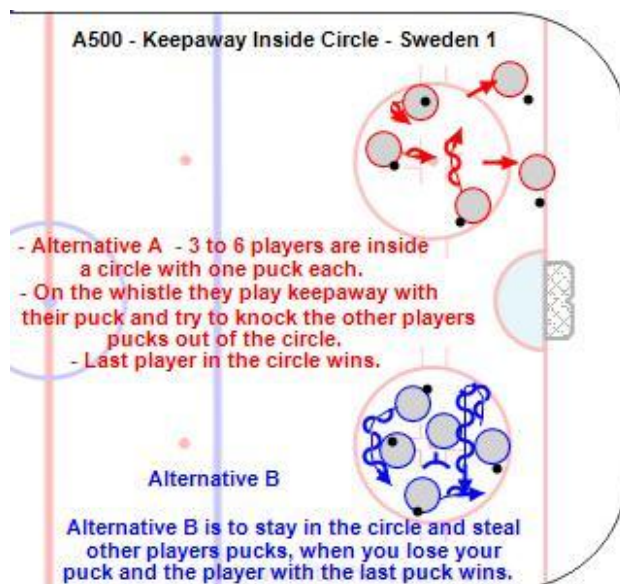
Protect the puck by shielding it with the body. Use head and shoulder fakes and escape moves.

Description:

- Alternative A - 3 to 6 players are inside a circle with one puck each.
- On the whistle they play keepaway with their puck and try to knock the other players pucks out of the circle.
- Last player in the circle wins.
- Alternative B is to stay in the circle and steal other players pucks when you lose your puck and the player with the last puck wins.

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A500 - Overspeed Puck Handling with a Shot - Sweden 4

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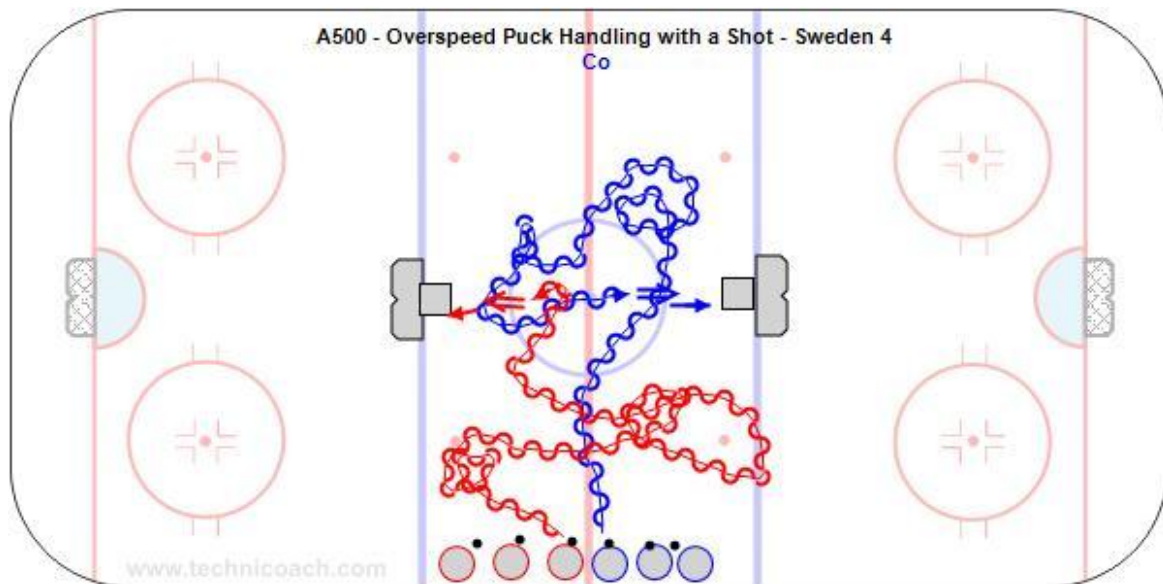
Players should skate and make moves at full speed. If they fall sometimes that shows they are pushing themselves beyond their comfort zone, which is great. Always follow the shot for a rebound.

Description:

1. Players are lined up along the boards with one colour on each side of the red line with a net at each blue line.
2. On whistle the players skate with the puck in the neutral zone.
3. Overspeed tempo with moves and turns at a faster pace than the players usually go.
4. Shoot on one net each on the next whistle.
5. Whistle about every 7".

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A500 - Puck Protection - Sweden 2

Key Points:

Protect the puck by shielding it with the body and using fakes and cutbacks. Absorb checks by putting the hands up on the glass while holding the stick with two hands. Defensive player should always have the stick on the puck.

Description:

1. One offensive player and one defensive player.
2. Offensive player protect the puck along the boards for 10-15 seconds.
3. Defensive player maintain net side with the stick on the puck.
4. Switch roles.

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A500 - Tight Turn 8's - Sweden 7

Key Points:

Tight turn with knees bent and inside leg in front. On the forehand turn do as the goalie in the video and keep the top hand at the side and elbow back. Don't cross your hands as you cannot shoot or pass right away (new thought being taught now).

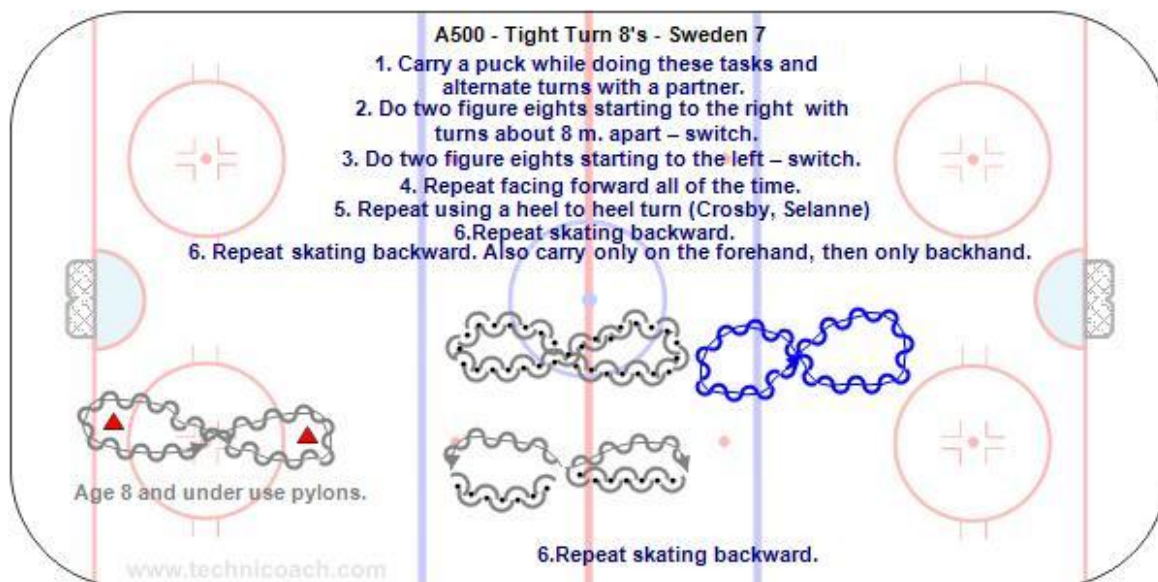
Description:

1. Carry a puck while doing these tasks and alternate turns with a partner.
2. Do two figure eights starting to the right with turns about 8 m. apart – switch.
3. Do two figure eights starting to the left – switch.
4. Repeat facing forward all of the time.
5. Repeat using a heel to heel turn (Crosby, Selanne)
6. Repeat skating backward. Also carry only on the forehand, then only backhand.

**Avoid using pylons as repeating in the same spot ruins the ice. Players can figure out how to do a number 8 as they all go to school. There are enough lines and dots on the ice to use as guidelines without the pylons (after players are 100 lbs. or 45 kg.)*

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A500 - Waggle - Fake Inside Go Outside - Sweden 6

Key Points:

The defender will always protect the middle so the attacker skate inside and when the defender adjusts inside then Waggle by accelerating outside and go wide. Once the attacker is past the defenders shoulder then build a wall with the body to protect the puck and cut in. Cutting back inside is also possible.

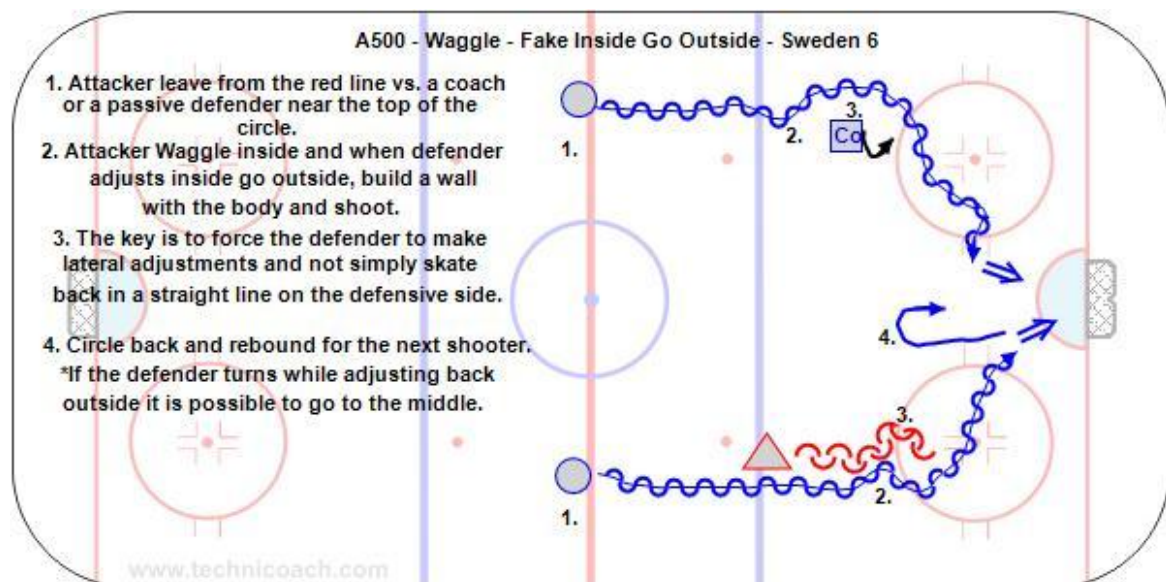
Description:

1. Attacker leave from the red line vs. a coach or a passive defender near the top of the circle.
2. Attacker Waggle inside and when defender adjusts inside go outside, build a wall with the body and shoot.
3. The key is to force the defender to make lateral adjustments and not simply skate back in a straight line on the defensive side.
4. Circle back and rebound for the next shooter.

*If the defender turns while adjusting back outside it is possible to go to the middle.

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Quickness

A - Ball Drop Quick Start

One partner drop a tennis ball while the other waits in the ready position 3-5 metres away. The goal is for the waiting partner to catch the ball before it hits the ice a second time. Keep score, change distances, etc.

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Most of this skill technique material is from the Swedish Federation with clips from other countries. I have added some other material that compliments the technique and put English text to describe the technique and add comments on principles they omit.

Equipment:

A - Hockey Equipment

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Skating:

A - Crosby Turn - Crosby with Push – Sw

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A - Backward Stride – Sw

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A - Forward Stride – Sw

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A - Exercises for Balance and Edges – Sw

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A - Hockey Stick - Sweden Skills

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A - Forward and Backward Stride in Athletic Position

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A - Skating Without the Puck – Sweden

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A - Backward Start – Sw

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A - V and Cross-over Skating Start – Sw

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A - Forward Hockey Stop – Sw

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A - Backward Skating One Foot Stop – Sw

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A - Glide Turn Backwards – Sw

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A - Back to Front Pivot – Sw

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A - Backward Skating Crossovers – Sw

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A - Forward Crossovers – Sw

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A - Scooting – Sw

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A - Side Step – Sw

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A - Forward Stride Principles: Part 3 – Swiss

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A – Passing and Receiving Technique – Sweden

A - Sweep Pass – Sw

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A - Sweep Pass 2 – Sw

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A - Quick Passing – Sw

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A - Backhand Passing – Sw

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A - Snap Pass - Sw

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B500 - Receiving Passes with Hand, Body, Skate – Sw

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B500 - 360 Degree Passing – Sw

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A - Flip Pass – Sw

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A - Board Pass – Sw

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Puck Handling Skills: Sweden, Russia, Finland

A - Puck Handling Technique - Grip and Side to Side

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A - Triple Threat Position – Sw

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A - PH - Build a Wall - Cut In – Sw

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A - PH - Cut In - Slide Puck in Front of Defenders Skates – SW

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A - PH - Escape Move - Delay With a Cutback – Sw

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A - PH - Fake Outside - Pull Across – Sw

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A - PH - Fake Shot – Sw

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A - PH - Race for Loose Pucks - Skating and Stick Fake – Sw

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A - PH - Toe Drag or Pull-in – Sw

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A - Push-out Tight Forehand Turn – Sw

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A - Puck Handling Big Moves Exercises – Finland

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A - Puck Handling 360 Degrees – Sw

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A - PH - Lift Puck Over the Stick – Sw

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A - PH - Lacrosse Move – Sw

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A - PH - Cradel the Puck in Triple Threat – Sw

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A - PH - Big Moves All Around the Body – Sw

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A - PH - Backspin – Sw

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A - PH - Backhand Between the Legs – Sw

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A - Head and Shoulder Fakes Side to Side – Sw

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A - PH - Big Moves Exercises – Russia

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A - Puck Handling Sequence - Russian Olympic Coach

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A - Skating Programs from Finland and Minnesota

This is a four part series of skating instruction from Finland. It is an excellent resource.

A2 - Hockey Skating from Finland 1

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A2 - Skating Skills from Finland 2

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A2 - Skating from Finland 3

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A2 - Skating Skills from Finland 4

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Another great resource for teaching skating was done by Minnesota Hockey. It is a 30 minute video of how to teach skating technique.

A3 - Skating from Minnesota

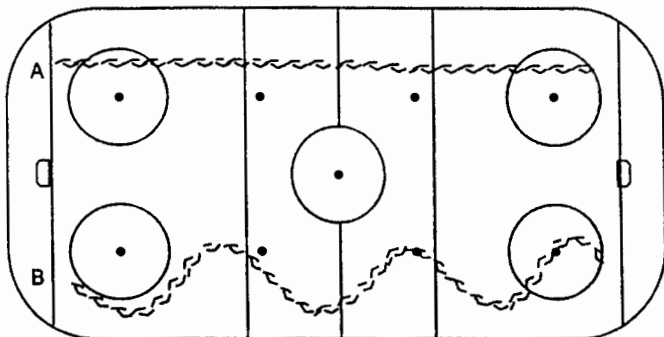
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SKATING TECHNIQUE

Following are examples of drills with comments!

These drills which are described below, can and should of course be used during practice when only defensemen are specially trained, many drills can be woven into the practice where game elements are practiced with several players involved.

Skating technique 1

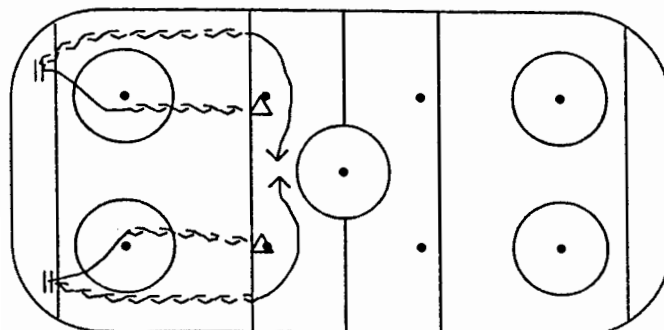


Skating technique backward

A. Practice technique of skating backward-straight back.

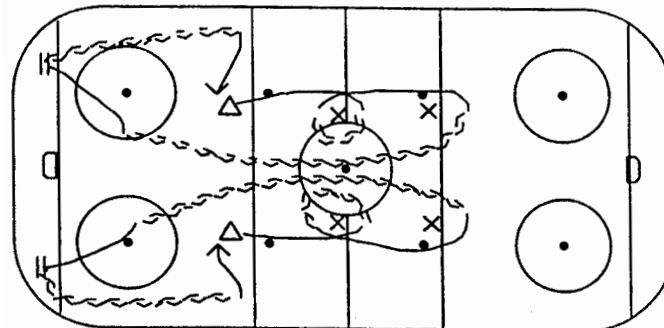
B. Practice technique of backward cross-over skating.

Skating technique 2



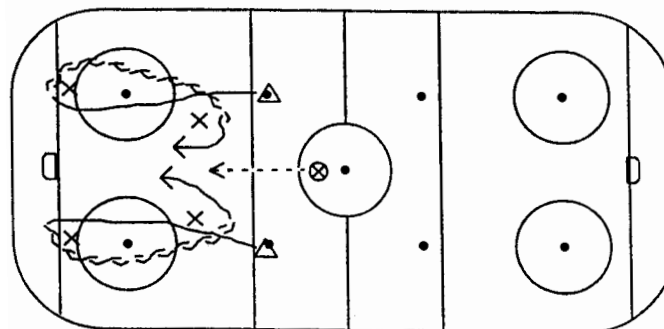
Two players start at the same time backward, open the hips, pivot to forward skating down toward the corner, stop, pivot to backward skating up toward the blue line.

Skating technique 3



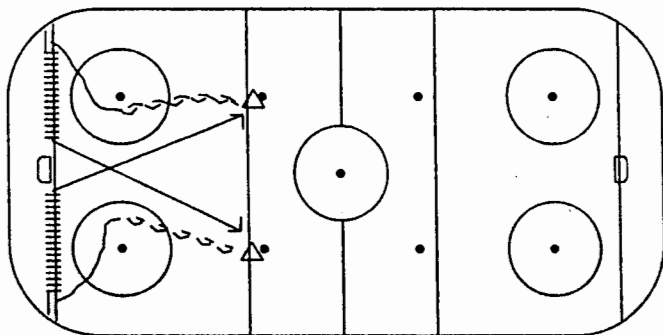
Same as above, but start skating forward, make pivots around cones.

Skating technique 4



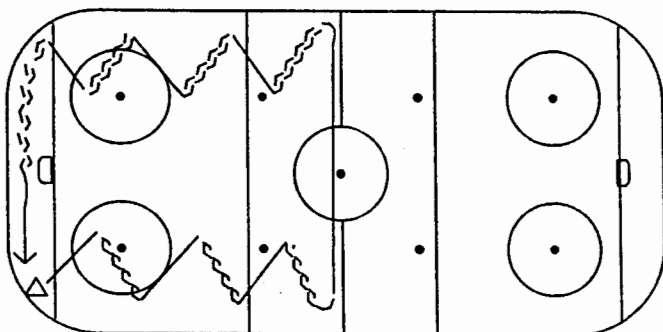
Two players start on the signal. Skate making pivots. Coach passes puck, first to puck scores a goal, second player defends.

Skating technique 5



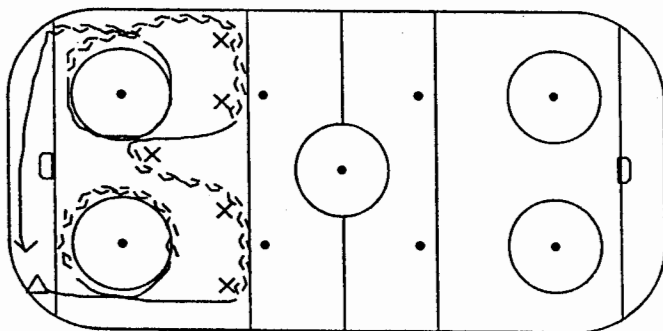
Two players start with backward skating, pivot to forward skating out toward the corner - stop, lateral crossovers in toward the goal, the chest is facing in toward the rink. Sprint to the opposite line.

Skating technique 6



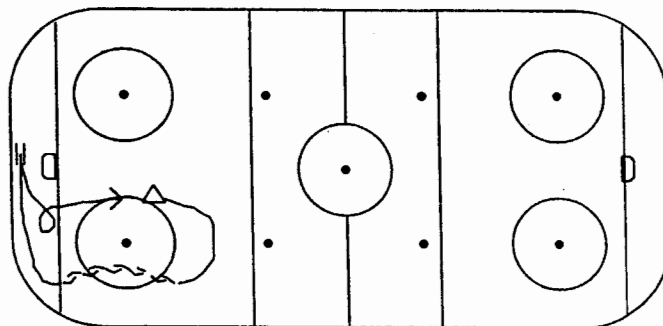
Player makes skating pivots in both directions. The chest is facing the same sideboard during the drill.

Skating technique 7



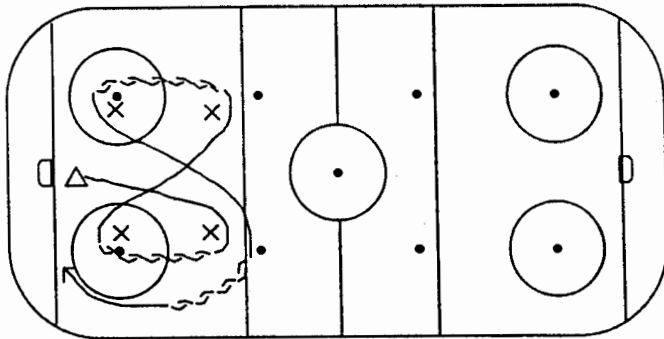
Skating pivots around the circles and cones.

Skating technique 8



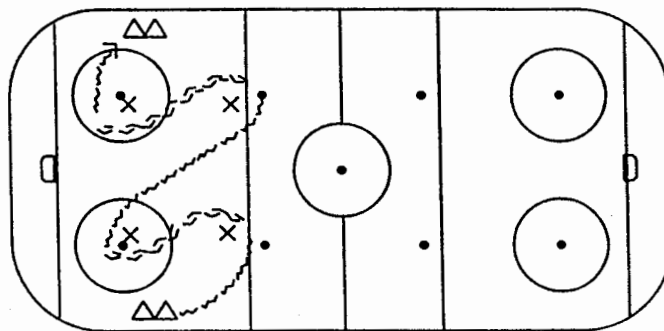
Player makes pivots from forward to backward skating, stops behind the goal, forward cut back (curl), skating forward in the rink.

Skating technique 9



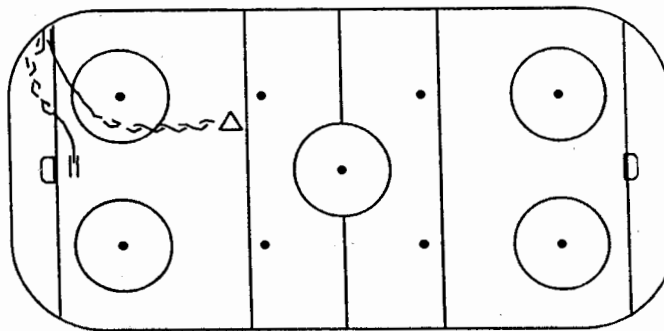
Player makes skating pivots around the cones.

Skating technique 10



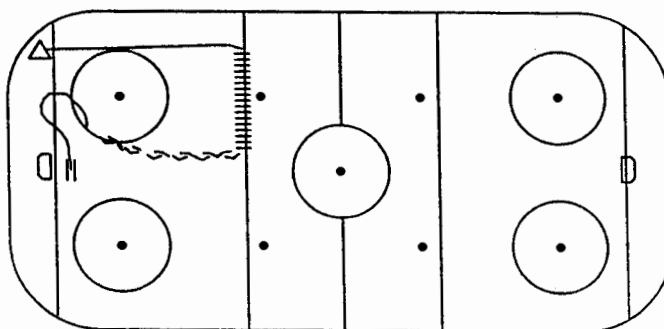
Player makes skating pivots around the cones with the puck.

Skating technique 11



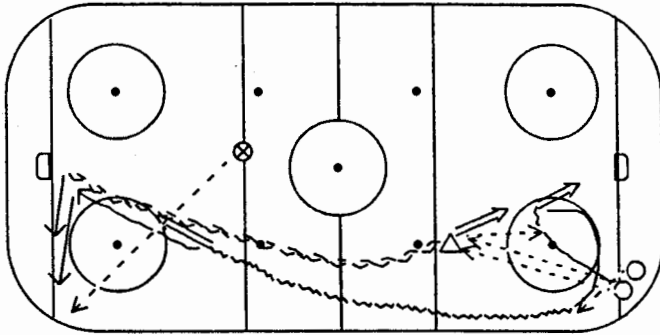
Player starts backward, opens the hips, forward out toward the corner boards, snowplow stop on one leg, pivot to backward skating.

Skating technique 12



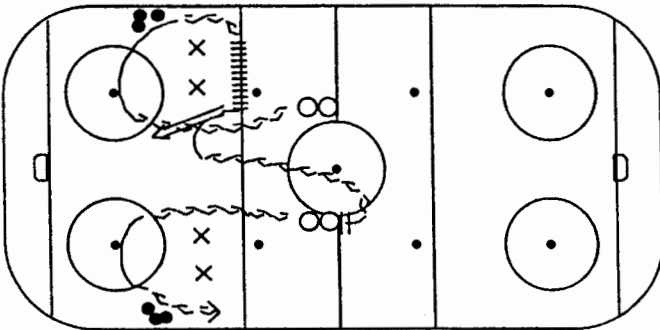
Player starts forward, lateral crossovers, chest directed forward in the rink, pivot to backward skating, open in the hips, forward skating, stop in front of the goal.

Skating technique 13



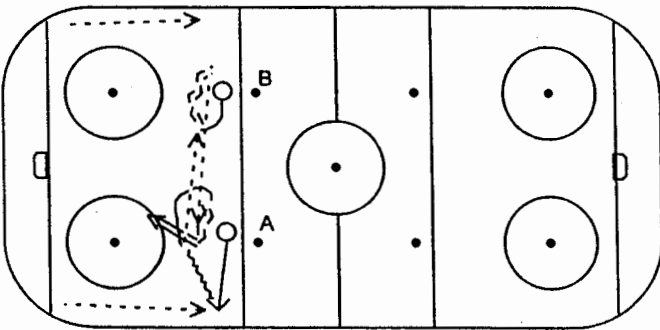
Defenseman receives pass from forward, shoots. Receives new pass, passes back to the forward who goes in and shoots. Forward skates up out of the zone, receives a pass from the corner and works 1-on-1 against the defenseman. After finishing off (shooting), the coach passes a puck down into the corner. New 1-on-1 situation from the corner.

Skating technique 14



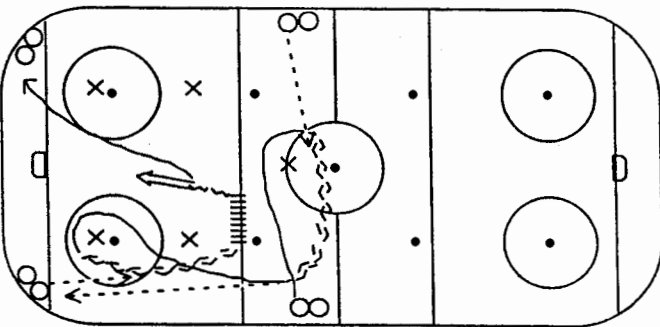
Defenseman starts backward, pivots to forward skating out toward the boards, picks up puck and pivots to backward skating. Lateral crossovers into the rink around obstacles, shot. Pivot quickly to backward skating up in the rink to other line.

Skating technique 15



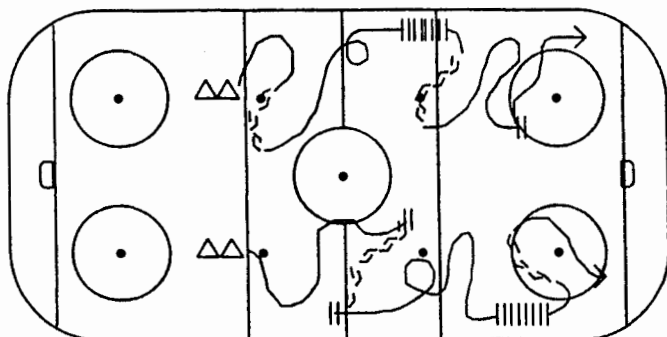
Defenseman A quickly stops the puck out by the boards, moves in, makes a fake shot, passes to B who times coming in and passes back to A who shoots directly (one-timer) if A is a right shot. Same thing from other direction for left shot.

Skating technique 16



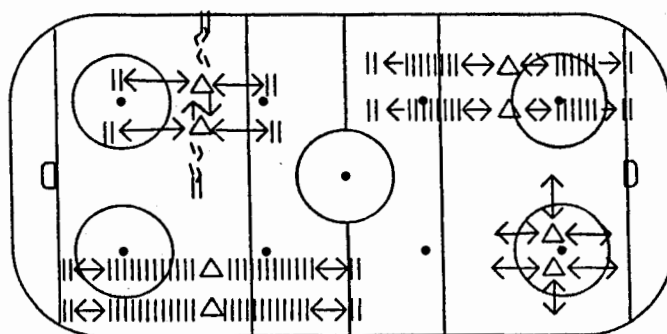
Defenseman starts skating forward, pivots to backward skating, and receives a pass. Passes down to corner, pivots out toward the boards, receives new pass, lateral crossovers into the middle of the rink and shoots.

Skating technique 17



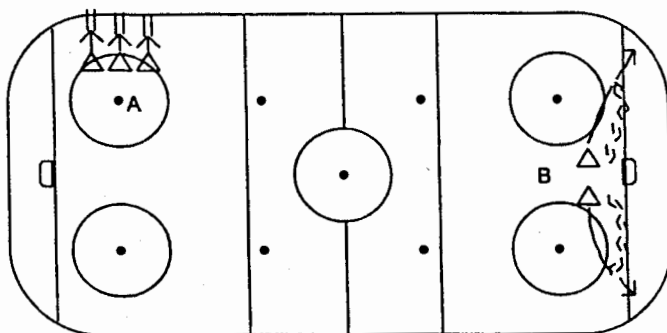
Players work in pairs, shadow (mirror) skating, pivots and various changes of direction.

Skating technique 18



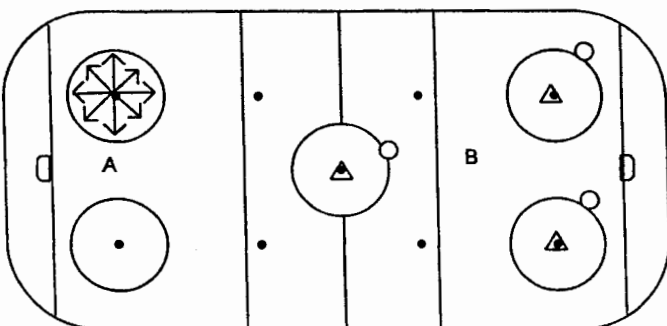
Two players stand opposite each other, work according to mirror image (shadow each other).

Skating technique 19



- A. Player practices short pivots. Use one-foot snowplow.
- B. Player starts in front of the goal, skates out toward the corner, determines whether to use short pivot to backward skating or to go ahead and apply pressure.

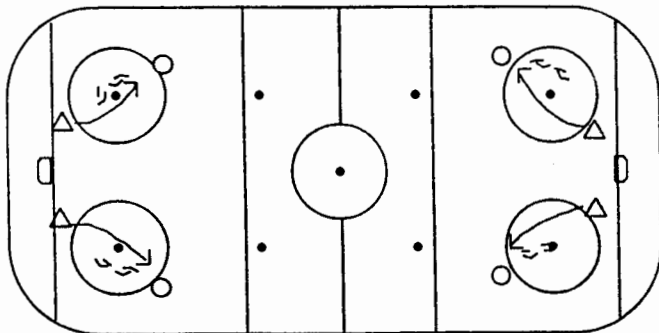
Skating technique 20



"Spoke Drill"

- A. Players use circles to make short pivots in all directions.
- B. Competitive element (Dot drill). No sticks. Attacking player has a puck in one hand and he tries to skate into the circle and leave the puck on the face-off dot. Defensive player tries to prevent this by using his body and skating mobility.

Skating technique 21



Competitive element. Player has stick, but no puck. The defensive player will prevent the attacking player from getting in on the goal. The defenseman will with good skating technique close the gap on the attacking player and prepare himself for changes of direction. (angling/defensive side positioning) Use short burst to establish checking angle (inside out) and defensive side positioning.

Puck Handling and Passing Skills Practice Using a A-B-B-B-D Sequence

College women puck handling and passing practice Tracey Luhowy.

This practice focuses on handling the puck all around the body in drills and then in game situation.

1. Nervous system overload A300 stickhandling both a puck and tennis ball at the same time, then one with the stick on one with the skates.
2. B500 Chaos stickhandling in the nzone with a tennis ball with speed intervals.
3. B202 passing and puckhandling tasks.
4. B5 pass and shooting from 3 lanes.
5. D400 games in each half of Perry Pearn 2 on 2.

The photo was taken at Lake Louise after our mountain retreat at a hostel to develop a Team Covenant.

It is in the video section under Puck Handling

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My diagrams are coded in the ABC format. This is like a library coding to make it easier to find things. Sometime you have to click on the diagram and read the code above as I sometimes forgot to put the code on the diagram itself.

A - Skating and individual skill

B - Partner skills

C - Game situation drills

D - Games full and SAG

DT - Transition games

E - Shootouts and contests

T - Teaching drills and games where the coach is controlling the situation and giving instruction on individual skills or team play.

It is ok to give individual drills or videos away but please don't just make copies of the disk and give them away.