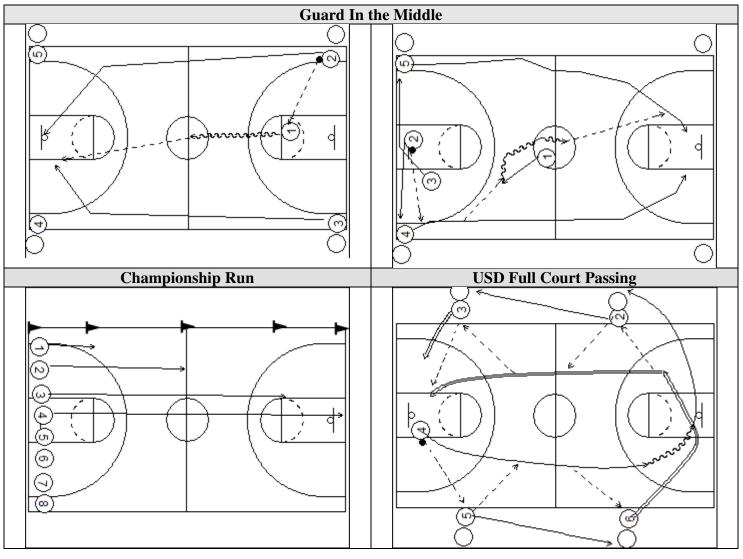
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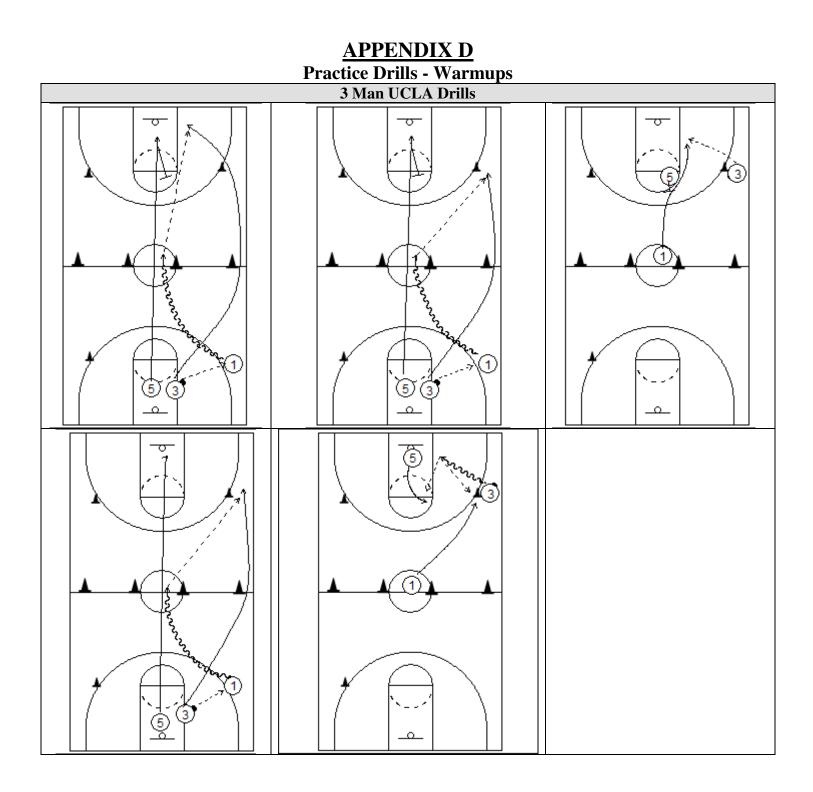
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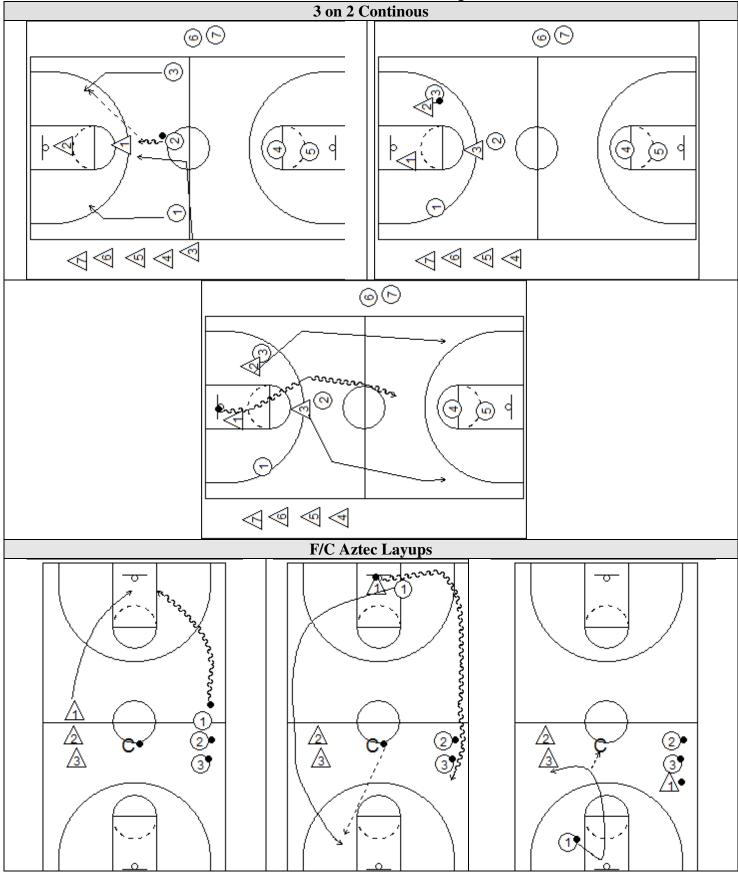
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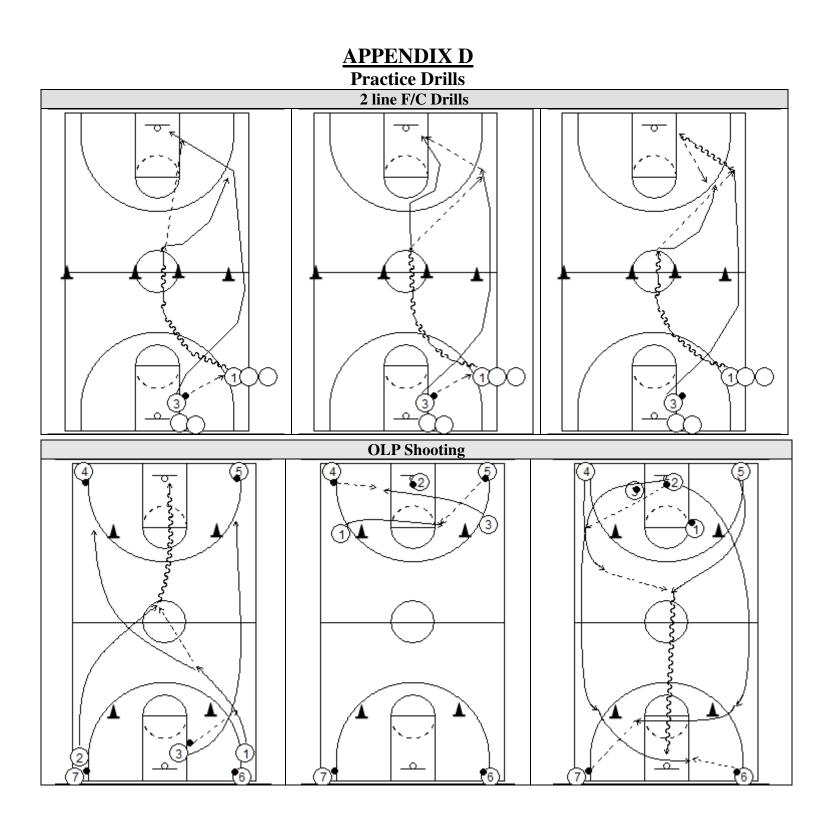
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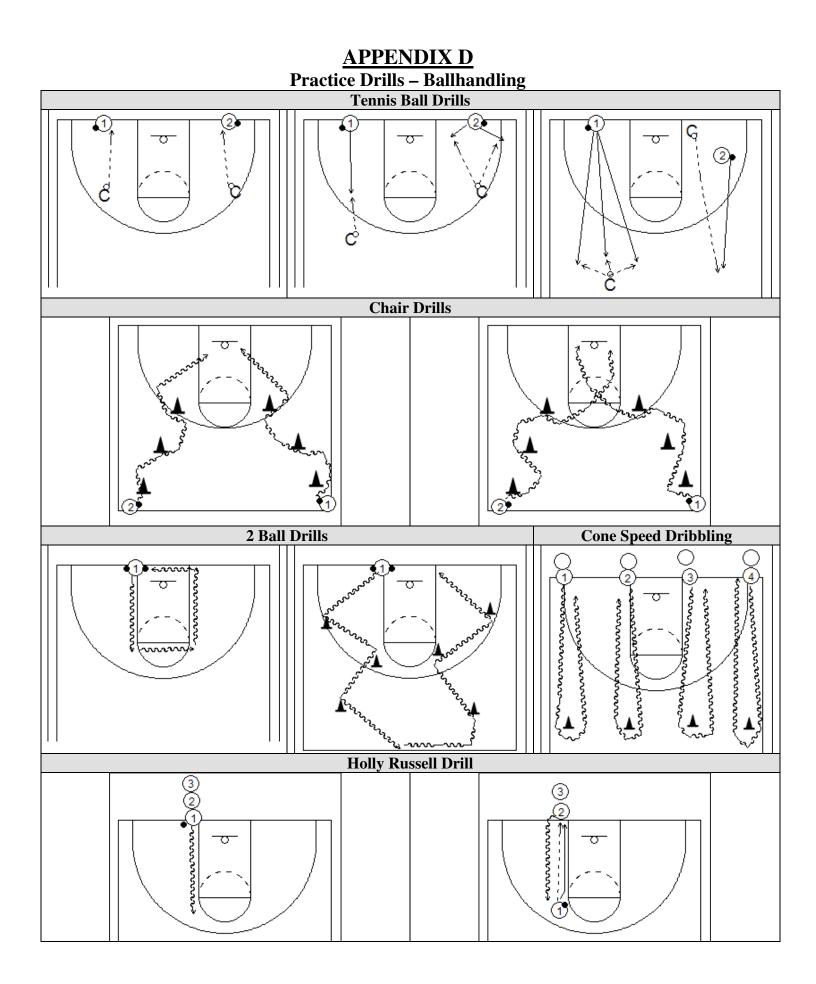


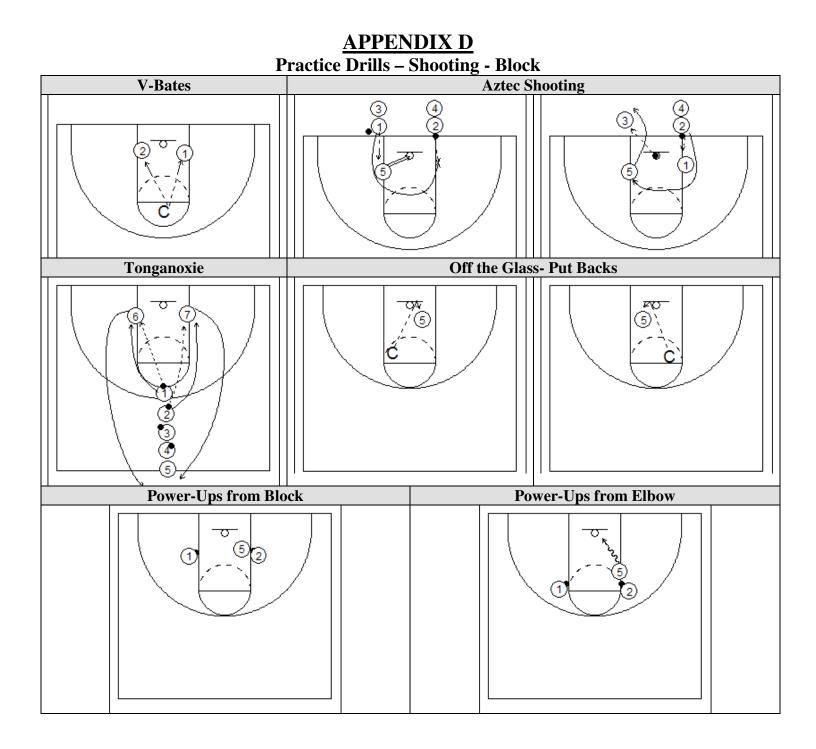


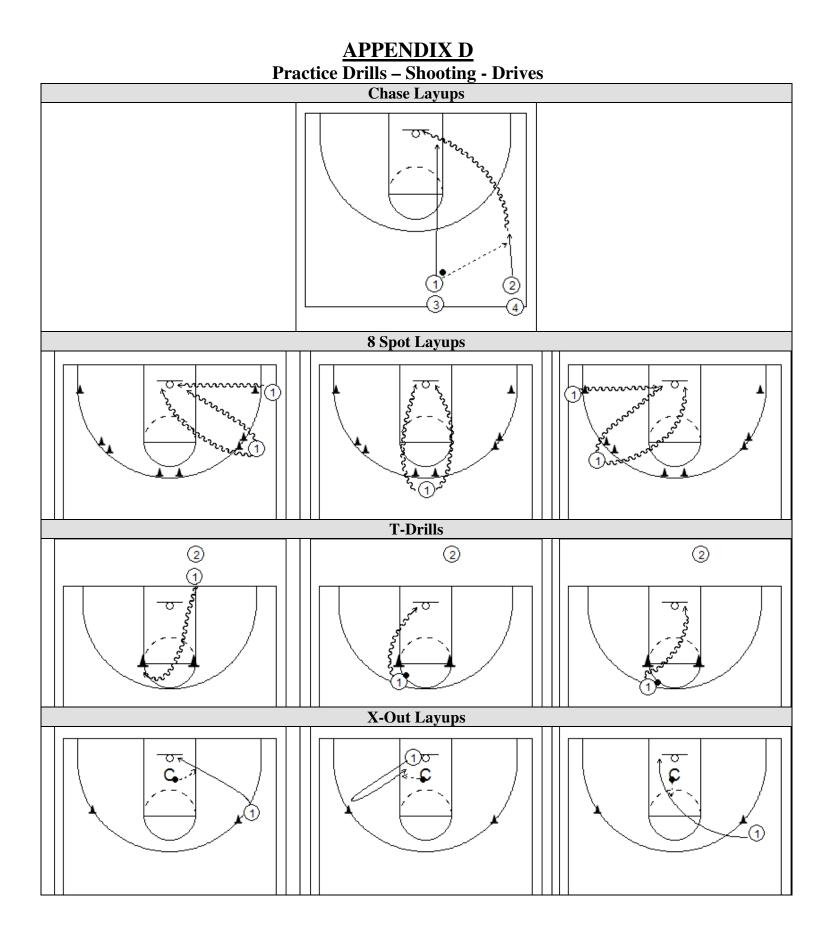
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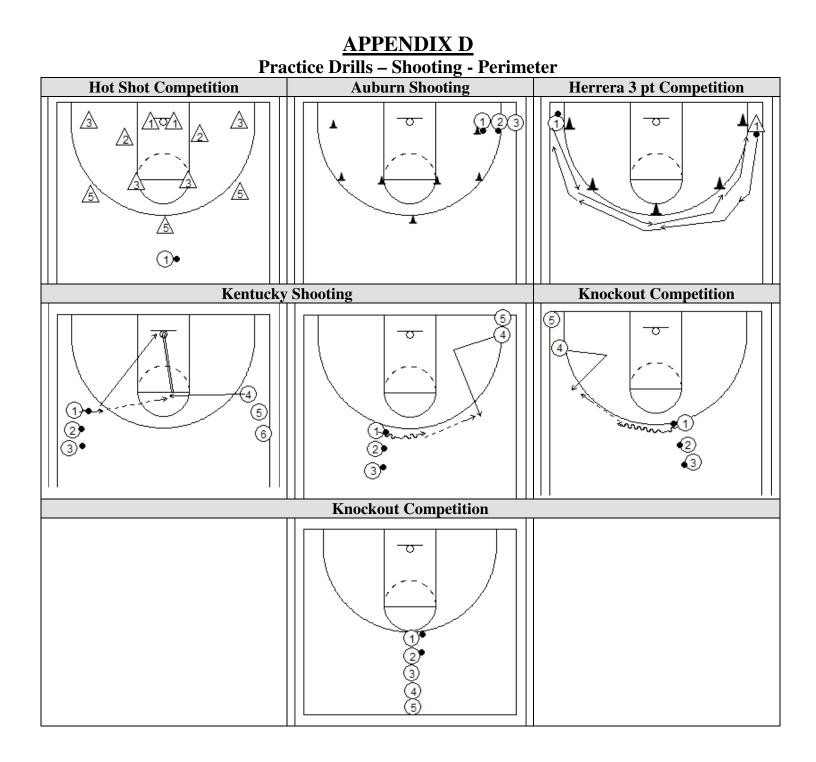




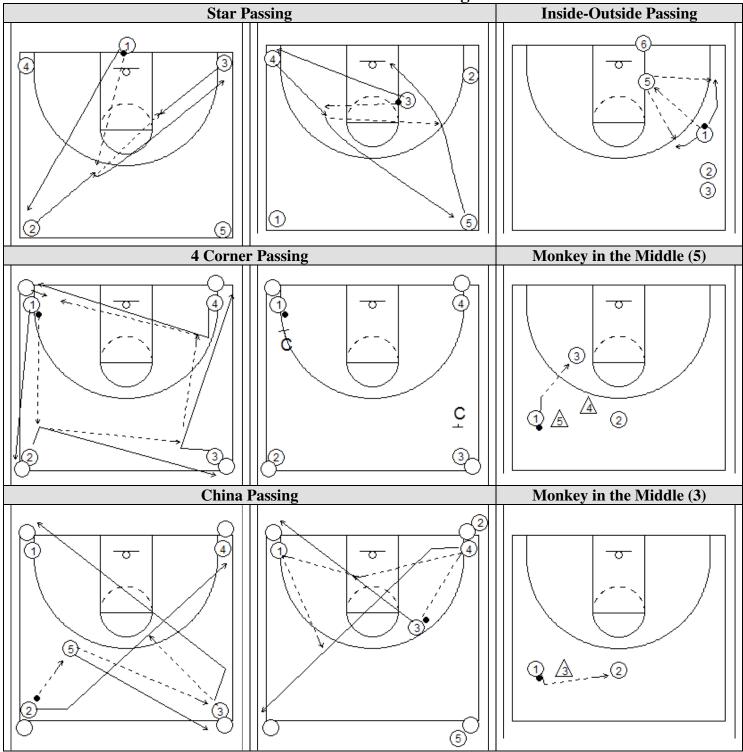


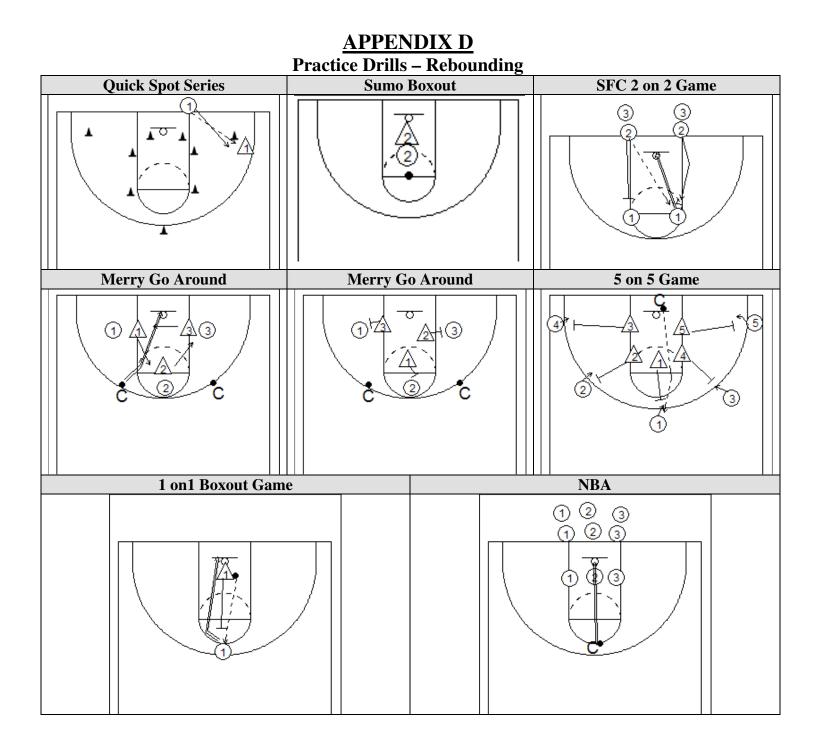


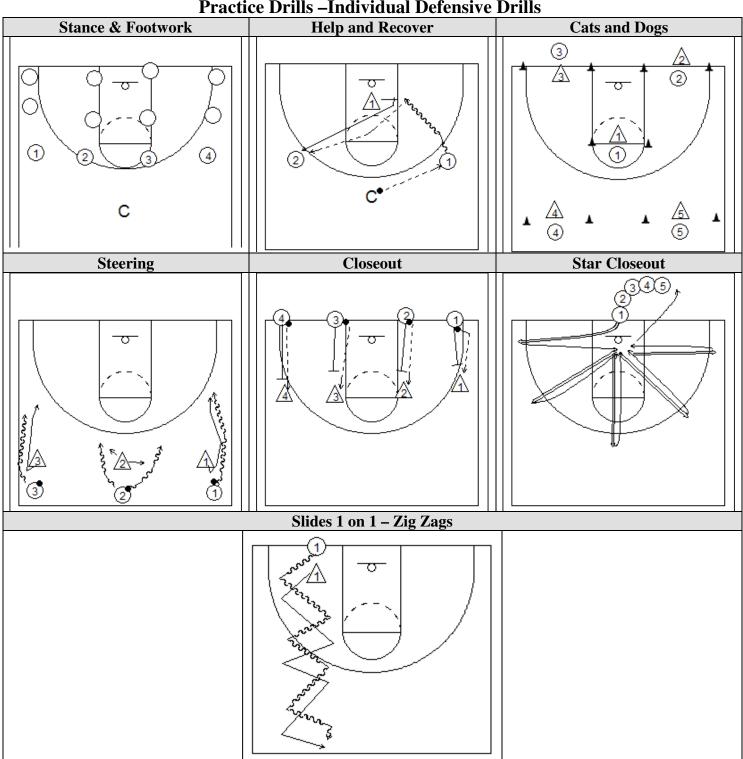




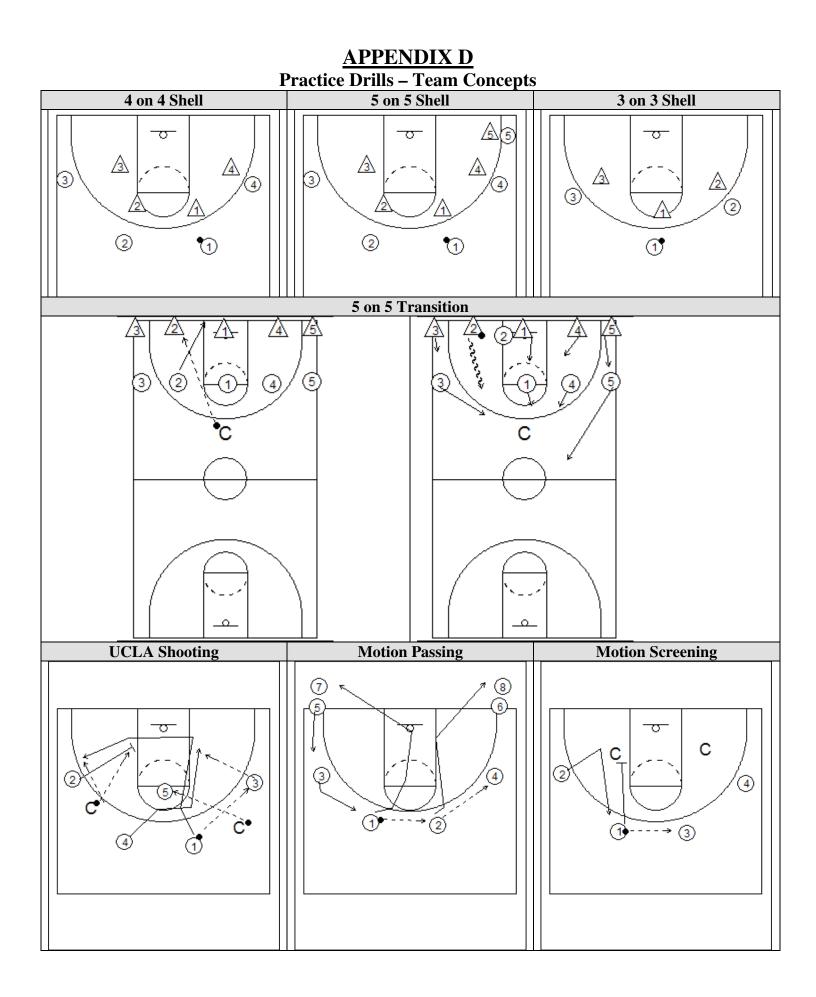
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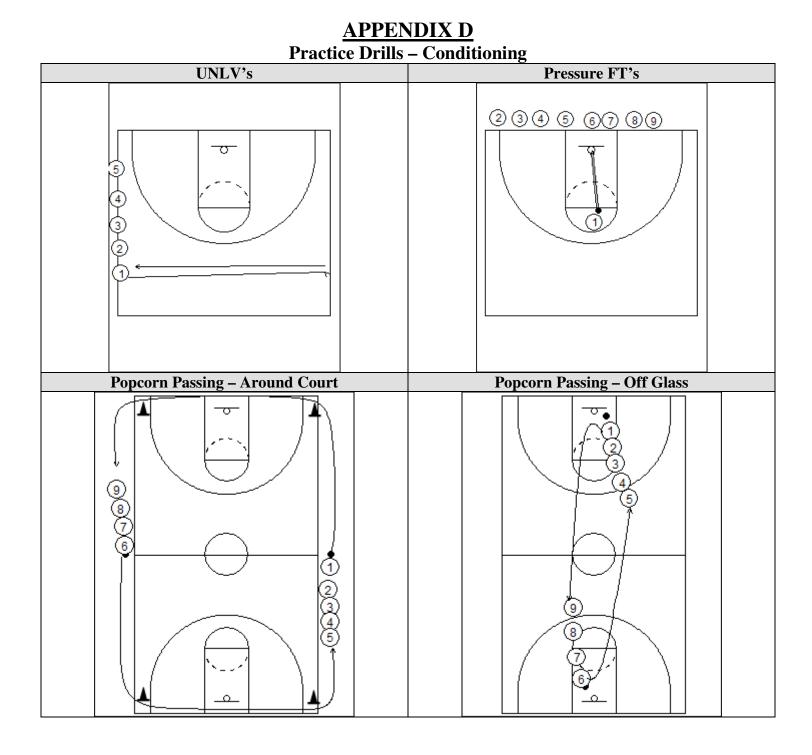






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Organizing Your Practice with Teaching, Learning and Competing Phases

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A common mistake coaches make during practice is to constantly stop the players and then lecture them about what they did and/or should have done. Though coaches do this with good intent, it is in many cases poor strategy. Basketball is a game that not only involves physical movement combined with technical skills, but it also involves tremendous decision-making ability. To learn and consistently perform quality decision making players must be mentally engaged. However if during practice, players are regularly stopped and lectured to they will tend to lose their focus. Each practice must have a high level of activity in which teaching is done "on the fly" or is interspersed with the occasional stoppage. It is unfair of coaches to constantly stop players, have them cool-down while listening to a lecture, and then expect the athletes to then perform at a high level.

Most coaches understand the importance of practice, they love to teach and see their players improve. Players on the other hand enjoy the game and simply want to play. So while learning the game is important to players, most players would rather play and do not want to be constantly listening to a coach talk! Coaches must not make the mistake of attempting to pass on all their knowledge to their players. Outstanding coaches analyze their player's needs and then teach to these needs, keeping their instructions brief and specific. Therefore these coaches have the ability to keep things simple but teach with constant repetition.

An idea that can work is for the coach to use an organizational plan which uses Teaching, Learning, and Competing phases during each practice. Each of these phases refers to who has control of each activity (players, coach or both) and the focus of each activity during practice.

Teaching Phase

During a Teaching Phase the focus is to teach a particular skill, tactic or strategy to the players. During this phase the drill will be stopped constantly so the players can thoroughly understand what is being taught. Both the players and coaches may stop the drill because there are questions or comments that need to made to ensure the what is being taught is comprehended. During this phase there will be continual feedback to the players on both an individual and team basis.

Learning Phase

During the Learning Phase the coach controls the drill and will stop it when he/she feels the players are not applying the skills, tactics or strategies that have been taught. The players do not stop drills to ask questions or clarify points however they are encouraged to ask when they are on the sideline. The coach should be "coaching on the fly" to ensure feedback is still constant but with a limited amount of stoppages. When the coach does stop the play it should be to clarify points that are necessary for all players to hear, not for points that only apply to an individual.

Competing Phase

During the Competing Phase the coach again controls the competition, however stoppages are extremely rare. This is the opportunity for the players to play in a more game-like environment. Most coaches understand that players will make mistakes, however many coaches do not prepare their players to play through mistakes. These coaches, with good intentions, stop the play to point out most of the mistakes and hope the players learn from them. But in these situations players are not given the opportunity to move on from the mistake, as they must do during a game. By incorporating competing phases in practice, which have few stoppages, the players will better develop the ability to re-focus after a

mistake. Coaches should only stop play at intervals similar to what might occur in a game; a time-out when a team makes a run or after four to five minutes of continual play. The competing phase then will help develop the fitness level of the players. Practices in which the players are constantly stopped, fail to place the athletes into periods of physical stress and therefore their fitness is not improved. Stoppages during the Competing Phase should be infrequent. If, however, the athletes are not performing with the intensity necessary to compete successfully then the coach should stop the activity and attempt to refocus and motivate the players to perform to the best of their ability.

How to Put the T-L-C into Practice

The coach simply writes a T (Teaching), L (Learning), or C (Competing) beside each drill or activity on the written practice plan to indicate the type of phase each falls into. The coach must be disciplined to follow his/her plan if he/she is to get the rewards of this organizational plan.