





BWF SCHOOLS BADMINTON

LESSON PLANS – 10 STARTER LESSONS



Overview

1. Introduction - 10 Starter Lessons

Before starting to read through the lesson plans and to plan lessons, please read the below information:

- 1. Read Module 5 before reviewing Lesson Plan 1.1 to 1.10.
- 2. Each activity included in these plans has a video clip to show the activities and to assist the teachers with their preparation.
- 3. Minimal equipment and facilities are required to organize and deliver these 10 introductory badminton lessons.
- 4. Lessons are designed to give children of all abilities a positive first impression of badminton and the opportunity to have a successful experience.
- 5. Each lesson combines physical activities with learning fundamental badminton techniques see Module 4 Physical Development Exercises.
- 6. The technical elements which are introduced in Lesson Plan 1.1 to 1.10 are grips, underarm hitting, serving and movement skills.



Lesson Plans

2. Titles - Starter Lessons

There are ten lesson plans in this section. These are:

- Lesson 1.1 Basic Grips
- Lesson 1.2 Grip Changes and Footwork
- Lesson 1.3 Net and Lunge
- Lesson 1.4 Net and Starting
- Lesson 1.5 Revision Games
- Lesson 1.6 Revision Games
- Lesson 1.7 Serve and Rally
- Lesson 1.8 Backhand Lift
- Lesson 1.9 Forehand Lift
- Lesson 1.10 Revision Games





Lesson 1 Basic Grips

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to introduce the:	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to:
sport of badminton	describe what badminton is like
backhand "thumb" grip and forehand "v" grip	demonstrate two grips used in badminton
• importance of reach	demonstrate a relaxed reach when striking the shuttle (or soft ball / bean bag)
Equipment	Teaching Situation / Context
Balloons – at least one for each pair.	Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to take outside
Rackets – one for each pair	 you will possibly need to use shuttles / bean bags instead of balloons or put less air. No nets are required for this lesson.
Shuttles – one per child	less all. INO fiets are required for this lessoff.
DVD player if possible	



Lesson 1: Basic Grips

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Var	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction (10 min)	 Pupils observe: a live badminton match or a video clip of badminton Pupils are asked to describe the sport, supported by questioning from teacher – example responses – over a	↑	Open questions – example – "can you describe what the sport of badminton is like?	If observing a live match, make sure the group is a safe distance from the court.	
	• singles and doubles	net, volleying, hit hard and soft, change direction, jump, fast, smash.	\	 Closed questions: Is badminton a fast game? How many doubles disciplines are there? Do players change the shuttle in a match? or teacher simply describes the main characteristics. 	
Warm-up (5 min)	Balloon tap: • Every second pupil is given a	Blow up the balloons before the session.	1	Change directions using chasses if appropriate.	Keep pairs well spaced apart.Begin exercise on teacher's
	 balloon. They must run in pairs "tapping" the balloon with their hands to avoid the balloon touching the floor. In the second part, each pupil has a partner and they must move trying to tap the balloon with their racket hand only. 	Could vary the distance between the partners.	\	Begin with walking pace.	signal only / when the teacher blows the whistle.



Lesson 1: Basic Grips

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Var	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Warm-up (10 min)	 Pupils work in teams (up to six pupils in a team). Line up at one end of the hall. Each team is given a balloon. Each pupil in the team must run down the hall and back tapping the balloon with their hands to prevent the balloon from touching the floor – and gives the racket to the next person in the team. If the balloon touches the floor the pupil must return to the start line and begin again. The first team to have all its players successfully completed the race is the winner. 	 Pupils need to find the right feeling for controlling the balloon instead of just trying to hit it hard. The distance of the course may vary (suggest 20 metres). 	↑	If pupils can do this exercise well, they could try this game using a racket (only one racket per team).	
Backhand ("Thumb") grip (10 min)	 Thumb grip with balloon: Teacher demonstrates the thumb grip. Working with a balloon and a racket, children asked to keep balloon up in the air with back of hand and thumb grip moving up and away from the body. 	 Thumb grip. Back of hand leading / or moving up and away from the body. Do not need to use nets. 	†	 Encourage creative routine – example – standing, on one knee, both knees, sitting, lying down getting back up. Use very short grip ("T" piece of racket) 	Keep groups well spaced apart.



Lesson 1: Basic Grips

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easier)	Safety
Forehand ("V") grip (10 min)	Basic grip with balloon: Teacher demonstrates the basic ("V") grip. Working with a balloon and a racket, children asked to keep balloon up in the air with basic grip.	 Fingers are well spread. Hit the balloon in front of body. Check there is a V shape between thumb and forefinger. Do not need to use nets. 	↑	As aboveAs above	Keep groups well spaced apart.
Introduction to backhand and forehand grip (10 min)	 Grip change with balloon: Teacher demonstrates the change between the grips. Working with a balloon and a racket children asked to keep balloon in the air three times with thumb grip and then three times with basic grip. 	 Change from 3-3 to 2-2 and then to alternate change between the two grips Hand moves towards the shuttle. Do not need to use nets. 	↑	 If executing shots well make it into competitive game and count successful shots. Could alternate forehand and backhand. Reinforce correct technique. 	Recommend use of balloons or sponge balls – safety issues.
Summary / cool down (5 min)	 Pupils stretch out fully on the floor and discuss lesson Teacher reviews main points of lesson. 	 Badminton is a "volleying" game over a net, hit hard and soft, change direction, jump, fast movements etc. Backhand and forehand grip (demonstrate again). Hit with elbow away from the body and move the racket actively towards the shuttle. 	↑	 Use questioning to check achievement of lesson goals. Teacher explains and demonstrates once again to reinforce main teaching points. 	



Lesson 2 **Grips Changes and Footwork**

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to introduce the: • introduce the use of chasse steps as a method of moving	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: • demonstrate the use of chasse steps over short distances
develop grip changing skills	show the use of alternative grips in a predictable situation
Equipment	Teaching Situation / Context
Bean bags	Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to deliver
• Shuttles	outside.
• Rackets	



Lesson 2: Grips Changes and Footwork

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Varia	ations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easier)	• Safety
Introduction (5 min)	Teacher explains and demonstrates: chasse steps – "one foot chases the other but never quite catches up". feet don't have to be parallel to each other for a chasse the use of chasse steps for parallel, diagonal (forward and backward) movements	Maintain straight body position (knees slightly bent / flexed) with head staying at the same height as usual	+	Execute chasse steps diagonal (forward and backward) movement (varied pace) Start with walking pace and slowly build up parallel movement only	Maintain safe distance between children when moving across the floor
Warm-up (10 min)	Mirror chase: • Pupils are divided into pairs facing each other. One pupil is the "leader" and the other one is the "chaser". Using chasse steps, the "leader" moves laterally and changes directions trying to escape from the "chaser". The "chaser" must follow and try to keep up with the "leader".	 Use only short distances to chasse (avoid over-chasseing) Change roles often (30-40 sec). Encourage straight posture with knees slightly flexed. 	+	 Chasseing parallel, diagonal (forward and backward) movement. Chasseing only on parallel line. 	 Keep the groups well spaced apart. Allocate partners in terms of skill level / ability.
Warm-up (game) (10 min)	Mirror chase with throwing: • Pupils remain in pairs facing each other. One pupil holds a bean bag (or shuttle) and is the "leader". The other one is the "chaser" and must follow. The "leader" throws the bean bag and the "chaser" tries to catch it and return it.	 Change roles and partners on teacher's signal. Approximately 3 metres between partners. 	↑	 Throwing with "racket arm" only. Throw with two hands from below only. 	 Keep the pairs of pupils well spaced apart. Allocate partners in terms of skill level / ability.



Lesson 2: Grips Changes and Footwork

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Variations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier) • Safety	
Grip change (5 min)	 Grip change tic-toc: Teacher reminds pupils of the two grips used in badminton and demonstrates the change of grip by rolling the racket grip with a thumb. All pupils are asked to shadow change of grips on signal from teacher. For this the teacher gives signal like the Tic-Toc of a clock. 	 Change of grip by rolling the racket grip with the thumb without turning the whole hand. Elbow in front of body. Relaxed grip, squeeze fingers only when hitting. 	 ↑ Teacher varies the difficulty by change of rhythm or change of sequence. ↓ Alternate grips and reinforce teaching points. Keep pupils well spaced to Practice in rows in front a they are facing teacher. 	•
Grip change with shuttle (10 min)	 Pupils work in pairs practicing changing grips by hitting a shuttle thrown by their partner alternately to forehand and backhand sides. Practice 12 shots and change roles. Practice without using net. 	 Throw underarm with "racket arm" only. Alternate forehand/backhand (no change of direction). 	 ◆ Use racket leg to step forward ◆ Concentrate on correct grip and relaxed fingers ◆ Keep pairs well spaced and use the whole space available. 	oart
Game (15 min)	 Hitting targets with change of grips: Work in pairs and practice hitting targets using change of grips hitting a shuttle thrown by partner (with or without net). 	Use hoops or draw targets on the wall.Change partners	 ↑ Make the game competitive and give awards for hitting targets ◆ Keep slow throwing pace • Make sure the shuttles are collected safely after each game. 	
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	Stretching on the floor and teacher repeats key teaching points in lesson 2 (see above)	Teacher demonstrates again the use of correct grip and the correct movement on court.	↑ • Use questioning to check learning • Show correct stretching techniques.	
			✓ Teacher explains – group is listening	



Lesson 3 **Net and Lunge**

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to introduce the: • net play and lunge • lunging stability and balance	 By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: demonstrate a lunge with good range and the front foot pointing to the impact point of the shuttle Consistently strike net shots using a pushing action and appropriate grip
Equipment Rackets Shuttles Badminton nets	 Teaching Situation / Context Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to deliver outside. You will need nets for this lesson.



Lesson 3: Net and Lunge

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Var	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)	Teacher explains and demonstrates: • Lunge – large step forward with the "racket foot". • Backhand and forehand net shot. • Backhand and forehand net shot with lunge. • Straight body position with stretched "racket arm".	 Lift the knee before kicking the foot forward. First contact on the floor is with the heel. For the net shot demonstrate loose grip and use finger feeling. 	↑	 Ask pupils what is lunge and demonstrate this. Teacher demonstrates and explains only. 	Keep group a safe distance from teacher when demonstrating.
Warm-up (10 min)	Balance and throw: Pupils work in pairs facing each other standing on one leg. They have to maintain balance whilst throwing and catching a shuttle to each other.	Repeat exercise on the other leg.	↑	 Throw the shuttle slightly to the right or left or work with two shuttles (throw at the same time) Use a balloon or sponge ball for throwing. Change legs more frequently. 	
Warm-up (5 min)	Balancing shuttles: • Pupils balance an upturned shuttle on their heads whilst walking forward using a basic lunge technique (see teaching points).	 Lift the knee before kicking the foot forward. First contact on the floor is with the heel. Maintain upright posture. Set challenges. 	↑	 Increase stride length. Walk with shuttle on the head. 	Be aware of shuttles on the floor.



Lesson 3: Net and Lunge

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Have a go (5 min)	 Having a lunging (shadow): Pupils stand in line and make a step with racket ending with the "racket foot" in front of them finishing with shadowing net shot. The whole group moves together when signal is given by the teacher. Common mistake is twisting the foot. If available use mirror to reinforce technical points 	together when signal is given by the teacher.	↑	Chasse to lunge position.	Space the group well in two or three lines facing the teacher
		the foot. • If available use mirror to	Ψ	One step only and then lunge.	
Net shots (20 min)	Introduction net shots backhand and forehand side: • Pupils work in pairs. One pupil throws the shuttle up and close to the net. Their partner practices backhand net shot.	 Swap roles after 12 shuttles each. Hold racket out in front of the body. Contact with shuttle close to the top of the net. 	↑	Use targets and turn into competition to motivate pupils.	When working with "multi- shuttles" watch out for shuttles lying on the floor.
	 Progress the exercise by lunging forward with the racket foot when playing the shot. The shot is a gentle push over the net. 		V	Lower the net for younger pupils or remove the net completely to work on technique only.	
	Repeat exercise on forehand side.				



Lesson 3: Net and Lunge

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Progression (10 min)	 Playing a net rally: Two pupils practice net shots by playing a game in a small area from the net. 	Give as many instructions / corrections as necessary	↑	Can be played in larger area to include lunging. Turn into competition to motivate pupils.	Pay attention to court safety.
	 Play net shots only (from below net height). Start the rally by throwing the shuttle. 		V	Use a smaller area to concentrate on the racket technique and lower the net where necessary.	
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	 Group stretches on the floor. Teacher repeats the main teaching points of lesson 2-1. 	Arm movement before leg movement.Hit the shuttle far away from	↑	Use questioning to see if goals of lesson are achieved.	Emphasise proper stretching technique.
	Teacher demonstrates once again the backhand net shot and emphasises the importance of good lunge to support the shot.	the body. Loose grip with finger feeling.	\	Teacher summarises and repeats the key points of the lesson.	



Lesson 4 **Net and Starting**

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to: • introduce the split step start. • continue development of net shots	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: consistently (7/10) strike net shots using a pushing action and basic grips. explain and demonstrate the use of the split step and lunge
Equipment Rackets Shuttles Badminton nets	Teaching Situation / Context • Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to deliver outside. You will need nets for this lesson.



Lesson 4: Net and Starting

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Var	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)	Teacher explains the main teaching points of lesson 4: • Make a split step to move towards the shuttle.	 Split step – fast sideways movement bringing one foot parallel to the other. Low gravity body position (starts 	↑	Question pupils on how to start quickly and change direction.	Keep group a safe distance from the demonstration.
	Strike forehand and backhand net shots using pushing action, split step and lunge.	Low gravity body position (starts and change direction quickly).		Teacher explains and demonstrates.	
Warm-up (10 min)	Balance exercise: • Pupils are standing on one leg	Pupils to concentrate on balance and control of	↑	Increase distance of jumps.	Keep the group well-spaced apart.
	 and jump forward sideward, backward, sideward and forward again to train jumping on one leg. Progress is a game where the teacher shouts a direction (North, South, East or West)) and pupils hop in that direction, balance and hop back to starting position. 	movement.	\	Reduce distance and change legs more regularly.	
Fast start (10 min)	 Start with fast feet: Work in groups face away from teacher or helper. Pupils move' on the spot' – "happy feet". Teacher gives signal (clap, 	Make sure pupils cannot see the signal.Flexed legs starting position.	↑	Use 2 different signals to indicate different directions (eg. Clap and whistle).	Keep the group well-spaced apart.
	stamp or whistle) pupils start and move as quickly as possible in selected direction (e.g. forehand net corner).				



Lesson 4: Net and Starting

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easier)	Safety
Net shots and start (20 min)	 Chasse for net play: Work in pairs – line the pairs up facing each other – about 3 metres apart. One partner throws the shuttle; the other partner is practising forehand and backhand net shots. Change roles after 12 shots each. Start with backhand, then forehand, then progress by alternating between forehand and backhand net shots. 	Use the following progression (does not need a net): Play net shots only. Play net shots with lunge. Play net shots with chasse and lunge. Play net shots with split step, chasse and lunge.	*	 Use a net and place/draw target on the floor. No net or court required. Concentrate on correct technique. 	Keep pupils well-spaced apart.
Game (10 min)	 Playing a net rally: Two pupils practice net shots by playing a game in a small area near the net. Play net shots only (from below net height). Start the rally by throwing the shuttle. Count the points to see who the 'winner' of the game is. 	 Loose grip. Finger control. Start on smaller area and increase difficulty gradually on larger area. 	+	 Allow pupils to play on larger area and using both forehand and backhand net shots (split step, chasse and lunge) Concentrate on the correct technique (no competitive situation) 	• Court safety!
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	 Teacher repeats the main teaching points of the lesson (see above). The group is stretching on the floor while listening. 	See main teaching points above.	↑	 Use questioning to check if lesson goals are achieved. Teacher reinforces key teaching points. 	Correct stretching technique!



lesson 5 **Revision Games**

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to: • reinforce coaching points from previous lessons • revise change of grip and elbow away from the body	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: • demonstrate basic badminton movements – chasseing • demonstrate change of grip and hitting hard and soft
Equipment • Bean bags (if appropriate) • Rackets • Shuttles	Teaching Situation / Context Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to deliver outside. You may use nets depending on the level of pupils you work with.



Lesson 5: Revision Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)	 Teacher explains the main points of lesson 5: Changing of grip between forehand and backhand when necessary. Badminton in general is: running and hitting; starting and stopping; hitting hard and soft. 	Elbow away from body and move racket hand towards the shuttle.	*	 Ask students to demonstrate what they have learned during first three lessons. Teacher demonstrates group is watching and listening. 	Keep group well spaced apart during demonstration.
Warm-up (10 min)	Tagging game with laps: • One pupil is chosen to be the 'chaser' and must try to' tag' or touch all the other players. If a pupil is 'tagged' / touched by the chaser they must complete two laps around the outside of the playing area before they can re-join the game. The game is over if the chaser has everybody running around the outside of the playing area and nobody left in the playing area.	 Change the chaser often to give more pupils the chance to be the chaser. When tagged, give other activities before pupils can rejoin the game (10 push-ups; 10 sit-ups or active stretching). 	+	 Progress the game by selecting more than one chaser. Keep only one chaser to maintain steady pace. 	If the class is too big, separate into more than one group and use the whole available space to spread the group apart.



Lesson 5: Revision Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Chasse Game	Mirror chase with leader: • Pupils remain in groups of two	Change roles on teacher's signal.Approx. 2-3 metres between	1	Throwing with "racket arm" only.	Keep the pairs of pupils well spaced apart.
(10 min) fac hc is: is: Th	facing each other. One pupil holds bean bag (or shuttle) and is the "leader". The other one is the "chaser" and must follow. The "leader" throws the bean bag and the "chaser" tries to catch and return it.	partners	V	Throw with two hands from below only.	Allocate partners in terms of skill level / ability.
Chasse and hit 1 (10 min)	Chasse and hit to the forehand side: • Pupils work in groups with	 No need for net or court. Feeder can be the teacher or pupil or another person helping. 	↑	Use net and / or court.	Be aware of shuttles on ground.
	one" feeder". Feeder throws shuttle to forehand side, player chasseing to forehand and hits the shuttle with basic grip. After hitting the shuttle, player returns to the back of the line ready for his next turn.	Game can be scored as individual or team.	V	Reduce movement.	
	Next player rotates on and sequence is repeated.				
	Variation: pupils score points by hitting a target.				
Chasse and hit 2 (10 min)	Chasse and hit to the backhand side:	As above	↑	As above	
(10 11111)	Repeat the above exercise to the other side of the court.		V	As above	



Lesson 5: Revision Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easier)	Safety
Choices (10 min)	 Choices: Work in groups, pupils form a line in front of feeder. Feeder has the choice to throw to the left or right. Player uses chasse and hits to target with the appropriate grip. Next player in line starts and sequence is repeated. Pupils score points by hitting a target with the correct grip. 	 No need for net or court. Feeder needs to give sufficient time for pupils to achieve objectives. Game can be scored as individual or team. 	+	 Disguise or hide the feed. Reduce movement. 	
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	 Teacher reviews main teaching points of the lesson (see above). Class stretch 	See main teaching points above.	↑	 Use questioning to see if the goals have been achieved. Teacher reviews, describes and demonstrates again if needed. 	



lesson 6 **Revision Games**

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to: • introduce a variety of games focussing on forecourt play • reinforce teaching points that support successful net play	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: organise and participate in a variety of forecourt net games. describe key teaching points that support successful net play
Equipment Rackets Shuttles Badminton nets	Teaching Situation / Context Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to deliver outside. You will need nets for this lesson.



Lesson 6: Revision Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)	Teacher repeats the main ideas of forecourt play in badminton:	See key principles in introduction.	↑	As this is review use questioning.	Keep group well spread during demonstration.
	Loose grip and finger feeling.		\downarrow	Teacher explains	
	Arm movement comes before leg movement.			and demonstrates if necessary.	
	Split step to start the movement towards the shuttle.				
	Use split step, chasse and lunge.				
	Long arm and hit the shuttle away from the body.				
Warm-up (10 min)	 "Statue on the move": Players run around the hall in any direction, when the teacher shouts "Statues" the players have to stop as soon as possible. The players have to be stationary for 5 seconds and then the teacher shouts 'warm up' and the players start running around the hall again. 	Use dynamic stretching towards the end of the warm-up.	+	Use different signals (e.g. clap, whistle etc.) to call for various types of "statues" which test stability and balance	Keep group well spaced apart.
	To progress the players can make big steps and stop with a lunge position.				



Lesson 6: Revision Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Var	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Net King 1 (2 players) (10 min)	Net King 1: Net play on no specific court. How to score: If a player hits into the net, the opponent scores 1 point. Hitting a net cord is awarded with 3 points. The first who reaches 12 points wins.	 Ensure use of correct grip. Early impact with the shuttle. Moving at all times using split step, chasses and lunge back and forth – racket up. Use timed games for larger groups to avoid waiting times. 	↑	 Play over larger area. Keep the court area small to concentrate on correct shot technique. 	Ensure other pupils do not enter
Net King 2 (4 players) (15 min)	 Table tennis-net shot-doubles on half court: Players 1 and 2 play against players 3 and 4. The court is the area between net and the service line. At the beginning of the game all players must stand outside the gaming area. Player 1 starts with a service or throws into the playing area. After that both pairs must hit alternately. Progression – after every shot the player must run to the rear court and touch the back doubles service line with racket. Play with the usual scoring system. 	Change partners and opponents regularly. Use variations – e.g. instead of touching the back service line players make scissor jump or other movement.	+	 Use more variety to increase difficult – example. draw targets etc. Make the game competitive to challenge pupils. Start with larger teams (3 players instead of 2) to reduce speed. Use shorter distances for the run after the shot to give more time. 	• See above.



Lesson 6: Revision Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Net King 3 (Teams) (15 min)	 Merry-go-round on both sides of the net: Two teams of players stand one behind each other and play against each other. The court is the area between net and the service line. Player 1 of team A starts with a service or throw into the playing area, player 1 of team B returns, next shot by player 2 of team A and so on. Every player who misses the shuttle or hits into the net or "out" loses one point. 	 Change teams on signal from teacher. Variation could be that the players "collect" and carry or take the points with him to the next team. Games can be scored individually or by team (example only). Use as fun "award game" and let pupils enjoy after hard work. 	+	 Reduce number of players in the team to increase difficulty. Divide groups on level to give pupils opportunity for positive experience and personal achievement. 	Be aware of shuttles lying on the ground – they are a hazard if just left on the ground during an activity / game.
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	Teacher reviews main points on the net, start, and lunging.	See main teaching points above.	↑	Use questioning to check targets are achieved.	
(5 11111)	Class stretch		\	Teacher explains once again the key principles of net play.	



lesson 7 **Serve and Rally**

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to:	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to:
introduce a backhand low and drive serve	demonstrate a backhand low and drive serve
progress towards a rally situation	rally in the front court
Equipment	Teaching Situation / Context
• Rackets	Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to deliver outside.
• Shuttles	
Badminton nets (if appropriate)	
Boxes for target (you may draw targets on the floor / ground)	



Lesson 7: Serve and Rally

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)	Teacher explains key teaching points of lesson 7: Thumb grip Backhand serve Ready position Rally in the front court	 Thumb grip. Hit from hand Strike below waist Flick or push to trick opponent 	↑	 Use questioning approach. Teacher demonstrates and explains. 	
Warm-up (10 min)	Racket and shuttle relays: Work in teams. Create relays with technical challenges related to technical abilities of the pupils. For example: Relay with hitting the shuttle up in the air with forehand or backhand or alternate between forehand and backhand.	Teachers to create their own tasks relevant to the ability of the pupils. Gradually increase difficulty.	↑	 Add chasse movements and obstacles to the relay. Balance shuttle on the racket with forehand or backhand grip. Increase or decrease pace. 	Keep group well spaced apart. Split into groups and alternate activity in the groups.
Thumb grip (10 min)	Keep up shuttles with thumb grip: • Working with a shuttle and a racket, children asked to keep shuttle up in the air with back of hand leading and thumb grip. Start by holding the racket at its t-piece with thumb and forefinger on the frame of the racket head.	Thumb grip Back of hand leading	↑	 Encourage creative routine – standing, bending down on one knee, on both knees, sitting, lying down, getting back up from the above positions Use very short grip ("T" piece of racket) 	Keep group well spaced apart Encourage children to pick up stray shuttles on the floor to prevent injury ("ankle breakers")



Lesson 7: Serve and Rally

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easier)	Safety
Backhand serve (10 min)	Low backhand serve: Teacher demonstrates a backhand serve, aiming to get the shuttle in area (e.g. from low service line into opposite service area) After each hit run forwards to collect shuttle and return for next go – count successes Experiment in hitting different distances Compare scores after set time	 Hit from hand Racket pointing down Thumb grip chasse and lunge. 	\	Reduce target area (for example, corner box of court) Increase target area (for example the whole mat)	Keep group well spaced apart
Game (10 min)	 Pupils play a serve competition Pupils play a serve competition into a target (i.e. a box). At the start they have a lot of shuttles laying in a hoop (at least 10 per person). When they finished the count how many they hit into the box. The fastest team gets one extra point 	 Hit from hand Strike below waist Take time for hitting the target Change quickly after each serve 	+	With better players, point out and explain the service boxes and encourage different ways to strike shuttle – to the left of the opponent, to the right of the opponent, higher above the opponents head so they cannot reach this. Low net or no net	Keep the groups well spaced apart



Lesson 7: Serve and Rally

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Game (10 min)	Pupils work in pairs on half court playing net rallies starting with backhand low serve. After the serve the court is restricted to front court area only (low service line). Game is scored. Length depends on number of pupils.	See main teaching points from lesson 4.	+	 Allow pupils to play on larger area and using both forehand and backhand net shots (split step, chasse and lunge) Concentrate on the correct technique (no competitive situation) 	• Court safety!
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	Pupils stretch out fully on the floor, then sit up to discuss lesson	See main teaching points above.	↑	Teachers questions group to check – achievement of intended lesson goals	
			\	Teacher reinforces teaching points by explain them to the group again	



lesson 8 **Backhand Lift**

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals			
The purpose of this lesson is to introduce the: • front court backhand lift	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: • demonstrate front court backhand lift			
Equipment	Teaching Situation / Context			
RacketsShuttles	Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to deliver outside.			
Badminton nets (if appropriate)				



Lesson 8: Backhand Lift

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Variations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)	Teacher explains the teaching points of lesson 8: Backhand lift from below the net height to the rear court. This gives enough time for a player to return to the middle of the court before the opponent hits the shuttle back from the other end. This is a defensive shot.	 Explain and show the backhand lift stroke. Underpin the importance of using the backhand lift to hit the shuttle high and far. 	 ↑ Ask pupils to shadow backhand lifts. ↓ Teacher demonstrates and explains techniques of backhand lift. 	Keep group well-spaced apart during demonstration.
Warm-up (10 min)	Shuttle run in teams: Pupils work in teams and line up behind the baseline facing the net with three shuttles per team placed on the floor. On signal they pick up a shuttle and sprint to the forecourt to lunge and place the shuttle under the net before returning to the baseline to pick the other shuttles. The second player has to do the same but bring the shuttles from the net back to the baseline and so on until all the players have had a turn.	Could do this activity as a team racing game.	 ↑ Use same relay with chasse steps towards the two front corners. ↓ Decrease the number of shuttles. 	Be aware of shuttles on the floor.



Lesson 8: Backhand Lift

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Varia	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Warm-up (10 min)	Dynamic balance: • Each player has a shuttle and standing on one leg. Pupils place the shuttle as far in front themselves as possible and returns to standing position on one leg without falling over. Then, remaining on one leg, retrieve the shuttle and return to starting position without falling over. • Repeat activity using the other leg	Emphasise balance techniques and a controlled pace of exercise.	*	 Place shuttle further in front. Repeat consecutively on same leg Change legs regularly and decrease distance. 	
Backhand lift (15 min)	Backhand lift: Start practicing the backhand lift — every pupil has a racket and shuttle and hits the shuttle as high as possible in the air using the backhand only. Progress by working in pairs — feeder slowly throws the shuttles and their partner hits a backhand lift as far and as high as possible. The feeder runs back to baseline and tries to catch the shuttle. The feeder cannot move until the shuttle is struck. Change after 12 shots.	 Ensure the correct grip is used. You do not need a net and court. Place or draw targets to give indication of distance. Increase difficulty by adding movement as and when appropriate. 	↑	 If executed correctly, pupils can progress by hitting lifts with chasse and lunge. Concentrate on correct racket technique. Could use balloons for the start of the exercise. 	Make sure group is well spaced out. Use the whole available space.



Lesson 8: Backhand Lift

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easier)	Safety
Backhand lift "Merry-go- round" (15 min)	Backhand lift "Merry-go-round": Groups of 4-6 pupils start from the centre of the court. Teacher/helper throws shuttles and one by one the pupils execute backhand lift by using start, split step and lunge. Use targets to challenge and score points.	 Relaxed grip to tighter grip on the impact. Shuttle must leave the racket very fast and fly high to the baseline. Progress from technical practice to challenging situations. 	↑	 Use targets and make the exercise competitive and "game like" to motivate pupils. Lower the net or do not use net at all to assist the use of correct hitting technique. 	When working with "multi- shuttles" be aware of shuttles lying on the courts.
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	 Teacher explains main teaching points of lesson 8 (see above). The group is stretching on the floor. 	See key teaching points above.	↑	 Use questioning to check lesson targets have been achieved. Teacher explains and demonstrates. 	



Lesson 9 **Forehand Lift**

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals			
The purpose of this lesson is to introduce the:	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to:			
front court forehand lift	demonstrate front court forehand lift			
forehand high serve	demonstrate forehand high serve			
Equipment	Teaching Situation / Context			
• Rackets	Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to deliver outside.			
• Shuttles				
Badminton nets (if appropriate)				
Balloons (if appropriate)				
Targets (you may draw targets on the floor / ground)				



Lesson 9: Forehand Lift

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Variations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier) Safety
Introduction (5 min)	 Teacher explains the main teaching points of lesson 9: Forehand lift from below net height to the rear court. This gives enough time for the player to return to the middle of the court before the opponent hits the shuttle back from the other end. Forehand high serve. This serve is used to start a rally in singles. This forces the opponent to go to the rear court. 	 Explain and show the forehand lift stroke. Stress the importance of using the forehand lift to hit the shuttle high and far. Use of forehand V grip. Serve – transfer of weight from racket leg to non-racket leg. Rotation of hips. Full underarm swing. 	 ↑ Ask pupils to shadow forehand lift. ↓ Teacher demonstrates again and explains techniques of the forehand lift.
Warm-up (10 min)	"Calf-touching": • Pupils work in pairs facing each other with low centre of gravity (racket leg forward). One pupil is the "attacker". He places 'racket' arm forward trying to touch their opponent's calf. The "defender" has to react quickly and copy the "attacker's" movements.	 Use short period of time (30-40 sec) and change roles ("attacker" / "defender"). Count points each time the "attacker" touches the "defender's" calf. 	 ↑ Pupils can try to touch their opponent's shorts. • Safety is priority in this game. Emphasise in keeping safe distance between partners / pairs to avoid running into each other.



Lesson 9: Forehand Lift

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Varia	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Warm-up (5 min)	 "Balance the racket": Two pupils are standing facing each other 2 metres apart. On signal from teacher players must drop their racket and rush to grab their partner's racket before it touches the ground. 	Use variation with pupils forming circle and teacher signals "left" or "right".	↑	 Increase the distance between partners. Start with shorter distance and gradually increase the difficulty. Use shuttles instead of rackets to give pupils more time. 	Pairs must be well spaced apart.
Forehand lift (15 min)	 Forehand lift: Start practicing the forehand lift – every pupil has a racket and shuttle and hits the shuttle as high as possible in the air using the forehand only. Progress by working in pairs – feeder slowly throws the shuttles and their partner hits a forehand lift as far and as high as possible. The feeder runs back to baseline and tries to prevent the shuttle from touching the floor. The feeder cannot move until the shuttle is struck. Change after 12 shots. 	 Ensure the correct grip is used. Do not need net and court, can place or draw targets to give indication of distance. Increase difficulty by adding movement as and when appropriate. 	↑	 If executed correctly, pupils can progress by hitting lifts with chasse and lunge. Concentrate on correct racket technique. Could use balloons for the start of the exercise. 	Make sure group is well spaced apart. Use the whole available space.



Lesson 9: Forehand Lift

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Variations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easier)	Safety
Forehand lift "Merry-go- round" (10 min)	Forehand lift "Merry-go-round": • Groups of 4-6 pupils start from the centre of the court. Teacher / helper throws shuttles and one by one the pupils execute forehand lift by using start, split step and lunge. • Use targets to challenge and score points.	 Relaxed grip changes to tighter grip on the impact. Shuttle must leave the racket very fast and fly high to the baseline. 	 ↑ Use targets and make the exercise competitive and "game like" to motivate pupils. ↓ Lower the net or do not use a net at all to assist the use of correct hitting technique. 	When working with "multi- shuttles" be aware of shuttles lying on the courts!
Forehand high serve (10 min)	 Pupils practice the high serve by playing the Golf Game. They must hit the shuttle from the starting point into a target with few shots as possible. To hit as far as possible they use the movement of underarm rotation. Beginners can flick the shuttle out of hand so that they don't miss it. To save space shuttles can be prepared so that they fly slower than usual by spreading the feathers or plastic skirt. 	 Transfer of weight from racket leg to non-racket leg. Rotation of hips. Full underarm swing to produce high vertically dropping shuttle. Flick it when you don't want to miss shuttle. 	 ↑ Place targets on court gradually decreasing target area. ↓ Start with focusing on height and progress by increasing length. 	Keep safe distance between pupils when practising the serve.
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	 Teacher explains main teaching points of lesson 9 (see above). The group is stretching on the floor. 	See key teaching points above.	 ↑ Use questioning to check lesson goals have been achieved. ↓ Teacher explains and demonstrates. 	



Lesson 10 Revision Games

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to introduce the:	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to:
practice and develop net lifting skills on the backhand and forehand side	change grip consistently (7/10) when lifting from the net
practice and develop movement and lunging technique supporting net lifting	lunge with good range and the front foot pointing to the impact point of the shuttle
Equipment	Teaching Situation / Context
• Rackets	Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to take this
• Shuttles	outside. You will need nets for this lesson.
Badminton nets	
Dice (for scoring)	



Lesson 10: Revision Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Var	iations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)	Teacher explains key teaching points of lesson 10 and emphasises teaching points	 See key teaching points in lessons 8 and 9. Emphasise the use of right grips 	↑	Ask pupils to demonstrate and explain difference between the two lifts.	Keep a safe distance during demonstrations.
	from lessons 8 and 9	and correct lunge technique.	V	Teacher explains and demonstrates.	
Warm-up (10 min)	Roll the dice and run: • Pupils work in teams and line up at the start. They must run	This game gives a chance for slower pupils to keep up as they may roll a higher number	↑	Increase pace by placing quicker runners into smaller teams.	Start on signal only.
	a distance of approximately 20 meters there and back. When a player returns, he must roll a dice and write down the number shown. The next player must add his number after his return and so on. The team who reaches 100 points (the score to win can be varied) is the winner.	with the dice (so everyone can achieve). • You may vary the course by placing obstacles or using different running techniques. • Finish the warm-up with dynamic stretching.	\	Give every pupil a chance of positive experience – divide teams by level.	
Warm-up (5 min)	Balancing shuttles: • Pupils balance an upturned shuttle on their heads whilst walking forward using a basic lunge technique (see teaching points).	 Lift the knee before kicking the foot forward. First contact on the floor is with the heel. Maintain upright posture. Set challenges. 	↑	Increase stride length. Walk with shuttle on the head.	Be aware of shuttles on the floor.

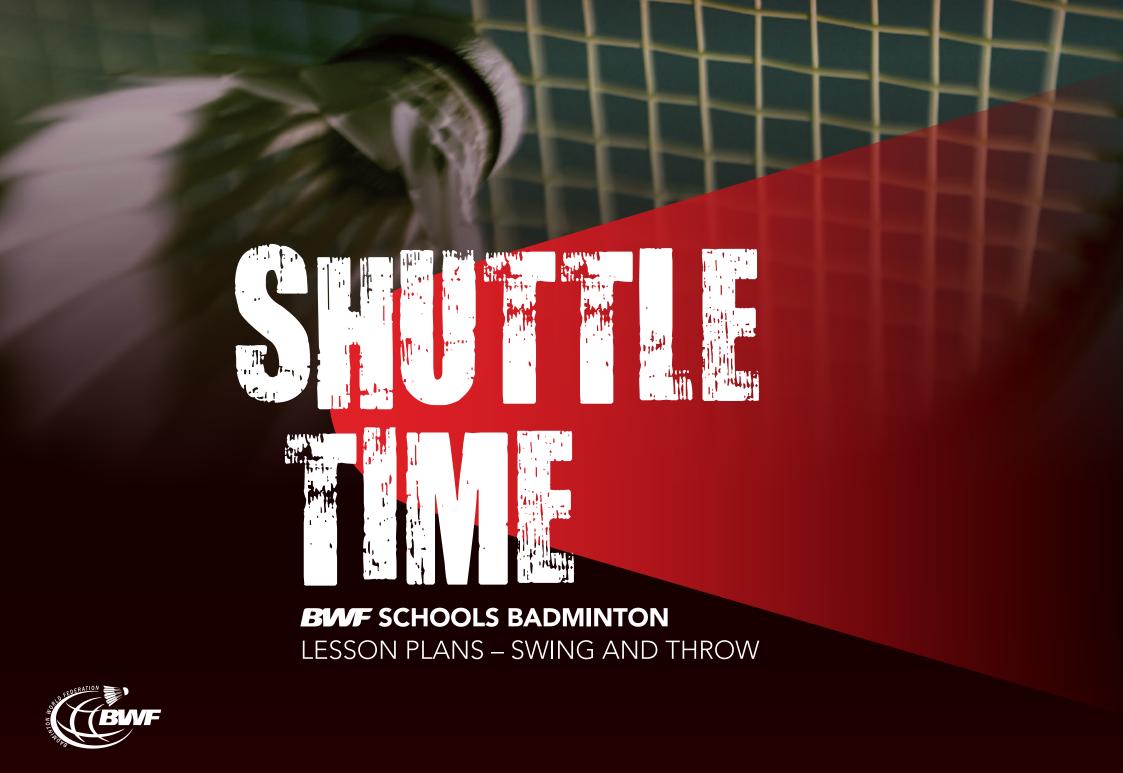


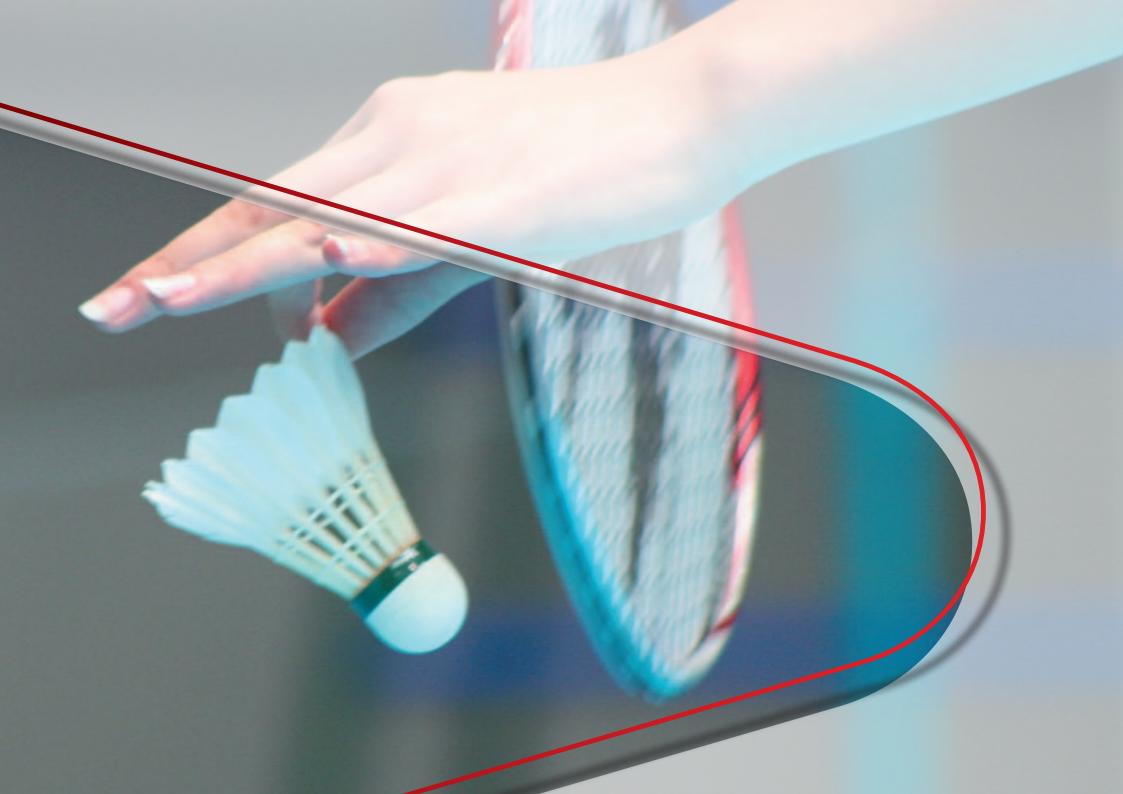
Lesson 10: Revision Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Merry go round (15 min)	Forehand and backhand lift merry-go-round: • Groups of 4-6 pupils start from the centre of the court. The teacher throws shuttles and one by one the pupils move to the shuttle by using chasse steps, and lunge. They make two lifts, starting on the forehand side, return to the centre then to the backhand side.	 Feeding can also be made by one of the pupils (could be someone who is currently injured or can not participate in the lesson (chance to include everyone in the activities) Game variation – count every stroke that into target placed on the rear court. 	↑	 Ensure pupils return to the starting point after each shot. Do not need net or court, but ensure you draw correct distance on the floor. 	Ensure correct feeding technique.
Game (20 min)	 Net shot rally with lift into target: In pairs pupils play rallies on the front court. When they are in a good position and decide, they can lift the shuttle aiming to hit a target placed on the rear court. If they hit the target they win a point, however if they decide to lift and do not hit the target a point is taken off their score. Note: the rally ends when one of the players hits a lift. Game variation – when a pupil lifts the opponent tries to catch the shuttle before it touches the floor for a bonus point. 	 Time the game and change partners regularly. Pupils can "carry" or take their score with them to the next game and count at the end of the exercise. 	↑	Use a bigger playing area and use smaller targets. Lower or remove the net to ensure correct hitting technique.	Ensure pupils do not enter the courts when rally is being played.
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	 Teacher summarises the content of lessons 8, 9 and 10. Group stretches on the floor. 	See key teaching points above.	1	Use questioning to check targets have been achieved.	
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LESSON PLANS – SWING AND THROW



Overview

1. Introduction – Swing and Throw

Before starting to read through the lesson plans and to plan lessons, please read the below information:

- Refer to Module 6 before planning these lessons.
- Each activity included in these plans has a video clip to show the activities and to assist the teachers with their preparation.
- These two lessons in this section are designed to:
 - increase the speed of the rallies.
 - prepare the children for overhead hitting.



Lesson Plans

2. Titles – Swing and Throw

There are two lesson plans in this section. These are:

- Lesson 2.1 Midcourt Drives
- Lesson 2.2 Midcourt Development





Lesson 2.1 Midcourt Drives

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to introduce the:	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to:
ready position	show what the ready position is
forehand and backhand midcourt play (drives)	demonstrate backhand and forehand drives with the correct grip, shape and feel
	have a basic midcourt rally
Equipment	Teaching Situation / Context
Shuttles, sponge balls or bean sack – one between two pupils	All these activities can be played on a court with net / or rope instead of a net.
Rackets	
Badminton nets (if appropriate)	



Lesson 2.1: Midcourt Drives

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iati	ions (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)		↑	•	Pupils asked to demonstrate grip change (review from previous lessons).	Group keeps safe distance when teacher is demonstrating.	
		\	•	Teacher demonstrates and explains technique.		
Warm-up (10 min)	Throwing game 1: Pupils work in groups – ideally about 6. Every child has a shuttle, beanbag or sponge ball. Pupils try and throw the shuttle / beanbag / ball: as high as possible. as far as possible. combination of the two using a target.	 Use racket arm only. Side on for maximum efficiency. Full shoulder turn. High release. 	↑	•	Use targets of different sizes to increase the difficulty. Change the distance pupils have to throw. Concentrate on correct technique.	 Make pupils aware of safety for eyes / face in throwing. Separate into smaller groups of 3 – 4 pupils. The throwing should only begin on the signal from the teacher.



Lesson 2.1: Midcourt Drives

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Variations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easier)	Safety
Warm-up (10 min)	 Keep the court free: Teams of 4-6 pupils play against each other on either side of a net. Each player holds one shuttle. On teacher's signal, everyone throws their shuttle high and far to the other side and tries to catch one of the other shuttles. When the teacher stops the game, the team with the most shuttles on its side loses the game. 	Encourage correct overhead throwing technique.	 ↑ Decrease the number of players and increase the number of shuttles. ↓ Lower the net. 	 Make pupils aware of safety for eyes / face in throwing. Be aware of shuttles laying on the floor.
Racket speed (15 min)	 Introducing racket speed: Pupils work in pairs. One is throwing the shuttle from the side of the court to their partner (shoulder height), therefore "hitters" direct the shuttle away from their partners. 'Feed' from the forehand side for forehand drive and move to the other side for the backhand drive. 	 Change roles after 10 shots. Both players are at the same side of the net. Ensure correct speed and height of throwing. Use short racket movements. Hold racket in front of body. 	 ↑ • If pupils can do this correctly, increase the speed of feeding to reduce the length of swing. ↓ • You do not need to use net or court for this exercise. 	Ensure a safe distance between partners when throwing the shuttle to avoid pupils being hit.



Lesson 2.1: Midcourt Drives

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Variations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier) Safety	
Flat play (15 min)	Flat play: Pupils work in pairs to play a rally with forehand or backhand drive only. Partners are working without net 5-6 meters away from each other (side lines). Start the rally with reduced speed concentrating on correct execution. Gradually increase the speed.	 Emphasise the 'ready' position. Racket in front of body (do not pull elbow towards the body). Finger work – tighten grip to generate power. 	 ↑ Alternate between forehand and backhand drive (ensure correct change of grip) • Keep safe distart between pairs. • Group well space ↓ No change of direction – backhand or forehand drives only and change roles after a few minutes. 	
Summary/ cool down	 Group stretching on the floor. Teacher reviews key points of	Racket handling and racket speed to improve flat play.	Pupils are questioned about what "drive" is.	
(5 min)	lesson.	 'Ready' position. Fast grip change.	Teacher explains important teaching points again.	



lesson 2.2 **Midcourt Development**

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to introduce the: • ready position, forehand and backhand midcourt play (drives)	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: • have midcourt rallies with correct grips
Equipment Rackets Shuttles Badminton nets (if appropriate. Can replace with rope or string)	Teaching Situation / Context Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to deliver outside. You will need nets and a badminton court for this lesson. You may draw the court lines on the floor / ground.



Lesson 2.2: Midcourt Development

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Var	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)	The teacher introduces the key principles of lesson 2-2:	ciples of lesson 2-2: lesson 2-1. acher reinforces the chnique of forehand and ackhand drive and ready	↑	Start to work with change of grip.	Group keeps a safe distance from the teacher when he is
	Teacher reinforces the technique of forehand and backhand drive and ready position.		Concentrate on forehand and backhand technique individually.	demonstrating.	
Warm-up	Throwing game 2:	Use racket arm only.	1	Introduce scissor jump.	Keep group well-spaced to
(10 min)	Work in teams, one team starts with a shuttle and uses throws to team mates. Each successful throw and catch scores a point. If the shuttle is dropped, shuttle goes to the other team. The opposing team tries to intercept the shuttle.	 Emphasise throwing technique Encourage change of direction to create space "Team-play" by passing shuttle 	\	Concentrate on throwing technique.	 Prevent collisions. Prevent fighting for the shuttle, when it is dropped possession goes to the other team.
	When shuttle is dropped possession goes to the other team.				
	The game is played in a defined area and can be played on time or points.				



Lesson 2.2: Midcourt Development

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Warm-up (10 min)	Relay games "Run and throw": Running forwards and throwing. Running backwards and throwing. Chasseing and throwing.	 Create your own relay games depending on group's level and physical ability and available resources. Keep small groups to reduce waiting time. 	↑	Create your own relay games depending on group's level and physical ability and available resources.	Be aware of obstacles on floor.
			V	Keep small groups to reduce waiting time.	
Midcourt practice / development	Midcourt game with body hits: • Pupils practice midcourt drives	Start with reduced speed.Change partners regularly.	↑	Increase speed and intensity.	Keep safe distance between pairs.
(15 min)	 (backhand to forehand) from tramlines to tramlines (5-6 metres). Start with backhand serve. The challenge is to hit the opponent's body below head height to score a point. The objective is to increase racket speed by playing fast flat 	Encourage strategic play (low to high, left to right etc.)	\downarrow	Start with shots to alternate sides (one plays straight, one plays cross) to develop grip change.	Emphasise the importance of aiming for body below head height.



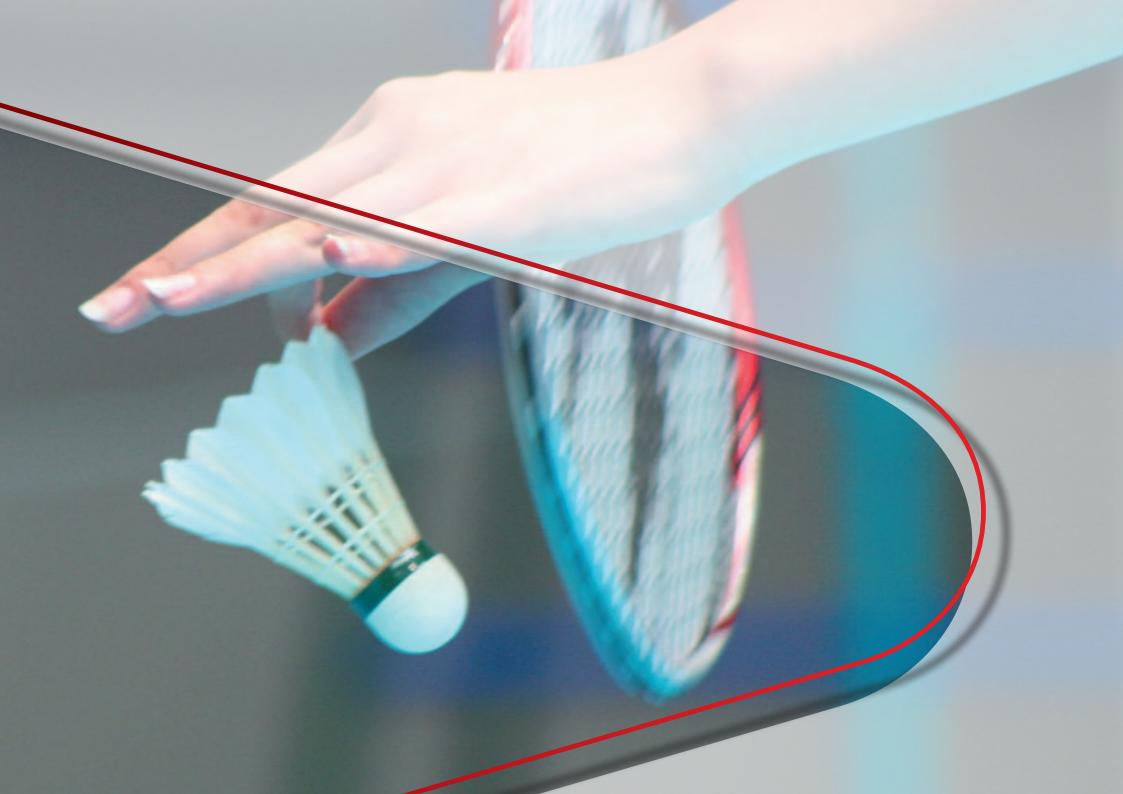
Lesson 2.2: Midcourt Development

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Midcourt reaction (speed) development (15 min)	 Work in pairs over a net, both players approx. 2.5 metres from the net. The objective is to hit the maximum number of shots in the time allowed. If they make a mistake, the score goes back to zero. 	 Start with 30 seconds and gradually increase. Change partners regularly. 	↑	 Reduce the distance between the players to increase the speed. Lower the net or take net away. 	Emphasise safe distances
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	 Group stretching on the floor. Teachers review key point of lesson 2-1. 	See key teaching points	↑	 Use questioning to check lesson goals are achieved. Teacher explains key 	
				principles and pupils are listening.	













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LESSON PLANS – THROW AND HIT



Overview

1. Introduction - Throw and Hit

Before starting to read through the lesson plans and to plan lessons, please read the below information:

- Refer to Module 7 before planning these lessons.
- Each activity included in these plans has a video clip to show the activities and to assist the teachers with their preparation.
- These six lessons in the section are designed to introduce rear court overhead hitting and movement skills.



Lesson Plans

2. Titles - Throw and Hit

There are four lesson plans in this section. These are:

- Lesson 3.1 Clear and Scissor Kick
- Lesson 3.2 Development Games
- Lesson 3.3 Drop with Scissor Kick
- Lesson 3.4 Development Games
- Lesson 3.5 Smash and Block
- Lesson 3.6 Development Games





lesson 3.1 Clear with Scissor Kick

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to: • introduce the overhead clear and scissor jump (kick through)	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: • demonstrate a shadow overhead clear with scissor jump (kick through) • explain how to reach a shuttle in the rear court and hit forehand overhead clear
Equipment Rackets Shuttles Bean bags (if appropriate) Badminton nets	Teaching Situation / Context • Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to take this outside



Lesson 3.1: Clear with Scissor Kick

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)	 Teacher explains and demonstrates scissor jump – kick through (shadow). Teacher explains scissor jump and forehand clear. 	 The clear can be an offensive or defensive shot. Explain that the preparation for the scissor jump is a side-on position with chasse steps and the scissor jump is a 180° rotation to change direction. 	↑	 At this stage pupils who progress better can help during demonstrations! Teacher explains and demonstrates. 	Keep group a safe distance from the court during demonstration.
Warm-up (10 min)	Learning the scissor jump: Group shadow work with teacher corrections: Pupils with one shuttle / beanbag each throw the shuttle forwards using scissor jump and move forward after landing running to pick up their shuttle / beanbag. Execute first without chasseing backwards then with two chasse steps	 Pupils are in line facing teacher. Give as many instructions as necessary to encourage correct scissor jump technique (see teaching points above). Kick through. Land on the non-racket foot and move forward. 	↑	 Start, with split step, to chasse to scissor jump and return to starting position. Pupils work in pairs to correct each other's technique. 	Keep group well-spaced apart.



Lesson 3.1: Clear with Scissor Kick

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction scissor jump (10 min)	Practising the scissor jump: Group shadow work with teacher corrections. Pupils with racket standing sideways on a line, weight on the racket leg. On signal pupils make a scissor jump and move forward after landing. Execute first without chasseing backwards then with two chasse steps.	See teaching points above	+	 Use targets to make into a competitive game. Concentrate on correct execution of scissor jump (kicking through). 	Keep distance between pupils and be aware of objects laying on the floor.
Overhead clear (20 min)	Overhead clear: In groups of three, player 1 on the same side of the net as player 2, throws the shuttle high for player 2 to hit forehand clear with rotation. Player 3 on the other side of the net catches the shuttle and throws it back to player 1 to repeat the exercise. Players rotate positions after 10 repetitions.	 Focus on correct overhead hitting technique. Side-on position Arms/elbows should be at shoulder height. Racket hand must be moved actively to the shuttle. Fast racket and high interception point. 180° rotation. 	+	 Player 3 to give feedback on length of clear. Chasse to scissor kick. 	



Lesson 3.1: Clear with Scissor Kick

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Overhead clear rally (10 min)	Overhead clear rally: Work in pairs – the rally starts with a high lift to the rear court and continues with forehand clears. The objective is to hit as high and long as possible. Partners to give feedback on length.	 See teaching points above. May do the exercise with no net. 	+	 Move back to centre between shots. Try to create time with height and length and to challenge pupils touch short service line with racket between shots. 	
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	cool down points of lesson 3-1. scissor jump can be offensive as (5 min) Group is stretching on the floor well as defensive shot, but the	↑	Use questioning to check lesson goals have been achieved.	Ensure correct stretching technique.	
	-	movement is always forward.	V	Teacher repeats key points.	



lesson 3.2 **Development Games**

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to:	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to:
practise and develop forehand overhead clear	demonstrate a 'shadow' overhead clear with scissor jump (kick through)
	demonstrate how to reach a shuttle in the rear court and hit forehand overhead clear
Equipment	Teaching Situation / Context
• Rackets	Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to take this
• Shuttles	outside. You will need nets (or substitute) and a badminton court for this lesson. You may draw the court lines on the floor / ground and use a rope if
Bean bags or sponge balls (if appropriate)	nets are not available.
Badminton nets	



Lesson 3.2: Development Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction	Teacher reinforces scissor jump Violathrough teachering	See main teaching points of	↑	Ask pupils to demonstrate.	Keep group in safe distance from the court during demonstration.
(5 min)	 - kick through technique. Iesson 3-1 Teacher reinforces forehand clear technique 	lesson 3-1	→	Teacher explains and demonstrates.	
Warm-up (10 min)	Throwing game 3: • Pupils work in groups. Every child has a shuttle / beanbag	 Encourage scissor jump to change direction. Use racket arm only Side on for maximum efficiency. Full shoulder turn. High release. 	↑	Increase the intensity by reducing the number of players.	Non-contact.
	or sponge ball. To practise the scissor jump pupils are challenged to throw the ball for maximum distance after running backwards.		\	Increase or decrease the playing area to vary the difficulty.	
	After this they run forward and pick the shuttle up.				
	You can also work in pairs with one shuttle				



Lesson 3.2: Development Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Forehand clear rally (15 min)	 Forehand clear rally with tricks: Work in pairs – the rally starts with a high lift to the rear court and continues with forehand clears. The objective is to hit as high and long as possible. Partners to give feedback on length. Progress to challenging the players to hit high and far enough to be able to perform a "trick" in between clears. For example – while the shuttle is in the air: Change racket hand to non-racket hand and return. Pass the racket behind their back. Sit down and stand up. Touch the net with the racket. 	See teaching points in lesson 3.1. May exercise with no net.	↑ ↓	Move back to centre between shots. Try to create time with height and length to touch short service line with racket between shots.	



Lesson 3.2: Development Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Straight overhead clear (15 min)	 Straight overhead clear: Work in pairs. Place a marker 5 big step away from the net (moving towards the back line). Players have to try and hit the shuttle hard and high in the air. If the shuttle falls short of the marker the other player wins a point. If you work with big class for example more than 30 pupils, this game can be played in teams – 2 against 2 on a half court. Pupils take turns to hit overhead clear and score points as a team. Followed by pupils working in pairs playing rallies (this can be done over the net or on open court area. How many overhead clear shots they can hit to each other without making a mistake. 	 Focus on correct overhead hitting technique and kicking through. Arms / elbows should be at shoulder height. Racket hand must be moved actively to the shuttle. Fast racket and high interception point. 180° rotation. Divide groups according to level. Change partners to make more competitive. 	↑	Use smaller targets to increase difficulty. Can play either game without net or court. Simply place both players a certain distance apart – about 3 meters apart – and gradually increase the distance.	If more pupils are working on the same court ensure that clear instructions are given regarding how they move out of the way after they have completed the shot to avoid getting hit by the next pupil.



Lesson 3.2: Development Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Game (10 min)	 High serve plus two clear then free: Pupils play half court singles. Starting with high lift (serve), there must be 2 straight clears to begin the rally. 	The overhead clears must be executed with scissor jump (kick through) and a forward movement.	↑	Variety of the game could be if the clear does not reach certain target on the base line player loses the rally directly.	Start the game on teacher's signal only and ensure that the pupils do not cross the courts before the games have finished.
	Count points and change partners after certain period of time.		\	More than 2 pupils can play on the same half court. The pupil who loses 3 rallies moves out and is replaced by another one. This will ensure that pupils are on court for shorter periods of time, but do not wait for their turn too long.	
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	Teacher reviews key teaching points of lesson 3-2.Group is stretching on the floor.	See teaching points above.	↑	Use questioning to check lesson's objectives have been achieved.	Ensure correct stretching technique.
			+	Teacher is repeating key points.	



Lesson 3.3 **Drop with Scissor Kick**

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to: • introduce forehand overhead drop shot from the rear court	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: • explain the technique of overhead drop shot
Equipment	demonstrate a shadow movement of overhead drop shot and compare to clear Teaching Situation / Context
RacketsShuttlesBadminton net	Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to take this outside. You will need nets and a badminton court for this lesson. You may draw the court lines on the floor / ground and use a rope if net is not available



Lesson 3.3: Drop with Scissor Kick

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)	 The teacher explains and shows the technique of forehand overhead drop shot (shadow). The teacher explains what kind of different overhead shots are used in badminton and explains the difference between drop shot and clear. 	 Emphasise on same action for all overhead shots. Same throwing action as clear, but finish with a push instead of full hit. Key teaching points from lessons 3-1 and 3-2 still apply. 	†	 Pupils to explain difference between overhead shots. Teacher to explain difference. 	Keep the group well-spaced apart during demonstrations.
Warm-up (10 min)	 Clap exercises for mobility: Work in pairs, both pupils move in different ways to reach out and touch their partner's hands: Partners stand back to back and twist left and right to touch their hands. Back to back and touch hands between their legs and above their heads. Lying on their backs and sit up to touch hands in front of their bodies. Lying on their stomach and move with their upper bodies to touch their hands. 	Control tempo of exercise.	↑	If pupils handle this well increase time. Reduce speed to encourage full range of movement.	Put pupils in pairs of similar physical ability.



Lesson 3.3: Drop with Scissor Kick

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Shadow (10 min)	 Revision of the scissor jump: Group shadow work with teacher corrections: Pupils with racket standing against a wall (sideward, nonracket leg and shoulder closer to the wall) or on a line, weight on the racket leg. On signal pupils make a scissor jump and move forward after landing. First without chasseing backwards then with two chasse steps. 	 Pupils are in line facing teacher. Give as many instructions as necessary to encourage correct scissor jump technique (see teaching points above and from lessons 3-1 and 3-2). Kick through. Land on the non-racket foot and move forward. 	↑	 Start with split step to chasse to scissor jump and return to starting position. Pupils work in pairs to correct each other's technique. 	Keep group well spaced apart.
Overhead drop shot (20 min)	 Overhead drop shot: In groups of 3, player 1 on the same side of the net as player 2, throws the shuttle high for player 2 to hit forehand drop with rotation. Player 3 on the other side of the net catches the shuttle and throws it back to player 1 to repeat the exercise. Players rotate positions after 10 repetitions. 	 Focus on correct overhead hitting technique. Side-on position. Arms/elbows should be at shoulder height in preparation. Racket hand must be moved actively to the shuttle. Maintain high interception point, but check the throwing action pre-impact and strike shuttle with pushing action. 180° rotation. 	↑	 Player 3 to give feedback on accuracy of drop shot. Chasse to scissor kick. 	



Lesson 3.3: Drop with Scissor Kick

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Lifts and drops (10 min)	 Lifts and drops: Work in pairs – rally starts with high lift (serve), followed by straight drop. The rally continues with 1 player lifting and the other practicing drop shot from the rear court. Change on time or shots. 	 See teaching points above. Focus on accuracy of lifts to allow good quality practice. Emphasise both players practicing different skills. 	+	 Add movement for both players to increase difficulty. Focus on walk through and rotation. 	• Court safety!
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	 Teacher summarises the main teaching points of lesson 3-3. Whole group stretches on the floor. 	• See above	↑	 Use questioning to check if lesson's objectives are achieved. Use demonstration to once again remind overhead drop technique. 	



Lesson 3.4 Development Games

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to:	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to:
develop and practice the overhead drop shot	demonstrate a shadow overhead drop with scissor jump (kick through)
	demonstrate how to reach a shuttle in the rear court and hit a forehand overhead drop shot
Equipment	Teaching Situation / Context
• Rackets	Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to take this
• Shuttles	outside. You will need nets and a badminton court for this lesson. You may draw the court lines on the floor / ground and use a rope if nets are not available.
Badminton nets	the court mies on the hoor, ground and use a rope if hets are not available.



Lesson 3.4: Development Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Variations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easier) Safety
Introduction (5 min)	 Teacher reinforces scissor jump kick through technique. Teacher reinforces forehand drop technique. 	See key teaching points – lesson 3-3.	 ↑ Ask pupils to demonstrate. ↓ Teacher explains and demonstrates. • Keep group a safety distance from the court during demonstration.
Warm-up (10 min)	Shuttle chase • Work in groups in a half court (or defined area) with one shuttle. One pupil starts as a "chaser" with shuttle and tries to "tag" the other pupils by throwing the shuttle and hitting them on the body (below head height). Once the shuttle hits someone – the pupil who is" tagged" joins the chaser – and they both use the one shuttle to 'tag' others. The pupil who is last to be "tagged" is the winner.	Chasers to work as a team passing the shuttle to tag pupils.	 ↑ Start with more than one chaser. • Be aware of shuttles on the floor. ↓ Increase playing area.
Core stability (10 min)	Plank exercises – Core stability: • Pupils make four different plank exercises: – Plank on elbows and toes – Reverse plank on underarms and heels – Side plank (right side) – Side plank (left side)	Ensure correct posture. Time the exercises depending on age and level of physical development.	 ↑ Increase time. If the pupils lose the correct posture stop the exercise. If the pupils lose the correct posture stop the exercise.



Lesson 3.4: Development Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Lift-Drop-Net (10 min)	 Lift-Drop-Net: Work in pairs. Exercise starts with high lift (serve), followed by drop shot, then net shot and then high lift again to repeat 	Exercise is a cooperative activity for development.	↑ ↓	 Make sure pupils are accurate. Lower net. Go back to 	Court safety during rallies
	the sequence (lift-drop-net). If too difficult, start with lift-drop-net-net.		·	lift and drop only with regular changes.	
Choices (10 min)	 Choices: Choices are introduced to the previous sequence e.g: Clear or drop from the rear 	 Develop your own combinations from the sequences. Reduce choices if not executed correctly. 	↑	Increase choices.	Court safety
	court followed by clear or net. Sequence continues. - Lift or block from front court followed by overhead choice from rear court or lift from front court.	Reinforce technical elements.	\	Return to closed routines.	



Lesson 3.4: Development Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Variations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easie	er) Safety
½ Court singles (10 min)	 Half court singles with "no-go" area: ½ court singles in reduced court. Use markers (shuttles, shuttle boxes etc.) to indicate a "no go" area. Markers used to indicate if a drop shot is too long or a clear is too short. Game is played with normal scoring system. Rally starts with serve and continues with choice of lift or drop from front court and clear or drop from rear court. 	 Divide into ability groups. Change opponents regularly. 	 ↑ Reduce middle court 'go" area to encourage accuracy. Aim to finish with playing area only back tram lines and sh service line. ↓ Increase allowed hittin areas. 	the ort
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	 Teacher reviews main teaching points of lesson 3-4. Group is stretching on the floor. 	See teaching points above.	 Use questioning to che lesson's objectives have been achieved. Teacher is repeating ke points. 	technique.



Lesson 3.5 **Smash and Block**

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals				
The purpose of this lesson is to introduce the: • overhead smash technique • defensive technique in badminton	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: • explain and show the technique of the smash • explain and show the defensive technique				
Equipment • Rackets	Teaching Situation / Context • Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to take this				
ShuttlesBadminton nets (or substitutes)	outside. You will need a net and a badminton court for this lesson. You may draw the court lines on the floor / ground and use a rope if net is not available.				



Lesson 3.5: Smash and Block

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)	 Teacher explains and demonstrates the technique of the smash with full rotation. Teacher explains and demonstrates shadow of defensive shots (backhand and forehand) in front of the body. 	 Smash technique is very similar to the technique of overhead clear – same preparation, but the acceleration and the speed of the racket and upper body at the end of the shot is much greater. The interception point when smashing must be in front of the body. In defence there is no time for big racket movements so defensive shots are executed with short swings with the racket moving towards the shuttle from a position in front of the body. No big swing away from shuttle in preparation. 	↑	If there are pupils who are able to do this, use them for demonstrations. This will motivate all the class to improve and show the rest of the pupils what they can achieve. Teacher explains and demonstrates.	Keep the group a safe distance from the demonstration on the side of the court.



Lesson 3.5: Smash and Block

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Warm-up (10 min)	 Fast feet: Pupils are spread in rows in front and facing the teacher executing the following footwork on the spot: Jogging on the spot, then with maximum fast feet. Split steps and back – slow to fast. Cross steps forward (left and right). 2 steps forward and 2 back. 	 Teacher demonstrates and then executes with pupils. Each exercise starts with slow movement to establish correct technique. On signal from the teacher pupils maintain the sequence with maximum speed. 	↑	Add variations which challenge coordination. Keep pace low and concentrate on correct footwork.	Keep pupils well spread.
Smash (15 min)	 Introducing the smash: Explain and show the technique of smash (shadow). The pupils then work in pairs and practice shadowing the smash. They give corrections to each other. Progress by practising with shuttles – work in pairs. Player 1 starts with a high serve, player 2 practices smash, and player 1 lets the shuttle fall on the floor and then gives it back. 	 Preparation as for clear (see teaching points from lessons 3-1 and 3-2). Interception point is in front of body. Strong throwing action. Shuttle should be hit in a downward direction (lower net where necessary). 180° rotation (scissor kick). 	+	 Could include chasse steps before shot and moving forward after. Use targets to test accuracy. 	Keep pairs well spaced apart as racket speed is very high.



Lesson 3.5: Smash and Block

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Var	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Block (10 min)	 Introducing the block defence: Pupils work in pairs – one using a throw feed to allow partner to practice block defence from waist height and below. Start by practising backhand and forehand block individually. Progress by practising alternate forehand and backhand. Change roles after 10 shots. 	 Starting position with racket in front of body. Elbow in front of body. Racket to shuttle (no big back swing). Short follow through. Short pushing action. 	↑	Move to alternate feed to increase intensity and difficulty. Remove or lower net.	Keep pairs well spaced apart.
Smash / Block (15 min)	Smash and block defence: In pairs pupils practice on half court. Fixed sequence of shots. Player 1 starts with high serve, player 2 smashes, 1 plays defensive shot to the net, 2	 Change according to time or number of smashes. If it is a bigger group, change roles more often to avoid longer waiting times. If there are pupils waiting, they 	↑	Progress by using targets on the floor for the smash. Can become a competitive game by counting number of smashes on target.	If pupils wait for their turn on court, ensure they are standing on the side of the court away from the line.
	plays back to the net and 1 lifts again. Sequence is repeated.	If there are pupils waiting, they can be given different roles like referee to count the smashes that are on target.	V	Keep competitive point out of the game to concentrate on correct execution.	
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	Teacher repeats again the main teaching points of lesson 3-5.Stretching.	See main teaching points above.	↑	Use questioning to check lesson goals have been achieved.	Correct stretching technique.
			\	Teacher repeats the main teaching points.	



Lesson 3.6 Development Games

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to: • develop smash technique	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: • demonstrate a smash technique
develop smash technique develop defensive shots in badminton	demonstrate a defensive technique
Equipment	Teaching Situation / Context
Rackets	Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to take this
• Shuttles	outside. You will need a net and a badminton court for this lesson. You may draw the court lines on the floor / ground and use a rope if net is not available.
Badminton nets	J



Lesson 3.6: Development Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Variations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier) Safety
Introduction (5 min)	 Teacher reinforces the technique of the smash with full rotation. Teacher reinforces the technique of defensive shots (backhand and forehand) in front of the body. 	See main teaching points in lesson 3-5.	 Use pupils to demonstrate. Teacher reinforces main teaching points of lesson. Keep the group a safe distance on the side of the court away from the demonstration.
Footwork (10 min)	 Footwork in groups: Pupils work in groups. First pupils start footwork on signal, examples from "fast feet" in lesson 3-5. On teacher's signal the group executes an agility movement – for example: – "Turn" (one complete fast turning) – "Down" (make one 'push up' on the floor) – "Jump" (jump with hands up in the air) In between the teachers signals the group continues footwork. When the teacher shouts "go" – the group runs to the opposite side of the hall (20 meters) and the next group starts. 	 Form the groups depending on space. Exercises are executed with maximum speed. 	 ◆ Use size of group to control intensity. ◆ Change exercise and vary commands to keep the intensity high. • Sufficient space between pup to exercises.



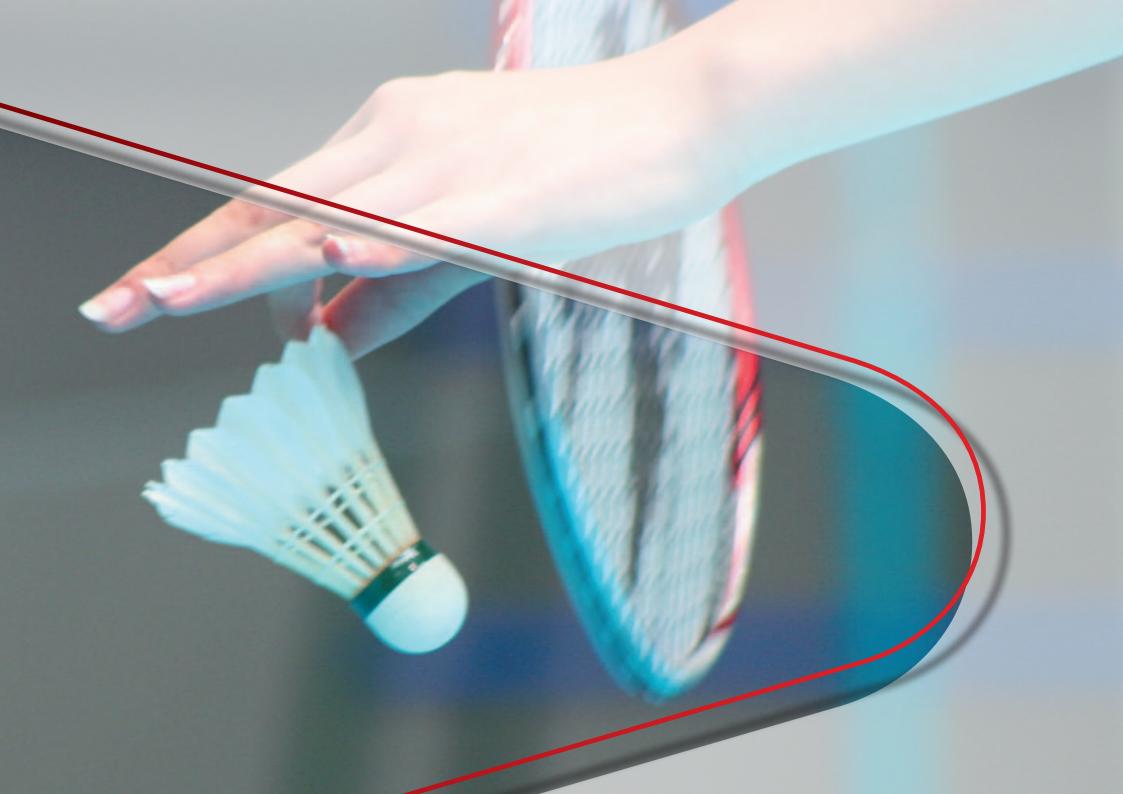
Lesson 3.6: Development Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Variations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easier)	Safety
Lift-smash- block (20 min)	Lift-Smash-Block: • Work in pairs – rally starts with high serve, followed by smash, then block defence, which is followed by a lift. Then the sequence starts again which means that this exercise is alternating (lift-smash-block-lift).	 Reinforce technical teaching points. Divide players by level. Change partners regularly. 	 ↑ Challenge players with accuracy targets. ↓ Lower net or smaller court. 	Remember court safety during rallies.
½ court singles (20 min)	 Half court singles with 'winner smash': ½ court singles game on reduced court area - in front of short service line is out. Normal scoring with 2 points awarded for winning the rally with smash. 	 If the group is too big, 3 or 4 players can play on the same half court. The winner stays on court, but the player who enters the game continues from the previous losing score and the winner starts from zero. Can be played as a team game with mixed ability teams or points counting 	 ↑ Automatic win if smash touches floor without opponent touching it. ↓ Lower the net and/or reduce size of court. 	Remember court safety!
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	 Teacher repeats again the main teaching points of smash and defensive technique. Stretching. 	See key teaching points above.	 ↑ Use questioning to check targets have been achieved. ↓ Teacher repeats the key principles. 	Use the correct stretching technique.













BVVF SCHOOLS BADMINTONLESSON PLANS – LEARN TO WIN



Overview

1. Introduction - Learn to Win

Before starting to read through the lesson plans and to plan lessons, please read the below information:

- Refer to Module 8 before planning these lessons.
- Each activity included in these plans has a video clip to show the activities and to assist the teachers with their preparation.
- These lessons are designed to introduce:
 - game/tactical awareness.
 - decision making skills
 - badminton specific tactics and strategy.



Lesson Plans

2. Titles - Learn to Win

There are four lesson plans in this section. These are:

- Lesson 4.1 Singles Tactics
- Lesson 4.2 Tactical Games
- Lesson 4.3 Doubles Tactics
- Lesson 4.4 Tactical Games





Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to: • introduce basic tactics for playing singles	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: • explain the basic tactics for singles
 Equipment Agility ladder (if not available, you can draw the ladder on the floor / ground or use tape to stick the lines on the floor) Shuttles Rackets 	 Teaching Situation / Context Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to take this outside. You will need a net and a badminton court for this lesson. You may draw the court lines on the floor / ground.



Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)	Teacher explains basic tactical approaches to playing singles: 1. Use of space and change of direction: - Make opponent stay late in the rear court to create space for winning shot to front court. - Make opponent stay late in the front court to create space in the rear court. 2. Change of speed – use of faster shots e.g. smash and fast clear to win points or create opportunities.	 Singles tactics is about making good decisions based on awareness of: Space (height, width and depth) Self (position; where you are; fitness / power). Opponent. 	↑	 At this stage pupils can be questioned about what shots we can use to achieve the tactical approaches chosen to win the rally (e.g. how we can force our opponent to the back of the court?) Teacher explains tactical approaches to the game of singles. 	



Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Var	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Warm-up (10 min)	Agility ladder: • Use one ladder for approximately 10 pupils. Place the ladder on the floor and ensure there is enough space for pupils to return back along the side of the ladder to the starting position. • Possible drills are: - Normal running - One-two in, one-two in. - One-two in, one-two out, one-two in, one-two out. • Note: Give the pupils two or three tries then let them try every exercise slow, then fast.	 Control speed to ensure correct execution of drills. Relaxed arms, shoulders and hands. Head must be kept still as much as possible. Ensure the drills are executed with weight on the front of the feet. If no ladder is available use tramlines or draw / chalk lines on floor. 	↑ ↓	 Increase pace if drills are executed correctly. Keep drills simple and increase pace gradually. 	Ensure pupils wait their turn and do not start drill before the previous pupil has finished.



Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Half Court Singles 1 (10 min)	 Half court singles with tactics 1: Play half court singles where pupils are trying to incorporate singles tactic 1 (see 	"Up and down the river" (winner moves up – loser moves down). • If the group is too big, keep	↑	Start the better players towards the end of the hall so they can try to progress "up the river"	Make sure pupils are aware of safety around the badminton court (ex. do not cross the court when match is being played etc.)
	 introduction). Play with no smash to encourage pupils to use or create space. 		+	Divide the group into different games to ensure that players meet opponents of their own level to avoid discouragement if opponents are too strong.	
Half Court Singles 2 (10 min)	Half court singles with tactics 2: Play half court game where pupils are trying to incorporate	As above	↑	If the pupils level is too different, divide the class into groups of level.	See above
	singles tactics 2 (see introduction). • Pupils score 2 points each time they play a winning shot which touches the floor either before the short service line or in the rear tramlines.		\	It is important not to discourage pupils. Ensure everyone has a positive experience by reducing the court size or by lowering the net.	



Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Half Court Singles 3 (10 min)		↑	Progressively reduce the target areas / size to challenge accuracy.	As above	
	singles tactics 1 and 2. Depending on available space and level play on half or full court (note: if full court pupils can also create space to the sides).	 were trying to use and why. The second activity is used to improve the use of depth and height. 	 The second activity is used to improve the use of depth Simplify games and court where necess (EXAMPLES). 	Simplify games and adapt court where necessary (EXAMPLES).	
	If pupils are doing well, use a variety where the forecourt and rear third of the court are 'in' (counted), but the midcourt is 'out' (use markers to define court). Players rally as usual, but if the shuttle lands in the midcourt area is called out and the opponent wins the rally.				
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	 Teacher repeats the key principles of lesson 4-1. Group is stretching on the floor. 	Ask pupils to demonstrate exercises for stretching and cool down.	↑	Use questioning to encourage pupils to think tactically.	
			\	Review once again general tactical approaches in singles.	



Lesson 4.2 **Tactical Games**

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to: • develop basic tactics for playing singles	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: • describe different ways to win points in singles
Equipment Rackets Shuttles Badminton net (or substitute) Agility ladder	 Teaching Situation / Context Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to take this outside. You will need a net and a badminton court for this lesson. You may draw the court lines on the floor / ground. The agility ladder may be marked on the floor / ground.



Lesson 4.2: Tactical Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)	Teacher reinforces basic tactical approaches to playing singles (see intro lesson 4-1).	See main teaching points in lesson 4-1.	↑	 Use questioning to ask pupils to explain main tactical approaches. Teacher reinforces tactical approaches to the game of singles. 	
Warm-up (15 min)	Agility ladder 2: • Place the ladder on the floor and ensure enough space for pupils to return on the side of the ladder to starting position. Ideas for drills are: - Two in, two in - Two in, two out, two in, two out - Two in, two in, right one out and balance, two in, two in, left one out and balance - Give the pupils two or three tries then let them every exercise slow, then fast	 Control speed to ensure correct execution of drills. Relaxed arms, shoulders and hands. Head must be kept still as much as possible. Ensure the drills are executed with weight on the front of the feet. If no ladder is available use tramlines or draw / chalk lines on floor. 	↑ ↓	Increase pace if drills are executed correctly. Keep drills simple and increase pace gradually.	Ensure pupils wait their turn and do not start drill before the previous pupil has finished.



Lesson 4.2: Tactical Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Half court team game (20 min)	 Half court team game: Pupils are divided into mixed ability teams. Pupils then compete against similar ability opponents scoring points for their team. Half-court game. 	 Short games to allow matches against maximum number of opponents. All players points to count towards their score. 	↑	 Challenge better players, for example giving opponents a few points to start; increase/decrease court size; reduce points scoring areas. Modify court for lower 	Make sure pupils are aware of safety around the badminton court - for example, do not cross the court when match is being played.
	Pupils score 2 points each time they play a winning shot which touches the floor without their opponent touching it.			ability pupils.	
Team half court singles (15 min)	Half-court team game with alternating hits:	Teams challenged to think tactically.	↑	Play the same game on full court.	• See above.
(13 11111)	 Half court singles – 3 pupils against 3 pupils. 	Encourage team work and communication.			
	Player 1 starts the rally and leaves the court to the side, player 2 takes the next shot and leaves to the side, player 3 comes on court for the third shot and sequence is repeated.	Select teams on ability.	\	Increase number of players in teams.	
	Players can only enter the court from base line and leave court from side.				
	Opposing team follows the same system.				



Lesson 4.2: Tactical Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (\uparrow Harder, \downarrow Easier)	Safety
Summary/ cool down	Teacher repeats the main	Ask pupils to demonstrate	\uparrow	Use questioning.	
(5 min)	teaching points of singles play.Group is stretching on the floor.	exercises for stretching and cool down.	\	Review once again general tactical approaches in singles.	



Lesson 4.3 Doubles Tactics

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to introduce the: • basic tactics for playing doubles • serve and return positions	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: • demonstrate and explain basic attacking and defensive formations in doubles
Equipment Rackets Shuttles Badminton net (or substitute) Hoops (or other targets)	 Teaching Situation / Context Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to take this outside. You will need a net and a badminton court for this lesson. You may draw the court lines on the floor / ground. If hoops or other targets are not available, you can draw targets directly on the floor / ground or user tape to stick them on the courts.



Lesson 4.3: Doubles Tactics

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction (10 min)	Teacher explains the main teaching points of lesson 4-3: Importance of serve and return. Basic attacking and defensive formations. Importance of team work	 Doubles tactics depends on quick decision making based on awareness of: Space. Self. Opponent. 	↑	As most shots have already been reviewed in previous lessons, ask pupils to explain / demonstrate the technique of backhand serve and key shots for doubles.	Keep group a safe distance when demonstrating.
	in doubles.Reviews the basic shots used in the game of doubles.	= Partner = basic shots used in Use players to demonstrate	↓	Teacher reviews key doubles shots including service.	
Revision of backhand serve (10 min)	Revision of backhand serve: • Pupils work in pairs practicing the backhand short serve trying to place it in a hoop (or other target on the floor).	 Pupils practice in pairs. Relaxed grip. Do not "throw" shuttle. If pupils complete the shots correctly, return of serve can be introduced – one player serving 	↑	If executed correctly make targets smaller or / and place a rope or string a few centimetres on top of the net to practice service trajectory (or use partners arm).	If practicing returns, make sure the court is clear of shuttles before serving again.
and the other one returning. Change roles on teacher's signal.	V	Focus on correct serving technique.			



Lesson 4.3: Doubles Tactics

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Midcourt/ front court play (20 min)	Mid-court and front court play: Work in pairs on half court, both players start from midcourt. They play flat midcourt to midcourt and if there is an opportunity, one of them tries to move forward towards the net and takes the attack. The other player then retreats into a defensive position.	 Start slowly and increase pace gradually. When moving towards the net the attacking player keeps the racket up – short racket movements. In defence – bend knees and lower centre of gravity, and ensure elbow in front of body. Try to encourage mainly backhand defence. If the group is too large, the pupils who are waiting their turn can practice defence against the wall (good practice for doubles defence). 	\	 If executed correctly, increase pace. Could also introduce lift and smash to increase difficulty and add a competitive element such as scoring points with smash winner. (use discretion). If too difficult, keep midcourt play only, then move to front court / defence and change roles in signal from teacher. 	Use one shuttle only.



Lesson 4.3: Doubles Tactics

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Vari	iations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Positional play (15 min)	Positional play for doubles: • Shadow work – 4 pupils per court numbered 1 to 4. Teacher calls a number, the pupils with this number moves to rear court to a smash position in the rear court. Partner takes net position to complete attacking formation and opponents move to "sides" defensive position. Teacher then calls another number and players respond by adopting appropriate formations	For big groups players / pairs are rotated on / off court on regular intervals.	↑ ↓	 Progress quicker to rally situation. Lower net. Concentrate on basic formations. 	Court safety!
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	 Teacher reviews main teaching points of lesson 4-3 – see key teaching points. Group stretching on the floor. 	See teaching points above.	↑	 Use questioning to encourage pupils to participate and check achievement of objectives. Teacher reviews main teaching points. 	



Lesson 4.4 **Tactical Games**

Teacher's Goals	Pupil's Goals
The purpose of this lesson is to introduce the: • doubles play	By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to: • demonstrate the use of attacking and defensive formations in a game situation
Equipment	Teaching Situation / Context
Rackets	Preferably the lesson should be taken inside – but it is possible to take this
• Shuttles	outside. You will need a net and a badminton court for this lesson. You may draw the court lines on the floor / ground.
Badminton net (or substitute)	



Lesson 4.4: Tactical Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Varia	ations (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Introduction (5 min)	Teacher reinforces / reviews main teaching points of lesson 4-3: Basic attacking and defensive formations.	See key teaching points in lesson 4-3	↑	Pupils demonstrate basic positions for doubles and identify key shots.	Keep group a safe distance when demonstrating.
	 Importance of team work in doubles. The basic shots used in the game of doubles. 		\	Teach reviews doubles positional play and key shots including service.	
The "stone game" (10 min)	 The Stone Game: This running game is good for increasing speed and reaction. Pupils line up holding their hands behind their backs; one is given a small stone by the teacher (unseen by the others). This pupil decides when to start, but must reach the other side (distance determined by teacher) without being caught by the others. Loser which means the one with the stone or the rest of the group must make easy exercise at the end of court. Go on with next team after first team has finished the run. 	 Divide groups by physical ability. Use helpers / pupils to distribute stones to enable more than one group to work at a time. Keep running distance short. 	↑	Increase / decrease distance.	Keep groups well spaced apart.



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Mid-court game 1 (10 min)	Midcourt game 1: Play a game on half-court 1 against 1. The front and the rear court (in front of service line and behind the rear tramlines) are 'out'. The rallies are played in the mid- court area only. Start with low or flick backhand	Play on time or points.Play "up and down the river".	+	Double points for direct winner (touching the floor without the opponents touching it). Use only short or	• Court safety.
	serve and encourage flat play.			flick serves to reduce uncertainty.	
Mid-court game 2 (15 min)	Mid-court game 2: • As above, but playing on full court with partner.	 Players stay in their own quarter of the court. Encourage fast flat play. 	↑	Double points for direct winner (touching the floor without the opponents touching it).	Court safety.
		Short games to rotate and reduce waiting time.	V	Use only short or flick serves to reduce uncertainty.	



Lesson 4.4: Tactical Games

Phase / Time	Activity	Main Teaching Points	Varia	tions (↑ Harder, ↓ Easier)	Safety
Doubles games (15 min)	Rally starts with backhand low service. The return is a lift, server takes net position, partner smashes, opponents adopt defensive position and use block defence. Net player lifts and formations change (liftsmash-block). After some minutes play a normal set of doubles.	 Remind pupils of rules of play. Reinforce positional play. Encourage attacking play. Rotate pairs regularly. Exercise should be cooperative to encourage rallies and practice doubles positional play. 			Court safety.
Summary/ cool down (5 min)	 Teacher reviews key principles of lesson 4-3 – see key teaching points. Group stretching on the floor. 	See teaching points above.	+	Use questioning to encourage pupils to participate and check achievement of objectives. Teacher reviews key points.	



