## OTAHARIN - Curriculum

## GENERAL STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

One important objective of the football activities is to make them fun for the participants. This is the only way to create motivation to join as well as to experience and talk about monthly changing themes that represent the overall objectives of the programme. Those themes will be addressed in the following order within one year of activities:

1. Communication and Getting To Know Each Other
2. Body Contact and Trust
3. Responsibility
4. Respect
5. Tolerance
6. Self-awareness
7. Teamwork
8. Problem and Conflict Resolution
9. Goal Orientation
10. Perseverance

STRUCTURAL AND PEDAGOGICAL ASPECTS OF A SESSION

How can I make it motivating and fun?
Rituals

- Session begins and ends in a circle (sitting or standing)
- Group has a unique, self-created team call
- Shake-Hands-Ritual in the end of every session
- Clapping hands to become quiet

Methods

- Joker system: When the group masters a difficult drill and behaves well they can get a joker. Once they have, for example, 3 jokers they get some kind of reward:
- An hour of only playing matches
- Sweets
- Trip to football stadium
- Etc.
- Tell stories to explain the games if possible
- A ball is always involved
- Kids do not wait long
- Drills include variations, competition, goals
- Teams always have cool or funny names (given by coach or self-created)


## How can I create teams so that nobody can complain?

- Playing cards (all spades, hearts, etc. together)
- According to colour of shoes, shirts, etc.
- According to year/month of birth
- According to their favourite team
- Kids line up according to height: $1^{\text {st }}$ is Barcelona, $2^{\text {nd }}$ is Bayern, $3^{\text {rd }}$ is Manchester, $4^{\text {th }}$ is Barcelona, and so forth
- The oldest player gives a number to each participant without the coach watching; then the coach calls i.e. 10 numbers that belong to "Team Superheroes" and the others to "The Giant Monsters"
- Coach decides


## How do $I$ structure a session of 60 minutes?

- Circle: Welcoming, chatting, maybe review of last session and outlook on the following

1. Warm-up game (to make the kids spend energy!)
2. Main drill or game (addressing the theme)
3. Match or match variation (football3 or normal football as a reward)

- Circle with short reflection on the session in the light of the theme
- Coach asks the kids and summarizes their answers pointing out what they learned today (promotion of theme as well as self-confidence!)
- If you play normal football in the end, the reflection should be after the drill/game ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ part)
- General guideline: The more the children recognize themselves, the more they will keep in mind. So the coach's task is to lead them to those insights by asking the right questions.
- Team call


## How can I promote self-confidence?

- Encourage and support good actions
- Help kids to recognize what they learned

PLAYING FOOTBALL

Rule adaptations that promote good social behaviour and/or football skills

- Ball contact limit
- Varying scorers
- 5 complete passes before goal counts
- At least 4 players with ball contact before goal counts
- Goal only counts if played through wing zone before
- First goal must be scored by a girl


## Football3

- Points: match points + social points
- Match points: win = 3 points; draw $=2$ points; loss $=1$ point
- Social points: 1 to 5 points for playing according to the month's theme
- 3 halves
- Discussing the particular behaviours how the theme can be represented in the match
- Play the match
- Discussing how many points each team gets (in the beginning the coach can just give the points to the teams and explain why)
- Played on Saturdays


## CHECKLIST FOR AN ADEQUATE SESSION

- Session is planned well
- Structure and ritual are created and followed
- Month's theme is addressed in at least one part
- Children have fun
- Children are challenged physically


## 0. Warm-Up Games

## MAIN OBJECTIVES

+ children spend their energy in order to be calmer and more focused during the session + aspects of social learning can be introduced and strengthened






## ICE MONSTER

Procedure

## Variations

- 2-6 children are the ice monsters
- A caught child is frozen (cannot move anymore)
- Children can free others by giving them a hug (warm them up again)
- The chasers win if they catch all the children within 3 minutes
- If not, the children win


## Social Aspects

- Helping each other
- Responsible body contact

| Date |  |
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| Comments and remarks |  |



1. Communication and Getting To Know Each Other

| MAIN OBJECTIVES | RULES FOR FOOTBALL3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| + non-violent communication | + encouragement of other players |
| + talking to achieve a common goal |  |
| + listening | + support through instructions |
| + to say if something is wrong | + cheering together |

LISTEN AND REACT






## RUNNING FOR CARDS



## 2. Body Contact and Trust

| MAIN OBJECTIVES | RULES FOR FOOTBALL3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| + responsible body contact that does not do any harm <br> + children can rely on the others that nobody would do any harm to them on purpose <br> + everybody is responsible that others can build trust | + be considerate of others, especially younger <br> ones <br> + try not to make fouls <br> + the scorer of a goal has to be lifted high by the others for a second as celebration |

NICE TO MEET YOU!


5 PLAYERS, 4 BALLS, 3 HANDS



KING OF THE RING



## 3. Responsibility

| MAIN OBJECTIVES | RULES FOR FOOTBALL3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| + understanding of being responsible for the |  |
| well-being of others and oneself | + stop when somebody is injured |
| + understanding of being responsible for the | + help players who lay on the ground |
| success of a group or oneself |  |
| + understanding of being responsible for one's below waistline |  |
| own future |  |$\quad$| + |
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## CARRYING THE FROZEN PLAYER


4. Respect

| MAIN OBJECTIVES | RULES FOR FOOTBALL3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| + respectful communication | + shake hands before and after the game |
| + no insults |  |
| + follow the rules of games | + appreciate someone's effort instead of being |
| reproachful |  |






5. Self-awareness and self-confidence

| OVERALL CONTENT | RULES FOR FOOTBALL3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| + awareness of strengths and weaknesses as a | + Praise others for good actions |
| quality | + When you score a goal, you have to state one |
| + awareness of one's emotions and therefore | strengths of yours |
| self-control |  |$\quad$ + reflect on your own behaviour after the game

## I KNOW MYSELF

## Setting

## Procedure

- Circle of cones
- 1 cone for every player so that all players stand in a circle
- 1 ball each (if possible)
- Coach starts in the middle of the circle
- Person in the middle is the "caller"





## CONFIDENT REACTION





## 6. Teamwork

## OVERALL CONTENT

+ teamwork involves responsibility, trust, communication, mutual support and more
+ How to solve problems as a group
+ With a group of people you can reach more than you think if you know how to work together

RULES FOR FOOTBALL3

+ pass as much as possible
+ joint celebration of your team after a goal
+ motivate each other


## FIRE BALL

## Setting

## Procedure

- 1 player of team A shoots the ball as far as possible and tries to run through all the bases to the finish
- Team B has to get the ball as fast as possible to the "master of fire" in the fire square If player $A$ is in between bases at that point, he/she is "burnt" and has to go back to the start
- If he/she stops at one base, he/she is safe and has to wait for the next player of the team to shoot the ball. Then he/she can continue running
- Next player of team A gets the ball, shoots and runs
- Every player of team A that reaches the "finish" gets 1 point for the team
- Team A has 5-7 minutes to get as many points as possible, then it is team B's turn The team with most points wins


## Reflection

- Why was this game about teamwork?
- What is the quickest way to get the ball to the "fire"? (dribbling or passing)
- What was necessary to manage the first variation? (responsibility of everybody to get involved, communication)

| stopping at a base get 3 points |  |  |  |  |  |  | involved, communication) |  |  |  |
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| Comments and remarks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



## THE BALL IS FREE

## Setting

## Teams of 6-10

## 1 ball per team

Teams have to stand (and stay!) in line (they can stand as close to each other as they want to)


- Pass the ball with the hands
- Have one or more blindfolded players each team (to raise communication, responsibility and therefore teamwork) - makes the game much more exciting and challenging!

Procedure

- Players have to pass the ball from the first person through their line to the last person - Important: every player has to touch the ball twice before he/she can give the ball to the next player
- When the last player has received the ball, he/she has to dribble to the front of the line and start the next cycle
- The team, that manages first to be in the order of the beginning again, wins


## Reflection

- Maybe reflect on what happened in between and give teams time to make/improve their strategy
- Why have you (not) been successful in this game?
- Did the blindfolded players feel comfortable? Why (not)? (Enough help, guidance, teamwork?)


## Date




## 7. Tolerance

| OVERALL CONTENT | RULES FOR FOOTBALL3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| + difference between tolerance and intolerance <br> + sensitivity about discrimination <br> + openness for different ways of life | + The player who scores a goal does a |
| celebration and all other players have to join in |  |
| (both teams!) |  |






## SAME SPOT - DIFFERENT TASK

## Setting

## Procedure

Set up a square of $20 \times 20$ metres

- Make four groups
- One group at each side of the square


Variations

## Left/right foot

- Passing and dribble techniques
- Continue until it really works (until the players show enough of what is pointed out in the reflection)
- Every group has a different task:

BLACK: Dribble the ball straight to the other side and back
YELLOW: Go straight to the other side and back while passing the ball with your partner RED: Run zigzag with one ball each to the other side and back
BLUE: Run zigzag with one ball per pair and do a takeover when crossing

- The difficulty is increased gradually:

1. Only one pair at a time (black - yellow -red-blue)
2. Two pairs at a time (blue/yellow black/red together)
3. Four pairs at a time (blue/yellow/black/red)

## Reflection

- Tolerance means that every way of life is possible without restricting others!
- What was necessary for everybody to be able to accomplish his/her task or way of life? (mindfulness, consideration and understanding of others)


In addition:

## 8. Goal Orientation

| OVERALL CONTENT |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| + What distracts you from achieving your goals? <br> + How do you focus on your goals? |  |

DISTRACTION PENALTY

9. Perseverance

| OVERALL CONTENT |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| + When and why do I need perseverance? |  |

PASS SQUARE

## Setting

## Procedure

| - $\quad$ Squares with 5-8 players <br> - 1-2 players per cone <br> - 1 ball per square | - Players passes the ball to the next cone and follows the ball <br> - Ball has to be passed on the outside of the square around the cones <br> - Include active movement of players <br> - Players of one square succeed if they manage to play 10 rounds without mistakes |
| :---: | :---: |
| Variations | Reflection |
| - Adjust number of rounds to the skills of the | - In the beginning, did you think you could do |




## NUMEROUS ATTACKERS

## Setting

- Playing fields for 3 vs. 3 with goals
- 7 players per field: 3 on each team and 1
who always plays with the attacking team
Variations

Smaller/bigger teams

- 4 goals per field


## Procedure

- You can change opponents, teams and attacking players as often as you want Maybe you can even make it a tournament Reflection
- What was nicer/easier, attacking or defending?
- What was important to defend successfully? (self-determination, team spirit, organisation) "life is not always fair"

