Mastery Skills – Summer Team: How Basic Should We Start?

1 st	2 nd	Pre-Team D Group Skills	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Pre-Team A/B/C Group Skills
		Ready Position				Ready Position
		Pushoff				Pushoff
		Streamline (WOW)				Streamline (WOW)
		Circle swimming				Circle swimming
		Clock: leave 5 seconds apart				Clock: leave 5 seconds apart, intervals
		Open Turns (2 hands)				Open Turns (2 hands)
		BK progression (see steps below)				BK progression (see steps below)
		BK: finish on back				BK: finish on back
		BK: flag count				BK: flag count
		BK: starting into streamline				BK: starting into streamline
		FR progression (see steps below)				FR progression (see steps below)
		FR: streamline kicking to breakout				FR: streamline kicking to breakout
		FR: open turn? Flip Turn?				FR: open turn? Flip Turn?
		BR: kicking with board & bubbles (eyes down)				BR: kicking with board & bubbles (eyes down)
		FL: kicking with board (crab claw)				BR: arms – sweep out, sweep in
		Diving progression (see steps below)				BR: finish (2 hands)
		Relay exchanges				BR: underwater pullout
						FL: kicking with board (crab claw)
						FL: pull
						FL: breathing timing
						Diving progression (see steps below)
						Relay exchanges
						Eyes down finishes
						IM transition turns

Technique Priorities:		Ready Position – CUES:	
1.	Ready Position + Pushoff + Breakout		R/L – wall, leading
2.	Head position & breathing		Knees up
3.	Kick		Butt down
	Pull		Look at clock
			Look at wall
	Rotation, recovery		Watch hands
	Turns		Ready, go!
7.	Diving		

	FR PROGRESSION	BK PROGRESSION			
Feedback	•	Feedback:			
Bubbles first! Don't advance unless they are blowing bubbs.			Are you calm-breathing?		
Step 1	Blow bubbles kicking at wall (two hands)	Step 1	Floating while keeping lungs full & head relaxed		
Step 2	Bubble kicking with a board (crab claw)	Step 2	Floating with little kicks (toenails to surface)		
Step 3	Bubble kicking no board (12 yds, then 25)	Step 3	Float, kick and superman arms (back of hand)		
Step 4	Side breath kicking at wall (arm @ side)	Step 4	Float, kick, double arm (fingers point at wall)		
Step 5	Side breath kicking with board (crab claw)	Step 5	Float, kick, single arm		
Step 6	Side breath kicking (inline) no board (12, 25 yd)				
Step 7	Add arm movement on wall with side breath		Advanced move: balance ducks on head		
	kicking				
Step 8	Arm movement with board				
Step 9	Arm movement no board (12, 25 yd)		DIVING PROGRESSION		
Step 10 Alternating inline kick (8-kick switch, 6 kick sw) Fee		Feedback:	Feedback:		
-		Do they keep control once they enter the water?			
		<mark>If NO, go b</mark>	ack to previous step until they are ready!		
	Advanced move: use boards sticks as catch-up	Step 1	Ready position, pushoff, SL and kick to surface		
		Step 2	From seated: pushoff, SL and kick to surface		
		Step 3	From kneeling: pushoff, SL and kick to surface		
		Step 4	From Split/stride: pushoff, SL and kick to surface		
		Step 5	From block: pushoff, SL and kick to surface		

Week-By-Week – Skills to Teach & Review

	ABC	C Groups	D Group		
	New Skills	Review Skills	New Skills	Review Skills	
Week 1: June 4-7 4 practices	Circle swimming Clock: 5 sec apart Ready position & pushoff Streamline Diving Progression BK progression FR progression		Circle swimming Clock: 5 sec apart Ready position & pushoff Streamline Diving Progression BK progression FR progression		
Week 2: June 11-14 4 practices	Open turns BR kick Clock: Intervals SL Kick to breakout Relays BK start into streamline BK finishes & flag counts	Clock: 5 sec apart Ready position & pushoff Streamline Diving Progression BK progression FR progression	Diving progression, cont. BK progression, cont. FR progession, cont. Open turns	Circle swimming Clock: 5 sec apart Ready position & pushoff Streamline Diving Progression BK progression FR progression	
Week 3: June 18-21 4 practices MEET week	BR breath timing FL Kick FL breath timing Flip turns? BR arms BR finishes Clock: intervals, cont.	Diving Progression BK progression FR progression SL Kick to breakout Relays BK start into streamline BK finishes & flag counts Open turns	Diving progression, cont. BK progression, cont. FR progession, cont. Open turns BK: finish on back BK: starts into streamline Relays	Ready position & pushoff Streamline Diving Progression BK progression FR progression Open turns	
Week 4: June 25-28 4 practices	Flip turns? FL arms BR: arms/kick timing	BR breath timing FL Kick FL breath timing Flip turns? BR arms BR finishes Clock: intervals, cont.	FR: SL Kick to breakout Basic intervals Open turns? Flip turns?	Diving progression Open turns BK: finish on back BK: starts into streamline Ready position, pushoff	
Week 5: July 2-5 3 practices (No July 4)	BR: underwater pull FL timing arms & breath	Clock: intervals FL kicking BR arms/kick/breath timing Flip turns Open turns	FL kicking	SL kick to breakout Basic intervals Open/flip turns BK & FR progression	
Week 6:	Eyes down finishes	BR: underwater pull FL timing & breath	BR Kick – board with eyes down	Relays Ready position, PO	

July 9-12				Open turns
4 practices				
MEET week				
Week 7:	IM transition turns	Eyes down finishes Flip turns	ALL skills should have been covered by now	Coaches' discretion: what do your kids need most?
July 16-17				
2 practices				
(No July 18-19,				
except Utah				
Tech on 18 th)				
Week 8:	ALL skills should have been	Coaches' discretion: what do	ALL skills should have been	Coaches' discretion: what do
July 23-26	covered by now	your kids need most?	covered by now	your kids need most?
3 practices				
(No July 24)				
Week 9:	ALL skills should have been	Coaches' discretion: what do	ALL skills should have been	Coaches' discretion: what do
July 30-Aug 1	covered by now	your kids need most?	covered by now	your kids need most?
2 practices				
MEET week				
(Thursday)				
SELECT CAMP				

Planning for Practices – USING BLOCK METHOD:

Warmup: 5 minutes

Block 1: Review & Practice Skill (use

cues)

Block 2: Teach & Practice Skill #1

Block 3: Kicking

Block 4: Teach & Practice Skill #2

Block 5: Meet prep a/o fun!

= 55 min

Warmup: 5 minutes

Block 1: Review & Practice Skill

(use cues)

Block 2: Teach & Practice Skill #1

Block 3: Kicking

Block 4: Meet prep a/o fun!

= 45 min

Break Practices Into Time Blocks

PreTeam A, B, & C

5 x 10-minute blocks

PreTeam D

4 x 10-minute blocks