## COACHING SESSION PLAN

| DATE: DURATION: | $\begin{aligned} & 21^{\text {st }} \text { December, } 2022 \\ & 60 \text { mins }-7 \text { pm start } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | STAGE OF ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT: |  | Mixed |
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| VENUE: | Peterborough Athletics Track | AGE GROUP OF ATHLETES: |  | Mixed |
|  |  | SIZE OF GROUP: |  | c. 60+ |
| EQUIPMENT: <br> Session display poster. Prize(s) |  | PERSONAL COACHING GOALS : <br> To deliver my instructions in a clear and concise manner, especially the drills |  |  |
| PRACTICAL SESSION |  |  |  |  |
| SESSION COMPONENT | UNIT DETAIL | COACHING POINTS | ADAPTION FOR MAIN SESSION |  |
| WARM UP (10 Mins) | 2 laps of the track. <br> Jogging forwards circling the arms forwards Jogging forwards circling the arms backwards <br> Sidesteps with full arm swing <br> Walking lunge <br> Sumo squats | Do we make this 1 lap because of time? | To split group, count athletes, get all runners to run a 400 m lap. As they cross the line, number the first half as 1's <br> Get the No 2's to choose a partner? |  |
| RUNNING DRILLS (10 Mins) | The walk through of the A skip <br> The A walk with switch | This is the $1^{\text {st }}$ time of introducing these. Make sure I'm familiar to ensure continuity | Explain carefully No 1's go 300 m forward 200 m back. <br> No 2's go 200m forward 100 m back. |  |
| MAIN SESSION UNIT A <br> (30 Mins) | PAARLAUF RELAY (WITH A "TWIST") <br> a) Split group into pairs of "fast" \& "slower" runners. <br> b) Number each pair as No 1 for the faster group \& No 2 for the slower <br> c) Both pairs at Start / finish point. <br> d) On go, no 1's run anticlockwise 300 m . <br> No 2's jog clockwise 100m <br> e) When runner 1 \& 2 meet, No 2 then runs anti-clockwise for 200m, whilst No 1 jogs back clockwise 200 m <br> f) Continue for 7 changeovers until No 1 \& 2 are both back at the start position. Runner 2 will be at "pace", Runner 1 will be on "jog" return | The "Twist" is keeping the athletes moving (and on the track) rather than the normal movement across the centre of the arena to wait. Also getting the faster runners to run further by 100 m <br> Need to get the athletes, as far as possible, in pairs of unequal pace. <br> Make sure they know their partner | Lane Discipline important Lane 5, 6 \& 7 for anticlockwise running. Lane 3 \& 4 separation lanes / waiting area for changeover Lane 1 \& 2 for clockwise jog back to changeover point |  |
| MAIN SESSION UNIT B <br> (0 Mins) | Only if time allows finish off with strides |  |  |  |
| COOL DOWN (5 Mins) | 2 lap jog |  |  |  |

## Post session footnote

The main session didn't work well as a competition: -
i. Too many runners for this session which proved difficult to monitor where each pair was.
ii. It was impossible to ensure the 36 runners were put into pairs of roughly equal abilities, which created an issue with at least one runner during the session
iii. Difficult to get the explanation of runner movement across until they had actually run a couple of changeovers
iv. The pairs were getting to the changeovers too quickly meaning there was no recovery

