

Warm-up

Here is a great warmup for your shots. Remember to warm up your body first before starting to hit balls. Spend a least 2 minutes for each drill (set a timer, do it longer if you have more time)

Make sure each person has a goal or objective to focus the warmup and increase the intensity.

BODY:

Walk, jump or skip around the court.

Wave your arms around, side to side (twist body gently) and up and down over your head.

Swing your legs (kick forward backward to warm up hips)

Squats (kneel bends up and down)

Hop side to side and front to back from one foot to the other (little hops eventually bigger ones)

DINK TO DINK: (at NVZ)

Objective: keep balls low / unattackable

Indigo: Number of consecutive dinks

Blue and above: dink with purpose: three locations (forehand, “feet”, backhand) slow vs fast (shallow vs deep). Cross court (both sides) if time permits

VOLLEY to VOLLEY:

Objective: try to keep balls between waist and shoulders, emphasize control

Indigo: Number of consecutive control volleys

Blue: Forehand to forehand consecutive volleys, backhand to backhand consecutive volleys

Green: Add forehand to backhand consecutive

Yellow and above: Add “figure 8”

GROUNDSTROKE to VOLLEY (block) (One person at NVZ, the other in back third of court / switch)

Objective: Groundstrokes – try to keep balls between waist and shoulders, emphasize control

Volleys – try to get the ball “deep” back to groundstroker

Indigo/Blue: Number of consecutive groundstroke/volleys, forehand and backhand

Green and above: You could make this section longer by adding drops, and/or alternating between drops and drives

THREE SHOT DRILL:

Objective: warm up first three shots of game. Deep serve, deep return, unattackable drop (Remember: Serve and step back”, “Return and Run”)

Serve – Return – Third Shot. Repeat with other player (back and forth). Two minutes from each side.