

Jackrabbit Level 1 Lesson# 1

Activity	Description/ Location	Time
Warm Up	Get the skiers moving – jumping, balancing on one foot, clapping hands, wiggling like jello Trains, Planes & Automobiles -move like vehicles (airplanes, motorcycle, bus etc.)	5 min.
Review Skill -falling and rising star turn	Falling -remind skiers to fall like they are sitting down Rising - tuck skis close to bum, lean forward with hands on skis and stand up Star turn -arms out for balance -stepping in one direction -tips apart and tails together	5 min.
New Skill -ready position	Motorcycle race (start motorcycles individually so everyone will win) -skiers stand in ready position -arms and hands forward, knees and ankles slightly bent, relaxed upper body -on signal skier skis forward to finish line (flags or a finish ribbon to ski through)	10 min.
Game/Review - ski in the tracks - movement on skis	Ski a small loop that includes: Skiing in tracks -skis parallel, walking motion Movement on skis -skis parallel, walking motion Herringbone position -tips apart, tails together	10 min.
Ski Destination	Ski to a special snack location	10 min.
Snack		10 min.
Free Ski	Ski back to meeting point Ball juggling -skiers toss large ball into the air as they ski forward (could try with other objects –bean bags, hats etc.	10 min.
Extra activity	What time is it Mr. Wolf? Make sure all skiers who want to get a chance to be the wolf, two wolves at a time works well Timber -skiers are trees, when coach calls “timber” they all fall over and get up	

Notes or Comments on lesson:

Jackrabbit Level 1 Lesson#2

Activity		Time
Warm Up	Pack a Suitcase -skiers form a circle -skiers take turns to ski forward to put something in the imaginary suitcase that they will take on the trip (chocolate, bathing suit, toothbrush etc.) then ski backwards to their place Take a trip -you can fly to get there or take the train, motorcycle etc.	5 min.
Review Skill / Practice -ready position -falling and rising, -star turn, -side stepping	Review ready position Practice circle for falling and rising and star turn Side stepping Body in ready position, balance on one ski, step sideways with the other leg -Balance on second leg, bring skis parallel -Side step in opposite direction	5 min.
New Skill movement on skis (running step) No poles	Running step -Set up cones in flat play area to make a square -skiers ski in a running motion around the area marked out Encourage -bent knees and ankles -jogging motion with arms	5 min.
Game	Pie tag -skiers run on skis -make a herringbone position and say the name of a favourite pie to keep from being caught -skiers are only safe for 5 seconds	10 min.
Ski & Snack	Troll bridge -Ski a distance to have snack in a different area -at "bridge" (real or imaginary) skiers must answer a riddle that the troll asks (ex. What can you do to keep warm while skiing?)	45 min.
Free Play	Obstacle Course: ski under a rope between two poles, side step a log, ski under rope, herring bone on flats	15 min.
Extra activity	Chase the dragon – coach or adult wears a rope around their waist, skiers try to catch the rope Toss -throw a soft ball (or a stuffed animal) in an arc to skier, such that they have to move forward to catch it -skier does a star turn when they catch the ball	

Notes or Comments on lesson:

Jackrabbit Level 1 Lesson#3

Activity	Description	Time
Warm Up	Tippy toes -skiers rock forward and back between their toes and their heels -skiers try to find the best balance point Reach for the sky -skiers reach for the sky going up on their toes Practice circle: falling and rising, star turn, side stepping, ready position	5 min.
Review Skill movement on skis (running step) No poles	Running step -skiers keep knees and ankles flexed -bob up and down in one spot to demonstrate this as a dynamic position (shocks on a car, bumpy bus ride) -ski a small loop with the running motion	5 min.
New Skill -herringbone, -rising on a slope -free glide. *No poles	Duck walk -Practice herringbone on flat terrain On a gentle slope demonstrate herringbone -maintain a "V" with skis -skis edged, knees bent. Rising on a slope -skis parallel, under the body and perpendicular to fall line -skier moves onto hands and knees -skier edges skis to stand up Demonstrate free glide -hands forward, skis parallel -hands on knees	10 min.
Game	Slide tall slide small -skiers descend the slope standing tall, squatting down. Pick up -place small objects to the side of the ski slope -skiers attempt to bend and pick them up as they slide down	10 min.
Other/ Event/ Ski Destination	Adventure ski leader takes group on a ski pointing out -trees, snow types, wild life, wild life signs (tracks) alter the terrain by: -taking group off trail, -skiing around a tree etc., interesting objects can be placed around trail to keep skiers interested in what they will see next	20-30 min.
Snack		10 min.
Free Play/ Extra activity	Free play on the slope, -gliding down and through the hoop -leader can tow skiers up the hill with a rope Penguins -herringbone up a slope walking like a penguin slide down on belly or bum!	20 min.

Notes or Comments on lesson:

Jackrabbit Level 1 Lesson#4

Activity	Description	Time
Warm Up	Falling tag - coach is it when tagged the skier has to fall over	5 min.
Ski / Practice: -falling and rising, -star turn, -side stepping, -ready position, -movement on skis (running step)	Skill ski -ski on rolling terrain using appropriate techniques for certain areas -coach signals skiers (whistle) skiers stop and do a skill (falling and rising, star turn, side stepping, ready position, running step.)	30 min.
	Tunnels - skiers follow leader on a ski in tracks and out through a series of tunnels (some natural, some made by placing ski poles etc).	10 min.
Review Skill -herringbone, -free glide. With poles	Spend some time on a gentle slope Herringbone -maintain a "V" with skis -skis edged -knees bent -poles behind skis. Free glide -hands forward, skis parallel -pole handles down and in front of body, pole tips behind	10 min.
New Skill -snowplow braking	Snow bites -Demonstrate edging by have skiers roll knees and ankles to press inner edge of ski into the snow (facing down the slope) Snowplow braking (demonstrate) -form wedge with ski tips together and tails apart -control speed by braking (make bigger wedge and edge skis)	10 min.
Game	Gates – set up pairs of poles (1m apart) down a slope leaving 2 metres between pole pairs -skiers ski down the slope free gliding between poles and braking in the spaces between pole pairs	10 min.
Snack		10 min.
Ski Play	Freeze and glide -skier takes 4 or 5 strides and freezes on one leg and glides to a stop Freeze tag -skiers stand on one leg if they are tagged -frozen skiers can be tagged to be unfrozen	15 min.
Extra activity	Snowplow pie tag –skiers are safe if they make a snowplow pie shape and name their favourite pie	

Notes or Comments on lesson:

Jackrabbit Level 1 Lesson#5

Activity	Description	Time
Warm Up	Simon Says -If coach says "Simon says jump" skiers jump -if coach says "jump" skiers do not jump	5 min.
Review Skill -snowplow braking	Nibbles and Bites *On flat, untracked terrain -skiers stand with skis parallel in ready position -skiers use varying degree of edge to make nibbles (small amount) and bites (more edge) -edge left, right and both inner edges Ridges and valleys -skiers now push ski to the side(tails apart) and make a ridge -skiers switch when coach says "change" Stomp Fest -skiers push snow vigorously to the side one ski at a time -goal is to create a large snow pile Snowplow braking * on gentle slope -form wedge with ski tips together and tails apart -control speed by braking (make bigger wedge and edge skis) Gates -practice alternately braking and free gliding	10 min.
Game	Chain tag -coach catches a skier and they hold hands and chase together continue until all skiers are caught Blob tag - same idea but once the chain has 4 skiers the group splits into two and continues chasing	10 min.
Ski /Practice falling and rising, star turn, side stepping, ready position, movement on skis (running step), herringbone, free glide	Story ski -tell a story as you ski to your destination stopping to bring group together to tell the next part of the story (adaptation of Hansel and Gretel, Snow Gnomes hiding in the forest etc.)	35 min.
Snack		10 min.
Free Play	Soccer -use more than one ball and no goalies (to keep everyone moving) -part way through have the skiers take one ski off and switch after 5 min.	20 min.
Extra activity	Ring the bell - attach a bell to the top of a hoop or archway in the snow- skiers ring the bell as they glide through the arch One ski tag -skiers take off one ski to play tag	

Notes or Comments on lesson:

Jackrabbit Level 1 Lesson#6

Activity	Description	Time
Warm Up	Treadmill -skiers run in place on their skis starting slow and gradually getting faster Sizzling snow -skiers stay in one place and quickly step from ski to ski trying to have only one ski on the "burning" snow at one time -skiers "hiss" when their ski is on the snow	5 min.
Practice	Practice circle: falling and rising, star turn, side stepping, ready position.	5 min.
New Skill -double poling *supplementary technique	Double poling -both arms reaching forward -poles planting at the same time -legs relatively straight throughout the poling action One legged Ski -skiers imagine that their legs are tied together move from one side of the play area to the other using poles only to move them forward	10 min.
Ski Destination/ Practice -movement on skis, -herringbone, -free glide, -snowplow braking.	Ski on rolling terrain that allows for opportunity to practice skills during ski: -play on the hills going up and down -run on the spot to keep faster skiers busy while gathering the group together -encourage the running step Stop to do balance activities along the route: Pendulum swings -stand on one leg while swinging the other leg back and forth Combo swing -when the skier stands on their left leg, the left arm swings in the same direction as the right leg and the right arm swings in the opposite direction (like walking)	45 min.
Game/join another group	Soccer -Invite another level 1 group to play soccer	15 min.
Snack		10 min.
Free Play/ Extra activity	Statues -skiers ski around until leader calls "statue" -skiers stop and hold whatever position they are in last person to move becomes the caller	

Notes or Comments on lesson:

Jackrabbit Level 1 Lesson#7

Activity	Description	Time
Warm Up	Favourite warm up activity	5 min.
Evaluate -ready position -falling and rising -star turn -side stepping	Ready position • arms and hands forward, • knees and ankles slightly bent, • relaxed upper body Falling and Rising on a gentle slope • fall to side and back • fall in a sitting motion • bring skis together side by side under body • get skis flat on snow by moving onto hands and knees • crawl forward • slide one ski forward so ski is flat on snow Star Turn • Arms & hands forward and out to the side • Form a slight wedge (tips apart and tails together) • Weight is transferred to one ski, skier takes a step • Weight on second ski and skis are brought parallel • Repeat until skier comes full circle Side stepping (both directions) • Body in ready position • Balance on one ski, step sideways with the other leg • Balance on second leg • Bring skis parallel • arms out for balance	5 min.
Evaluate -movement on skis -tracking	Movement on skis • bent knees and ankles, balanced stance, skis parallel • running motion in tracks Tracking • skier side steps into tracks • while moving forward skier side steps out of tracks • skier steps in and out to the left and right	10 min.
Evaluate	Set up pole "gates" (poles 1m apart) space the gates 2m apart down a gentle slope -skiers free glide through the "gate" and snowplow brake between gates Mark an area with cones where the skiers herringbone up the slope Herringbone	10 min.
Ski Destination/Review & Snack	Double poling -review while skiing to the group's favourite destination -discuss when you would want to use this technique (when you are on a slight downhill or on the flats and want to go faster)	50 min.
Free Play/Extra activity	Obstacle course or play favourite game	10 min.

Notes or Comments on lesson: