

# Pee Wee Mighty Mites Practice Plan

• **Division**: Mighty Mites (ages 6-8 years old)

• **Practice Time**: 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm

• **Structure**: Coach-led practice

• **Equipment**: Cones, basketballs, scrimmage jerseys

## Practice 1: Ball Handling and Dribbling

## 1. Warm-Up (10 minutes)

- a. Light jogging around the court.
- b. Dynamic stretches (high knees, butt kicks, arm swings).

## 2. Ball Handling Drills (20 minutes)

- a. **Stationary Dribbling** (5 minutes)
  - i. Players practice dribbling with both hands.
  - ii. Focus on fingertip control and low dribbles.
- b. **Figure 8 Dribble** (5 minutes)
  - i. Set up cones in a figure-8 pattern.
  - ii. Players dribble around the cones.
- c. **Cone Slalom Dribble** (10 minutes)
  - i. Arrange cones in a zig-zag pattern.
  - ii. Players dribble through the cones, changing direction.

## 3. Passing and Catching (15 minutes)

- a. **Chest Passes** (5 minutes)
  - i. Emphasize proper form (step toward the target, use legs).
  - ii. Pass to a partner.
- b. **Bounce Passes** (5 minutes)

- i. Practice bounce passes with a partner.
- ii. Focus on accuracy and timing.
- c. **Catch and Pivot** (5 minutes)
  - i. Receive a pass, pivot, and pass back.

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## Practice 2: Shooting Fundamentals

## 1. Warm-Up (10 minutes)

a. Jumping jacks and dynamic stretches.

## 2. Shooting Drills (25 minutes)

- a. Layups (10 minutes)
  - i. Teach proper footwork and off-hand use.
  - ii. Players practice layups on both sides.
- b. **Free Throws** (10 minutes)
  - i. Focus on consistent form and follow-through.
  - ii. Rotate players in lines.

## c. Around the World Shooting (5 minutes)

- i. Set up shooting spots around the key.
- ii. Players take shots from each spot.

## 3. Defense Basics (10 minutes)

- a. Closeout Drills (5 minutes)
  - i. Players close out on an imaginary shooter.
  - ii. Focus on quick lateral movement.
- b. 1-on-1 Defense (5 minutes)
  - i. Pair players for controlled 1-on-1 defense.

ii. Teach stance and positioning.

# 4. Cool Down (5 minutes)

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## Practice 3: Passing and Teamwork

## 1. Warm-Up (10 minutes)

a. High knees, arm circles, and dynamic stretches.

## 2. Passing and Team Drills (25 minutes)

- a. **3-on-2 Fast Breaks** (10 minutes)
  - i. Divide players into offense and defense.
  - ii. Work on passing, spacing, and decision-making.

## b. **Outlet Passing** (10 minutes)

- i. Teach players to outlet pass after a rebound.
- ii. Rotate roles.

## c. **Team Passing Circles** (5 minutes)

- i. Players form a circle and pass the ball.
- ii. Encourage communication.

## 3. Game Situations (10 minutes)

- a. **Scrimmage** (5 minutes)
  - i. Controlled 3-on-3 or 4-on-4 scrimmage.
  - ii. Focus on applying skills learned.

## b. **End-of-Practice Scrimmage** (5 minutes)

i. Full-court or half-court scrimmage.

a. Light jogging and static stretches (back, wrists).

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## Practice 4: Offensive Moves and Decision-Making

## 1. Warm-Up (10 minutes)

a. Dynamic movements (skips, side shuffles).

#### 2. Offensive Drills (25 minutes)

- a. **Triple Threat Position** (5 minutes)
  - i. Teach players to square up to the basket.
  - ii. Work on jab steps and shot fakes.
- b. **1-on-1 Moves** (10 minutes)
  - i. Teach basic moves (crossovers, spin moves).
  - ii. Players take turns attacking the basket.
- c. **Pass and Cut** (10 minutes)
  - i. Players pass and immediately cut to receive a return pass.

## 3. Game Awareness (10 minutes)

- a. 3-on-3 Scenarios
  - i. Controlled 3-on-3 or 4-on-4 scrimmage.
    - 1. Focus on applying skills learned.
- b. **End-of-Practice Scrimmage** (5 minutes)
  - i. Full-court or half-court scrimmage.

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## **Practice 5: Defensive Fundamentals and Game Awareness**

#### 1. Warm-Up (10 minutes)

- a. Dynamic stretches (leg swings, arm circles).
- b. Light jogging with changes of direction.

## 2. Defensive Drills (25 minutes)

- a. Closeout and Contest (10 minutes)
  - i. Players start at the free-throw line.
  - ii. Coach calls "closeout," and players sprint to contest an imaginary shooter.
  - iii. Focus on closing out under control and challenging the shot.

## b. **Help Defense** (10 minutes)

- i. Divide players into offense and defense.
- ii. Coach passes the ball to an offensive player.
- iii. Defenders practice sliding to help and recovering.

## c. **3-on-2 Transition Defense** (5 minutes)

- i. Offense starts with a 3-on-2 advantage.
- ii. Defenders work on stopping the fast break.

## 3. Game Awareness (10 minutes)

## a. Scrimmage Situations

- i. Set up game scenarios (fast breaks, pick-and-roll, off-ball screens).
- ii. Coach guides players through decision-making.

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## **Practice 6: Teamwork and Scrimmage Strategies**

#### 1. Warm-Up (10 minutes)

- a. Jumping jacks and dynamic stretches.
- b. Quick lateral movements (shuffle side to side).

#### 2. Teamwork Drills (25 minutes)

- a. Passing Circles with Movement (10 minutes)
  - i. Players form a circle and pass the ball while moving around.
  - ii. Encourage communication and quick decision-making.
- b. **Screening Techniques** (10 minutes)
  - i. Teach basic screens (down screens, ball screens).
  - ii. Players practice setting screens and using them effectively.
- c. **2-on-2 Cut and Score** (5 minutes)
  - i. Pair players for controlled 2-on-2 play.
  - ii. Focus on cutting, passing, and scoring.

## 3. Scrimmage Strategies (10 minutes)

- a. Half-Court Scrimmage (5 minutes)
  - i. Focus on offensive spacing and ball movement.
  - ii. Coach provides feedback during play.
- b. **Full-Court Scrimmage** (5 minutes)

- i. Emphasize transition offense and defense.
- ii. Encourage fast breaks and teamwork.

a. Light jogging and static stretches (hamstrings, wrists).