# **Object Control & Personal History**

### 0) Warm Up (10 minutes)

- a. Mobility flow while people are arriving, include:
  - side breakfall with straightened/swept leg
  - ii. breakdance switching
  - iii. sprawl
- b. Intro speech
  - i. Nametags!
  - ii. Question of the day (if class is less than 15) or: just say your name.
  - iii. Opt-in format
    - 1. After each demo, my default assumption is that you're sitting out, unless you step up.
    - 2. Partner ask: "Do you want to keep working together or switch it up?"
    - 3. Partner ask: "How did that demonstration look to you?" (scary/complicated/fun)
  - iv. If I don't remember your pronoun, I will default to definite articles, ie. "take the arm" instead of "take their arm."
  - v. This class is a no-sexiness zone, if you want to flirt with other students just do it outside after class
  - vi. After class: feedback about how lessons are presented After class: feedback on curriculum from transfem-bipoc/sw
  - vii. Show how to tap a partner to reset an exercise. Tap as soon as it's uncomfortable, either physically or emotionally.
  - viii. Prevent injuries by going light and slow & take care with smaller people. *Injured* students are at disadvantage when defending themselves out in the world.
- c. Ask for social media filming opt-in
  - i. We will be divide the class into filming and non-filming areas.
- d. Describe class structure:
  - i. 15 min intros, rules, warmup
  - ii. 15 min training game
  - iii. 15 min "vegetables" technique lesson
  - iv. "dessert" techniques: break out groups with volunteer skillsharers
    - 1. Who wants to lead a breakout group today?
    - 2. What martial art will you teach?

#### For people not physically participating, or not working with a partner:

- 1. Can help film, noting which students have given permissions.
- 2. During Game: Can be a non-physical coach, giving verbal directions.
- 3. During Technique:
  - a. Can do the technique without receiving the technique.
  - b. Can practice verbal component (Personal History) while doing basic tai-chi Push Hands.
  - c. Can drill breakfall/tech-stand/sprawl with an assistant coach.

### 1) Football Freeze Tag (15 minutes)

- 1. Form one big circle, with players volunteering by stepping in each round.
  - a. Use 5-10 players at a time.
  - b. A small, tight circle reduces crashing injuries by making it hard to run.
- 2. If people need a refresher on the playground game rules:
  - a. One person is "it" for a 1 minute round
  - b. If players are tagged by "it", they freeze in place
  - c. A frozen player can be unfrozen by being tagged by another free player
  - d. Can play 1 round of regular freeze tag as a warm up
- 3. Introduce a tagging object (suggested: nerf football), 1 minute rounds.
  - a. "It" must touch other players with the ball, without throwing.
- 4. If after the first round, players haven't naturally started grappling the "it" to prevent being tagged by the ball, make this option explicit.
- 5. If players don't eventually start working together to grapple the "it", suggest using a teamwork strategy, with verbal coordination.
- 6. Introduce a non-physical coaching player, who helps coordinate the team players.

#### 7. TALK

- a. What worked and didn't work.
- b. Ask "it" players for their feedback on what effectively foiled them.

#### - water break -

### 2) Technique Lesson (15 min)

Sacrifice Throw: Valley Drop (Tani Otoshi)

- 1. Demonstrate Personal History Fast Talk:
  - a. Tori talks about places they've been recently, or places they've lived.
- 2. Demo Valley Drop
  - a. Sacrifice Throw means a throw where the Tori falls first.
  - b. From side bear hug / body-lock (gable grips, no laced fingers)
  - c. Tori extends & straighten their leg behind the Uke in order to protect their own knee.
  - d. Sit straight down, no contact with Uke's legs.
    - i. Land on your straightened leg's hip.
    - ii. Do not hip thrust into Uke's knee! This could break their knee (MCL).
  - e. Use your weight + bear hug to drag Uke down into sit / fall backward.
    - Uke needs to breakfall.
    - ii. Uke will fall over Tori's straightened leg. If it remains straight during the sit, Uke will not crash into it.
  - f. Once Uke starts to fall, Tori begins to turn/pivot in order to come up to kneeling or sprawling.
  - g. Tori finishes on top, pinning Uke down in a sprawl or side-control.
  - h. Competitors: retain the near arm for follow-up attacks.
  - i. Also Demo: basic Push Hands w/ forearms.
- 3. Valley Drop Practice
  - a. Without touching your partner yet (no grips, no throw):
    - i. Stand to their side
    - ii. Straighten a leg behind them
    - iii. Sit straight down (don't take them with you)
    - iv. After Tori has sat, Uke squats and sits, with a backward breakfall.
  - b. Takedown with Opt-in Protocol: Separate into 2 groups, facing each other:
    - 1. People who want to execute the take down (Tori).
    - 2. People who want to be taken down (Uke).
  - c. Toris find a Uke and practice their takedown 5-10 times, rotating partners if there are not even groups.
  - d. For people who don't want to do the takedown at all:
    - i. Set up a bear hug, or forearm-to-forearm, or no contact.
    - ii. Practice giving Personal History either as a Fast-Talk or as a back-and-forth conversation.
  - e. Ask again for participants to separate into Toris and Ukes, with former Ukes having one more chance to become a Tori.
  - f. Toris find a Uke and practice their takedown 5-10 times.

# 3) Decompress (5 minutes)

- Butterfly Hugs and Box Breathing, while thinking about something from class.
- GROUP PICTURE

# 4) Break Out Groups

- 1. Re-announce who is volunteering to teach a skillshare breakout group, and what the martial art is.
- 2. People can also use the space to train 1-on-1 (open mat).
- 3. People can just socialize and talk about the class together.

#### **Competition Training Week 2:**

Practice an attack line using Valley Drop.

- 1. Rehearse this line for fluidity (2 minutes without switching Tori).
  - a. Start at fist bump / combate.
  - b. Engage and pummel.
  - c. Without pausing, do duck-under / slide-by into side body-lock.
  - d. Without pausing, immediate Valley Drop.
  - e. Get up first, retain the arm.
  - f. Pause and secure the arm.
  - g. Judo-style arm-bar (stay on top, or fall back).
- 2. Rotate partners.