



## **Pre-contact phase**

- 1. Start with the weight on the back foot, holding the ball with the non-dominant arm around hip height or higher.
- 2. Transfer the weight by taking a small step forward with front foot, eyes focus on the ball for the entire toss.
- 3. The back foot drags. The elbow of the contact arm is above the shoulder.
- 4. The ball is tossed low with the non-dominant hand, which points to the ball until just prior to contact. Hips and shoulders rotate to be square to the target, followed by the elbow and hand.

## **Contact phase**

- 5. The player must remain "tall" with limited back bend.
- 6. The wrist should be "locked' at contact, and the ball is hit with an open palm.
- 7. The hitting arm is straight and remains high upon the finish. The back foot drags forward. The ball is in line with the hitting shoulder.

## Post-contact phase

- 8. The hand stays high with an open palm to target upon finish; the back foot comes close to the leading foot.
- 9. Toes, hips, shoulders and the palm face the target direction; the player then moves into a defensive position.