**Short Hops:**

* Practice all kinds of short hops: Straight-on, back hand, glove side, hot potato in the hole.
  + Focus drills on the fundamentals of quick feet, centering the ball, moving to either side, keeping your eyes on the ball.
* Put your players into circles with about 6 players to a circle. Hand a ball to one player. The players will throw a short hop to anyone in the circle.
  + If the throw is poor, the player is out.
  + If the throw is good and missed, the player making the fielding error is out. (Don’t call the player out if it’s a bad hop).
  + Keep going until one player is left. The players that are out should be cheering the others on.
  + Keep working all the players until you have a team champ. Repeat the drill at all practices so that other players get a chance to de-throne the champ.

Remember that keys to becoming a good infielder are learned skills, not merely the result of natural ability.