



“Try to turn a 2 on 2 into a 2 on 1 against one defenceman”

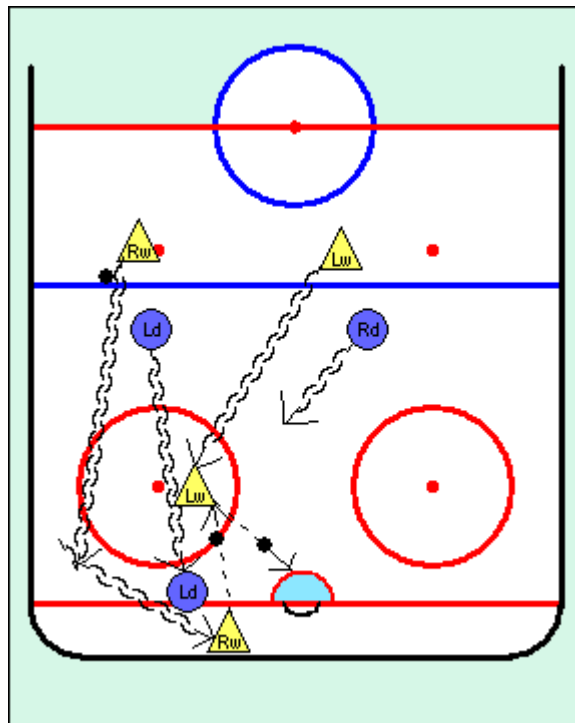
OFFENSIVE ZONE – 2 ON 2s - 11 Plays

When we come over the red line towards their blue line with 2 players against 2 of their defencemen when it is a clear 2 on 2 with none of their back checking forwards close to us, understand our best play depends on how their defencemen are positioned ... backing in in fast or slow, high at our blueline or lower around the top of our faceoff circles.

Their Defenceman Too High at Their Blue Line

If their defencemen stay too high at their blue line as in the diagram below, rather than backing in to above the top of our faceoff circles, our two forwards will have a number of options behind their 2 defencemen as outlined below:

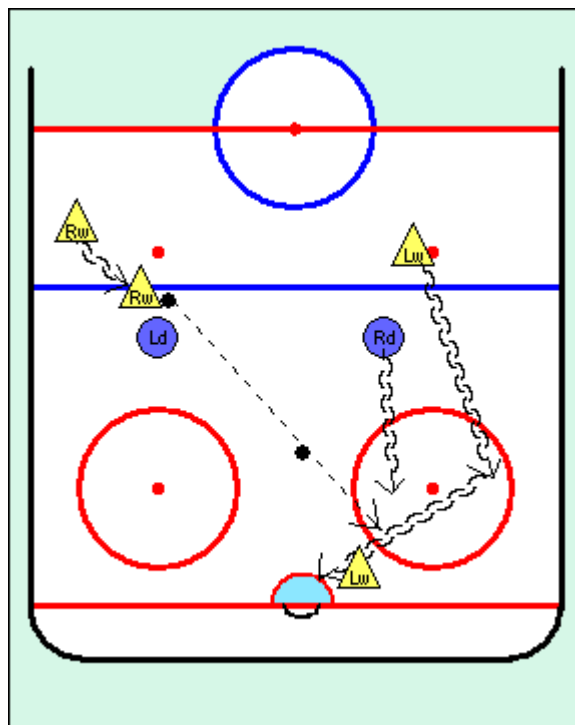
- Our player with the puck can try to go wide and hard to the side of their defenceman at the boards trying to get by him so he is clear to go in on net himself, or make a pass back to our other forward now stacked behind him away and over from our other defenceman in the faceoff circle.





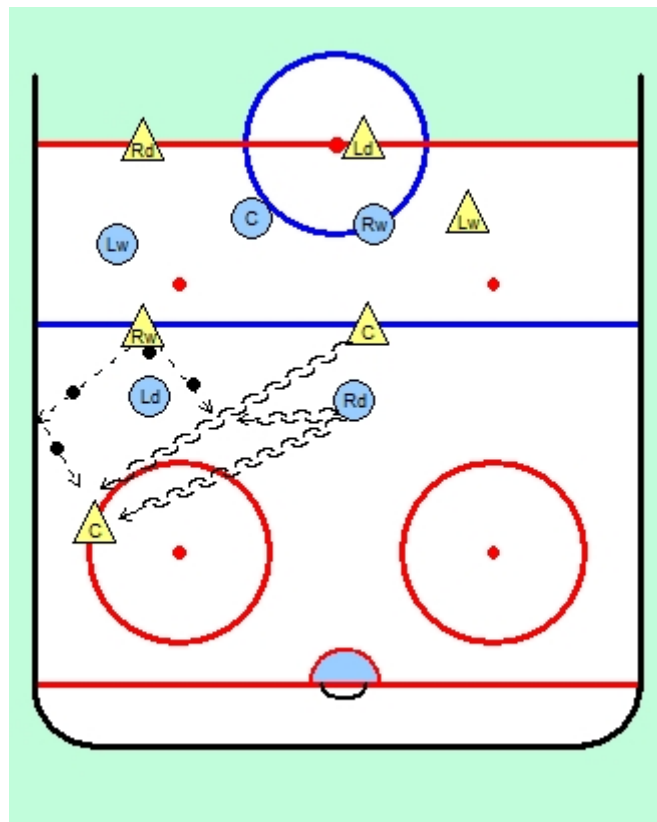
Their Defencemen Backing In To Around The Top Of Their Faceoff Circles

- Our player with the puck slows down and fades to the middle a little after just crossing the blue line, while our other forward skates hard around their defenceman to the net.





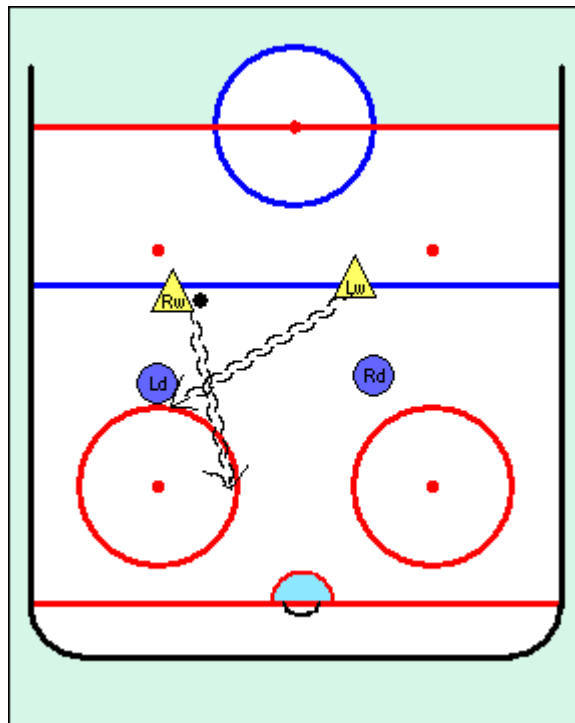
- Our puck carrier chips by their defenceman closest to the boards to our other forward either indirect off the boards or direct pass to the middle. Their other defenceman will come over fast with our forward without the puck reading the play as it develops so our forward must come with greater speed





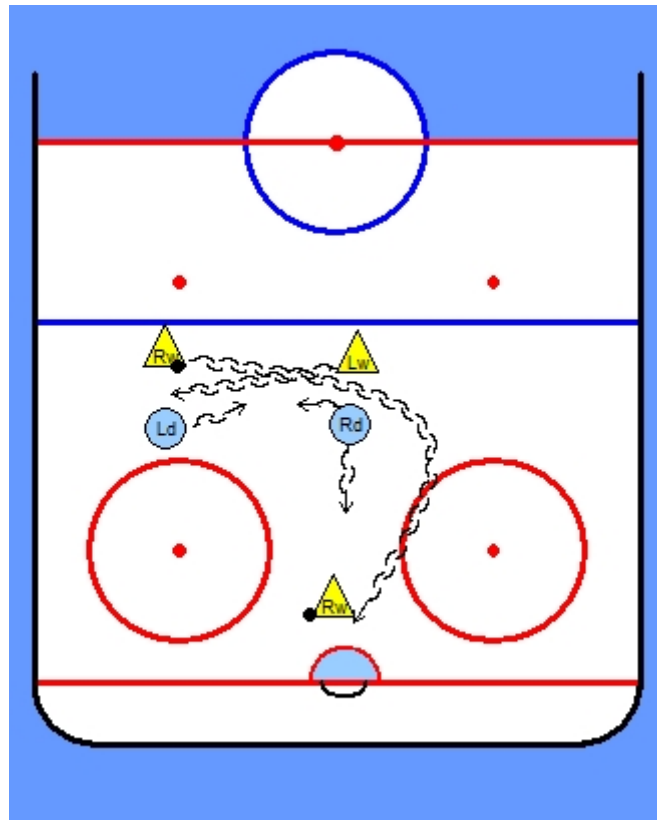
If their defencemen back in our forwards will try several options:

- Try to criss cross by having our forward without the puck skate hard at their defenceman closest to our other forward with the puck trying to have our player with the puck skate between their defencemen. When the criss cross starts their defenceman on the same side as the puck carrier will attack our player with the puck stick on puck trying to not allow our player to pass or cut in behind our other forward running interference, so this play must be run with great speed



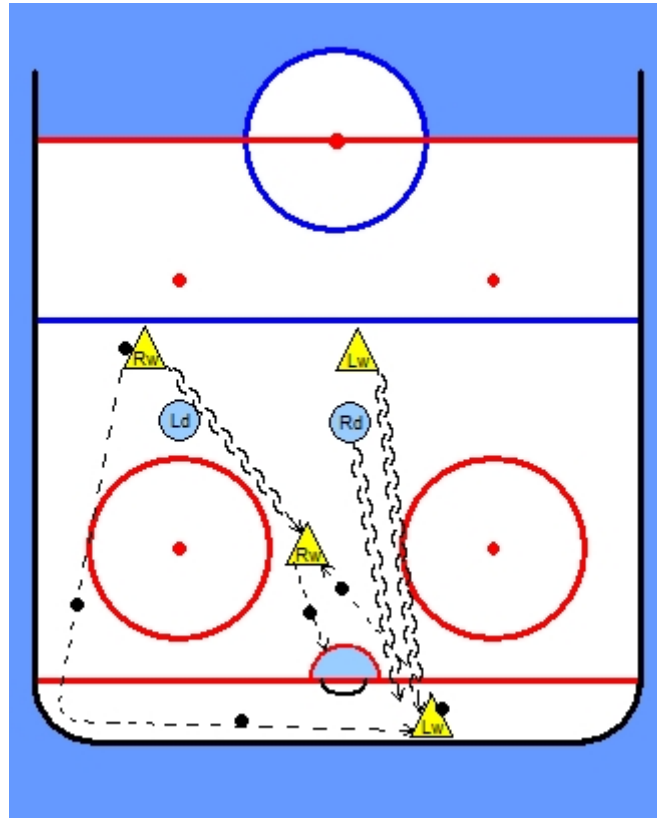


- Have our LW cross underneath the RW in front of the 2 defencemen with the RW with the puck skating hard around their RD wide



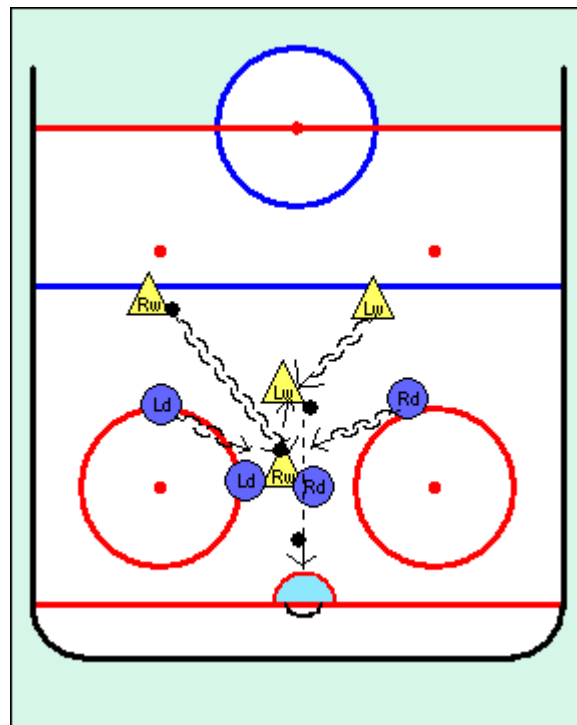


- Our RW crosses their blueline with the puck and fires it hard around the boards and around their net while at the same time our LW skates hard to behind their net to receive the pass. Our LW can then pass to our RW fading into the slot





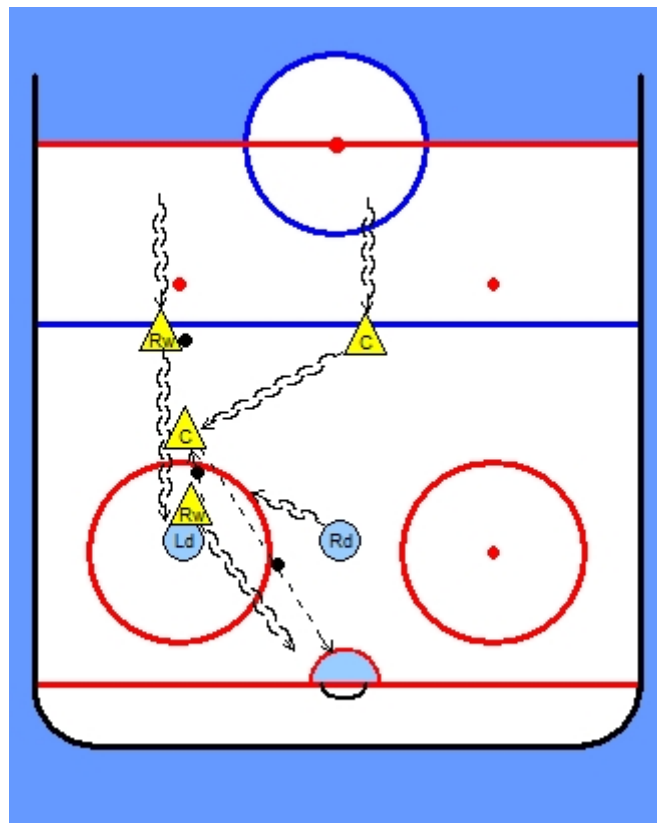
- Try to drop pass by having our forward with the puck skate hard in between their defencemen while our other forward comes in behind him about 6 feet away. When their defencemen see this developing one defenceman may attack our puck carrier before he has a chance to drop pass stick on puck aggressively. Flip the puck gently to open space where this defenceman came from for our other forward to pick up and go in alone on net



BE CAREFUL NOT TO TELEGRAPH THE DROP PASS BY LOOKING BACK OR SLOWING DOWN. IF THEY READ IT AND INTERCEPT THE PUCK IT COULD BE TROUBLE GOING THE OTHER WAY



- RW with speed skates right at their LD who is backing in, and our C stacks up just behind our RW for a drop pass from RW as long as there is no back pressure in this area





- Our puck carrier tries to beat one of their defenceman on the boards side, but sees this defenceman will angle him off, so our forward button hooks around the mid boards and passes hard to our other forward going hard to the net for a deflection on net.

