



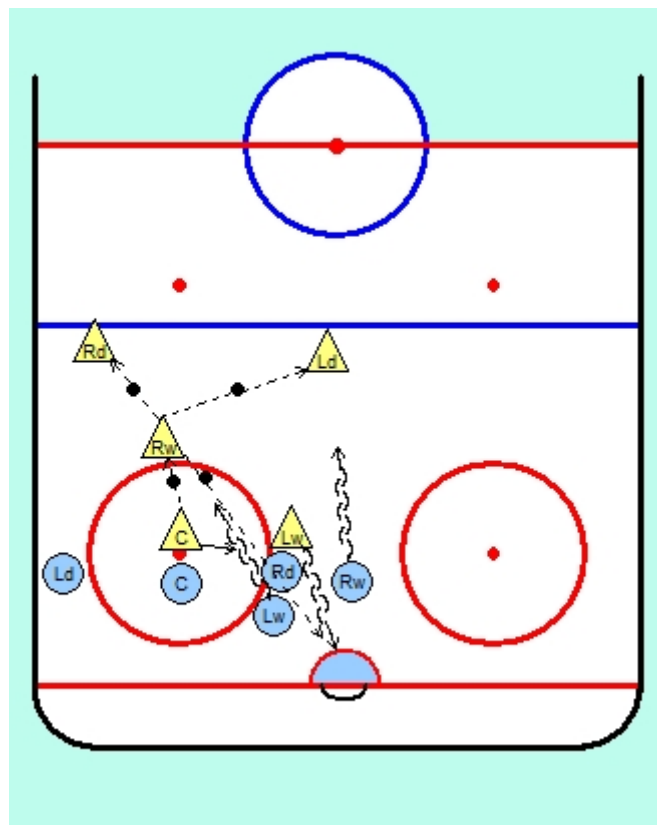
“Adjusting to their Faceoff lineup is key to defeating their play”

DEFENSIVE ZONE – DEFENDING 11 FACEOFF PLAYS

Lots of different faceoff positions are listed here. Some more effective than others. The last bullet of each play description is the best way I think to defeat it:

(1) Wall Winger One Timer Behind Centre

What They Want To Do



- Their RW sets up behind their Centre at the top of the faceoff circle opened up ready for a one time shot (or their LW and RW can switch before the faceoff)
- Upon the puck drop back to their RW, he can shoot or pass to either their RD or LD for the shot
- Their LW net front goes to the faceoff dot to impede our RW coming through
- Their Centre goes to the net for any rebound
- This is an effective quick play with their RW behind the puck if the faceoff is lost

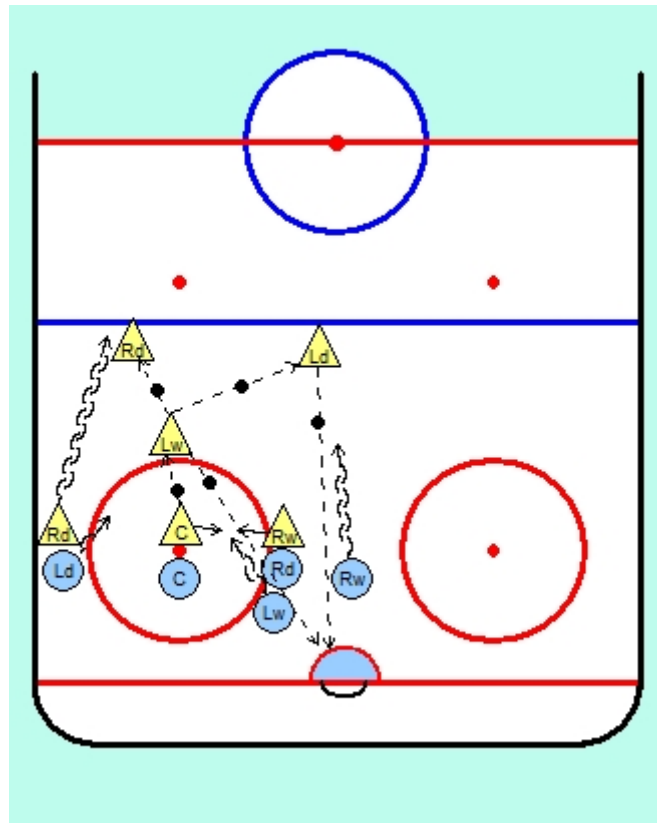


What We Want To Do

- Our LD is not accomplishing anything being alone on the boards side – move him back behind the centre and have him go to the faceoff dot on puck drop as our centre ties theirs up. Our LD is facing up ice and should be able to clear the puck out of our zone

(2) Wall Winger Behind Centre, Wall D Down, Then Up

What They Want To Do



- Their RD lines up in RW's position at the wall
- Their LW is directly behind their Centre
- Their RW goes to the faceoff dot on the puck drop in case the faceoff is tied up and blocks out our RW coming through
- Their RD goes back to the blueline near the wall on the puck drop



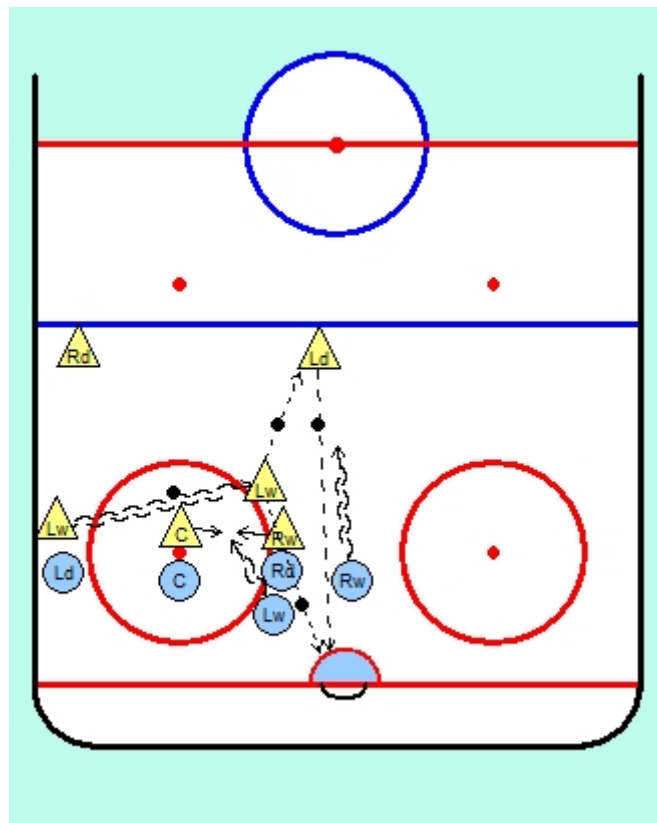
- Their Centre draws the puck back to their LW who shoots or passes it to their LD or RD who shoots
- Their Centre goes to the net to screen or for any rebound

What We Want To Do

- Our LD is not accomplishing anything being alone on the boards side – move him back behind the centre and have him go to the faceoff dot on puck drop as our centre ties theirs up. Our LD is facing up ice and should be able to clear the puck out of our zone
- Our LW goes to their LW behind their centre if we lose the draw and then to their RD if a pass is made
- Our RW goes to their LD if the draw is lost

(3) Winger Off the Wall Behind Centre

What They Want To Do



- Their LW and RW switch positions



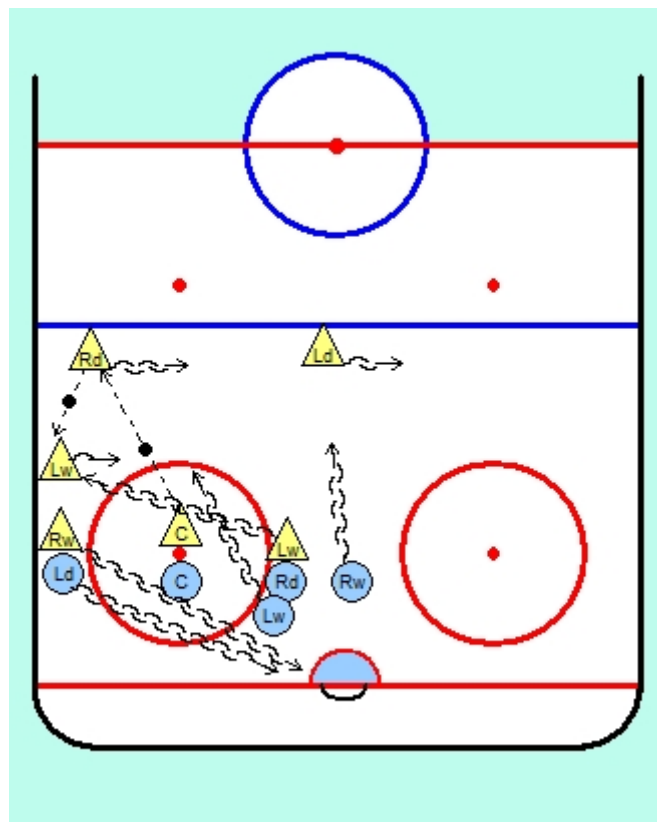
- Their Centre draws the puck back behind him or just skates over it protecting the puck from the other centre by lifting his stick off the ice
- Their LW cuts behind their Centre picking up the puck for a quick shot on net
- This is an effective quick play with the LW behind the puck if the faceoff is lost

What We Want To Do

- Line up not as shown in the diagram but rather in regular formation with our LW at the wall shoulder to shoulder. Our LW can then follow their LW across and prevent him from shooting

(4) Net Front Winger to Wall, Wall Winger to Net

What They Want To Do





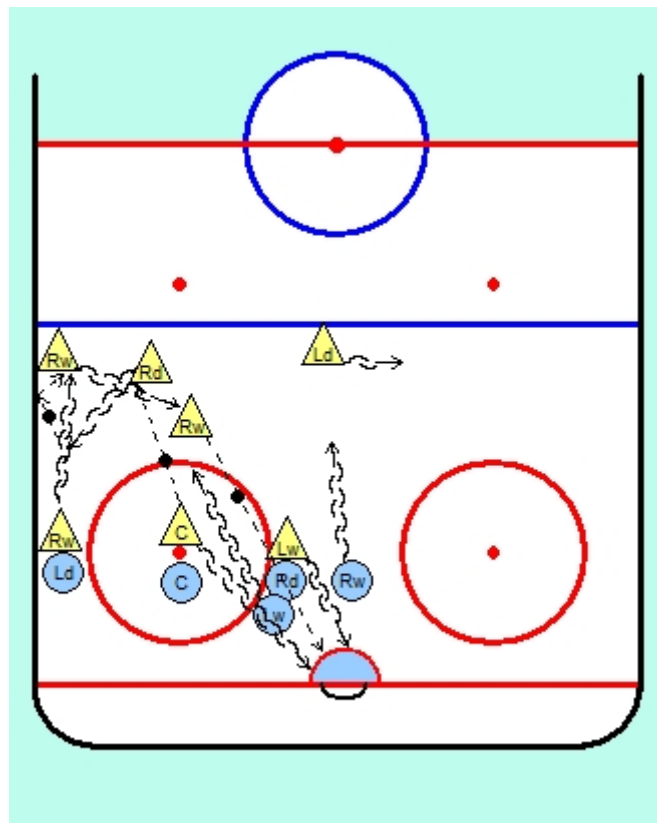
- Their net front LW goes to the wall on puck drop behind their Centre
- Their RW wall winger goes to the net to take our LD with him
- Their Centre draws the puck back to their RD at the wall
- Their RD moves along the blueline a few steps and passes back to their LW at the wall around the top of our faceoff circle
- Their LW moves to the middle if there is space and shoots

What We Want To Do

- Line up not as shown in the diagram but rather in regular formation with our LW at the wall shoulder to shoulder. Our LW can then follow their LW up the wall and prevent him from shooting or challenge their LD

(5) Wall D Down Wall D Indirect To Wall Winger Up Wall

What They Want To Do



- Their Centre draws the puck back to their RD at the wall



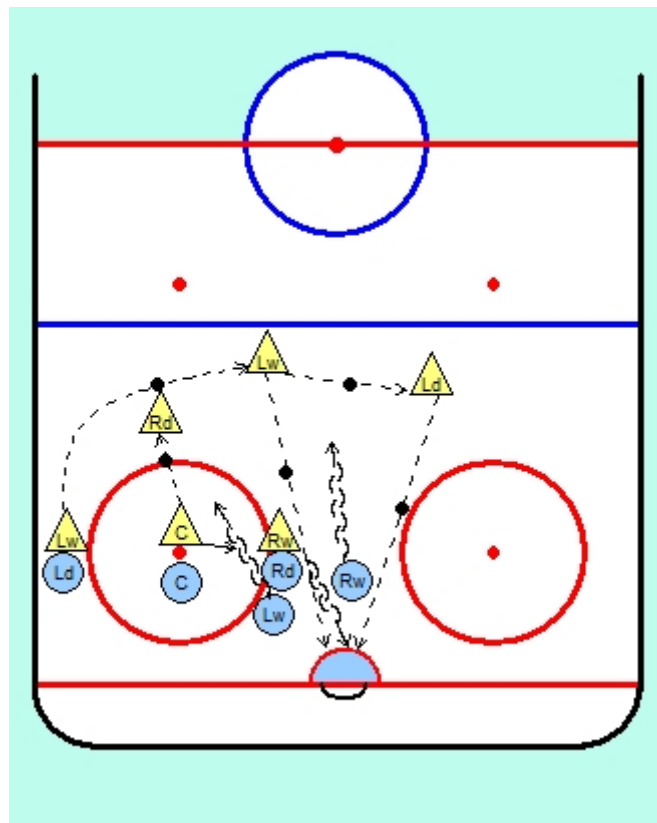
- Their RD moves down the wall with the puck
- At the same time their RW at the wall moves back to the blueline just off the wall and receives an indirect pass off the wall from their RD
- Their RW with the puck moves to the middle and shoots
- Their Centre and LW go to the net to screen

What We Want To Do

- Line up not as shown in the diagram but rather in regular formation with our LW at the wall shoulder to shoulder with their RW. Our LW can then follow their RW up the wall check their RD and destroy the indirect passing play

(6) Wall Winger High Roll

What They Want To Do



- Their RD sets up behind the centre but closer to the wall a stride or two inside the blueline



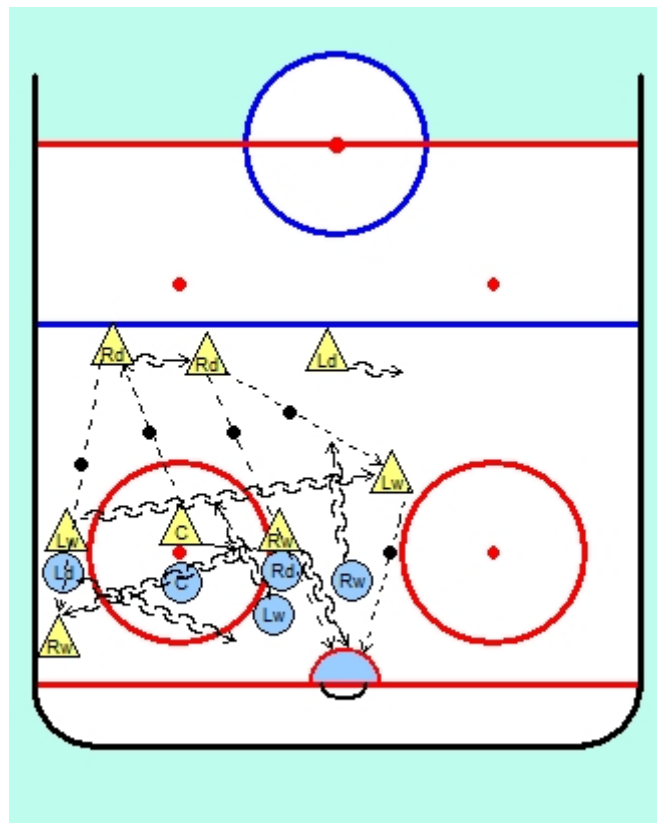
- Their LW sets up at the wall
- Upon the puck drop back to their RD, their LW goes up the wall towards the blueline behind their RD and gets a hand off pass from their RD as their LW goes around their RD
- Their Centre moves off the faceoff dot impeding our RW from getting through to their RD or LW
- Their LW can now shoot or pass to their LD moved out wider
- Their RW net front goes to the net to screen

What We Want To Do

- Line up not as shown in the diagram but rather in regular formation with our LW at the wall shoulder to shoulder with their LW. Our LW can then challenge their RD and/or their LW and destroy their hand off passing play

(7) Wall Winger Mid Roll

What They Want To Do





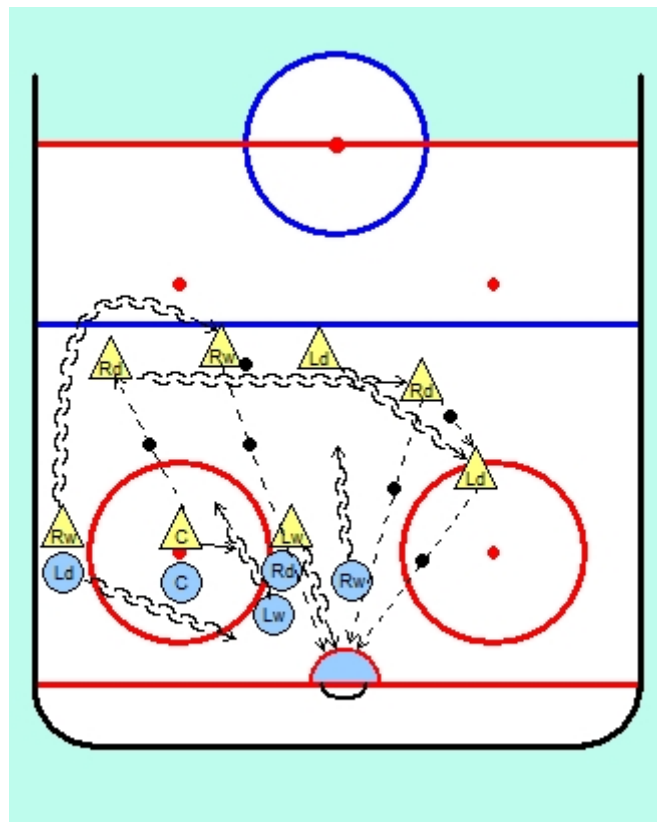
- Their LW sets up at the wall
- Upon the puck drop back to their RD from their Centre, their LW goes across behind their Centre mid way between the 2 faceoff circles
- Their RW net front goes to the corner
- Their RD can pass to their RW who in turn passes to their LW or their RD can move laterally along the blueline and pass to their LW
- Their LW shoots
- Their Centre moves off the faceoff dot impeding our RW from getting through to their RD

What We Want To Do

- Our usual line up with our LD at the wall is fine with our RW going through hard on puck drop to challenge their RD, and our LW just must realize he has 2 coverages, first their LW as our LW goes up ice and then their LD. Just make sure the most dangerous man is covered, that is, their LW

(8) Wall Winger Over Blueline and Back In

What They Want To Do





- Their RW sets up at the wall
- Upon the puck drop back to their RD from their Centre, their RW goes up the wall past their RD and over the blueline and back in a stride or two beside their RD towards their LD
- Their LD moves down to the top of the other faceoff circle
- Their RD moves in front of their RW and either hands the puck to their RW for a shot or carries it wide for a shot or passes to their LD for a shot
- Their Centre moves off the faceoff dot impeding our RW from getting through to their RD
- Their LW goes to the net to screen

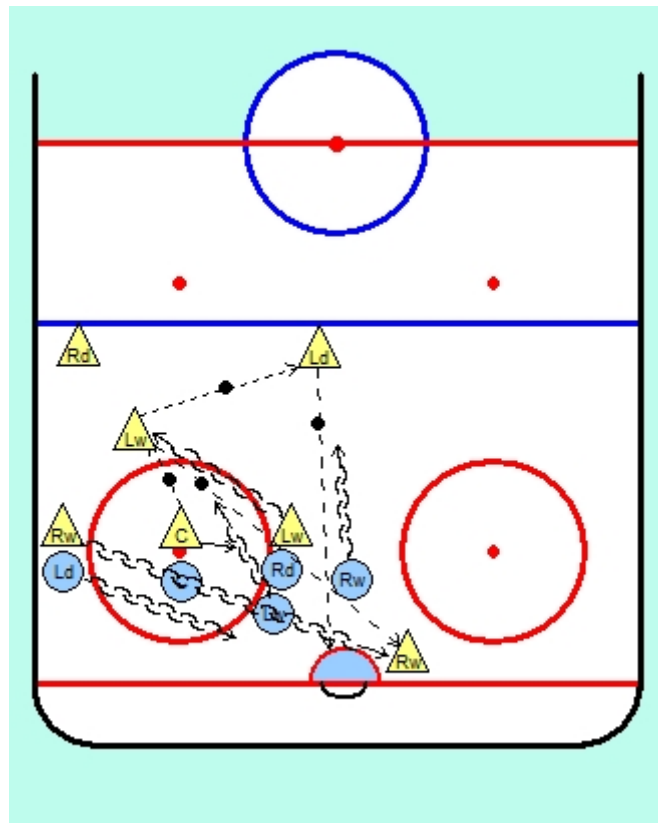
What We Want To Do

- Line up not as shown in the diagram but rather in regular formation with our LW at the wall shoulder to shoulder with their RW. Our LW can then follow their RW up the wall and check their RD not allowing him to walk the blueline as indicated in the diagram below while our LW gets out to cover their LD and our RW comes out as usual to cover their RW



(9) Wall Winger to Net, Net Front Winger to Top Of Circle

What They Want To Do



- Wingers line up normally
- Their Centre draws the puck back to the top of the circle and their LW moves to the top of the circle to get the puck
- Their RW goes to the side of the net on the weak side
- Their LW either passes to their RW at the side of the net or to their LD at the blue line for a shot

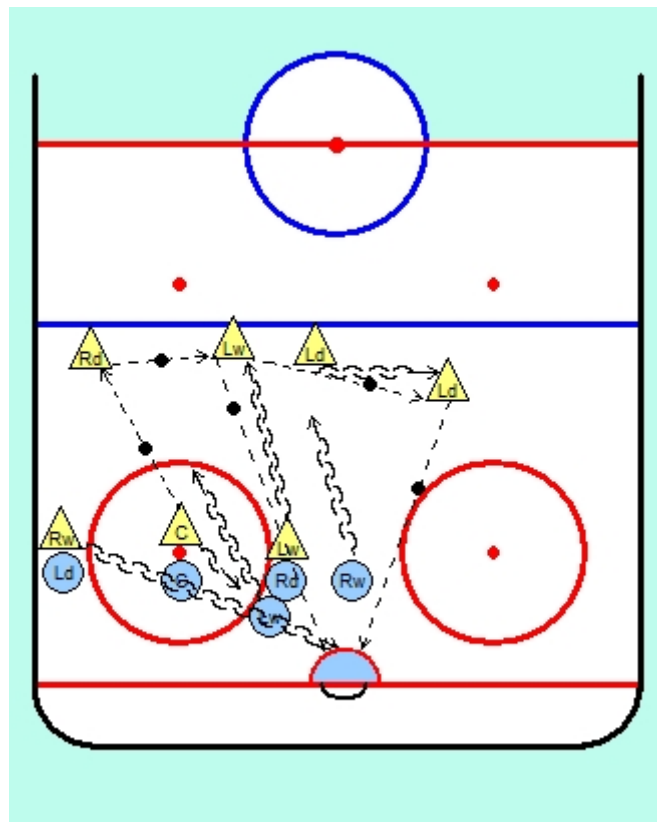


What We Want To Do

- Our usual line up with our LD at the wall is fine with our RW going through hard on puck drop to challenge and cover their LW, and our LW goes hard to cover their LD

(10) Net Front Winger High To Blueline

What They Want To Do



- Wingers line up normally
- Upon the puck drop back to their RD their LW skates back to the blueline in between their 2 D
- Their LD moves to the weak side slightly lower down than usual
- Their RW goes hard to the net
- Their RD can pass to their LW or their LD and all can shoot if there is a good shooting lane

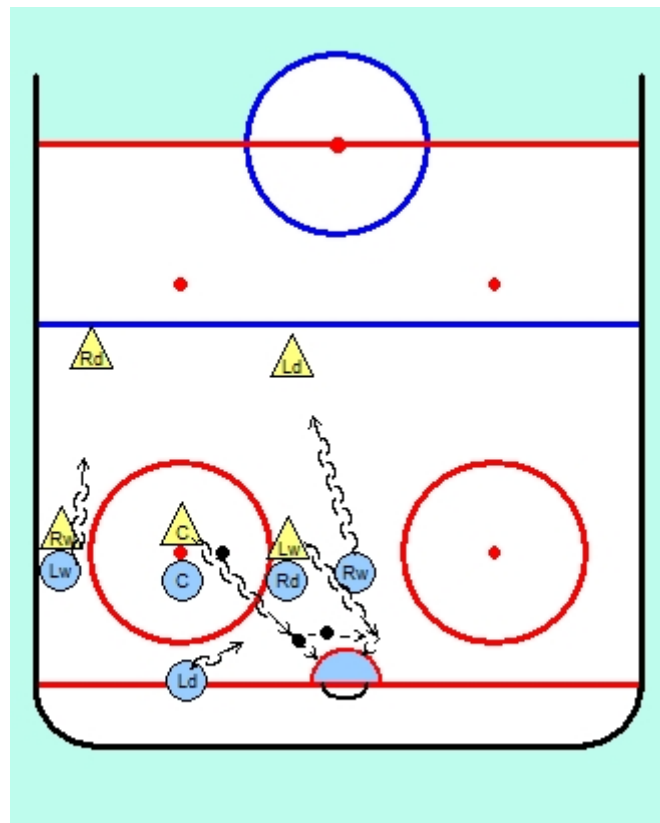


What We Want To Do

- Line up not as shown in the diagram but rather in regular formation with our LW at the wall shoulder to shoulder with their RW.
- Our LW should get out and check their RD before he has a chance to pass to their LW
- Our RW should read the play and cover their LW at the blue line and prevent a pass to their LD going wide
- Our centre should read the play and come up to the blue line to help cover

(11) Centre To Net

What They Want To Do





- This play works best when we line up 5 across or when we line up with our wingers on either side and one D is low behind their centre
- Also this play works better when our net front D is on his back hand on the draw
- Their wingers line up normally or their RW goes directly behind their centre at the top of the circle
- Their centre makes a point of talking to their RW before the draw to make us believe the play is to their RW behind their centre
- Their centre flattens his stick as the puck is dropped and gently flips the puck towards our net a few feet as their centre moves to pick the puck up
- Their LW goes to the far side of their net for a possible pass into an open net as our goalie is out to cover their centre

What We Want To Do

- Our centre should always block out their centre from going to the net, and our net front D should always be aware of this possible play. Our net front D's stick should be in the faceoff circle as close to the faceoff dot as possible