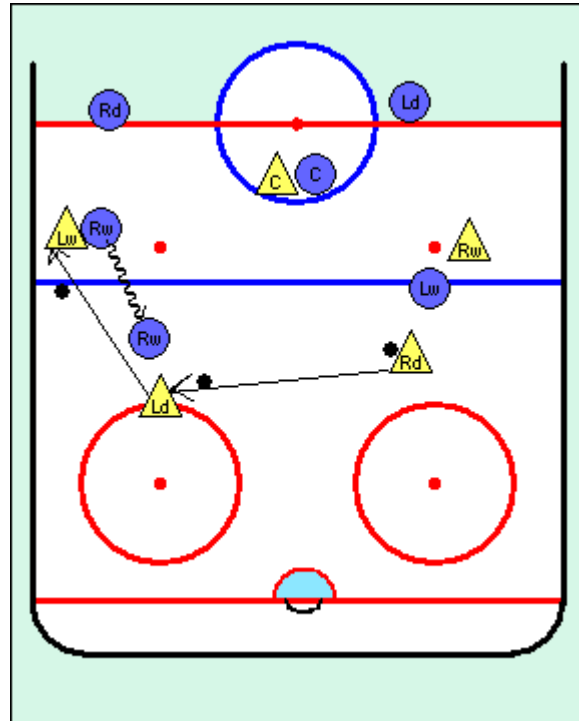




defenceman is on the other side of the ice and is wide open, a very effective and safe play *as long as our other defenceman stays wide open and back slightly* behind the other defenceman is to pass the puck crisply to our other defenceman. This forces one of their players to go to him.



With one of their forwards being caught pressing our other defenceman there should be one of our forwards open just over our blue line, at centre or going up the wing, or the defenceman who just made the pass may now be open. Our forwards must anticipate this play and be moving or it will not work. If their forward does not press our defenceman he can carry the puck over the red line, shoot it in or make a play at or over their blue line as the fourth forward.

Forwards - PASS TO THE OPEN DEFENCEMAN

The play is just over our blue line, our right winger has the puck and is about to get checked by their left winger. Our centre and left winger are covered. Our right winger has one smart play, pass the puck back to our open right defenceman. Usually their centre will forecheck. Our right defenceman can then pass the puck up ice or pass to our left defenceman who can pass hard to our centre open in the middle.

