



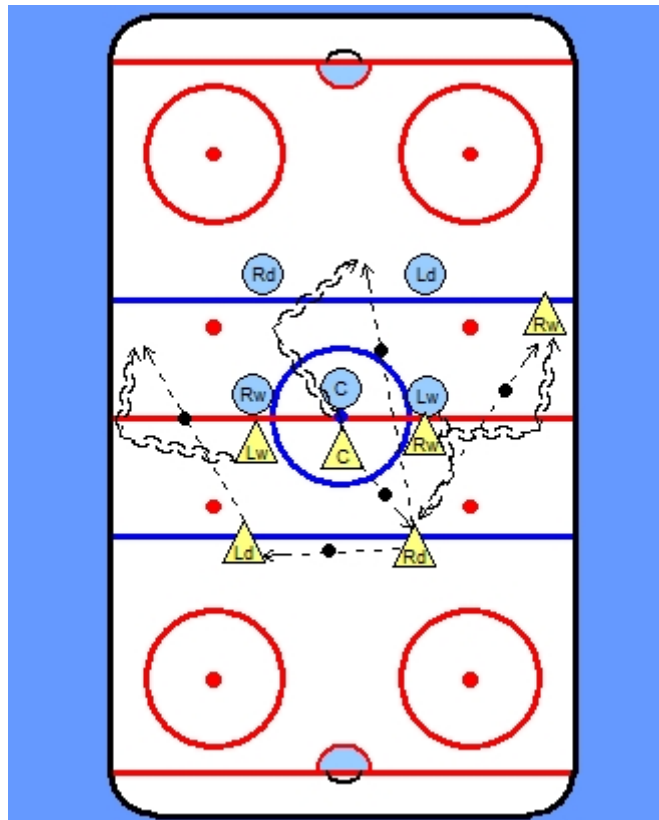
“I can think of many games we have won as a result of winning the draw somewhere on the ice”

NEUTRAL ZONE - FACE OFFS

At Centre Ice

Our wingers should be shoulder to shoulder with their wingers. Our defencemen should be just over our blue line, stick on the ice and ready so if the puck comes back to them they will have time to make one of the following plays:

- Pass to a winger going up the boards
- Pass to a winger cutting into the middle
- Pass to the centre in the middle or flying high between their 2 D
- Pass to the other open defenceman
- Cross the red line and shoot it in





Our centre should always try to win the draw back to our defence in the neutral zone, not go forward.

If our defencemen are positioned close to the centre face off circle they will have less time to pass the puck without being checked, so if we are winning the majority of draws it's better for our defencemen to be back further so they have more time.

When our defenceman gets the puck, he should pass to the position the player who is challenging him left. That is, if our right defenceman gets the puck and is challenged by their left winger, our defenceman should pass to our right winger who should be wide open over at the right boards.

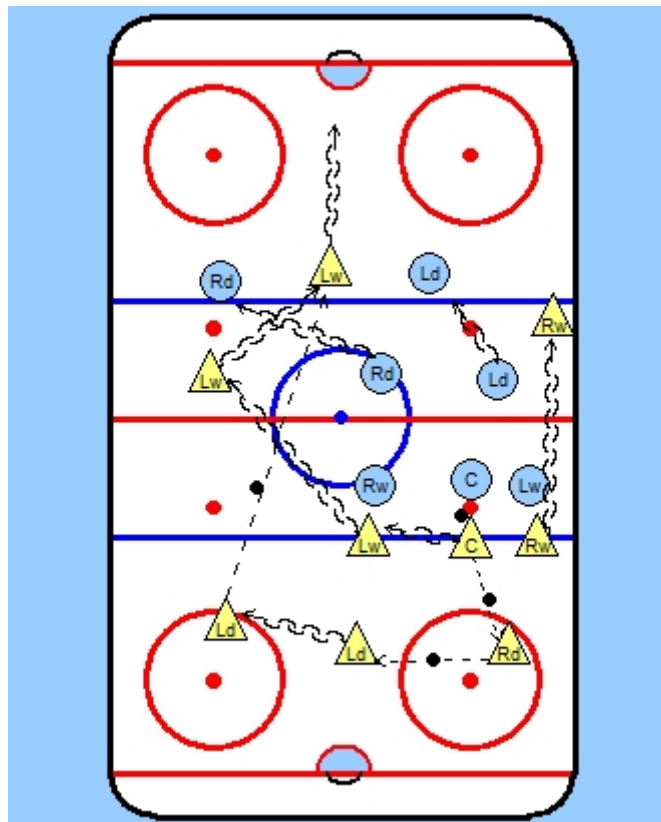
Outside the Blue lines

Our wingers should be shoulder to shoulder with their wingers. Our defencemen should be back far enough, stick on the ice and ready so if the puck comes back to them they will have time to make a play either up the ice or to the other open defenceman.

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1. Left Winger Fly (see diagram below)

- C to RD to LD
- LD moves wider, finds the passing lane to our LW who skates hard towards the boards and then cuts in between their 2 D
- LD passes to LW





2. **Right Winger Fly** (see diagram below)

- C to RD to LD
- LD moves wider, finds the passing lane to our RW who skates hard between their 2 D
- LD passes to RW

