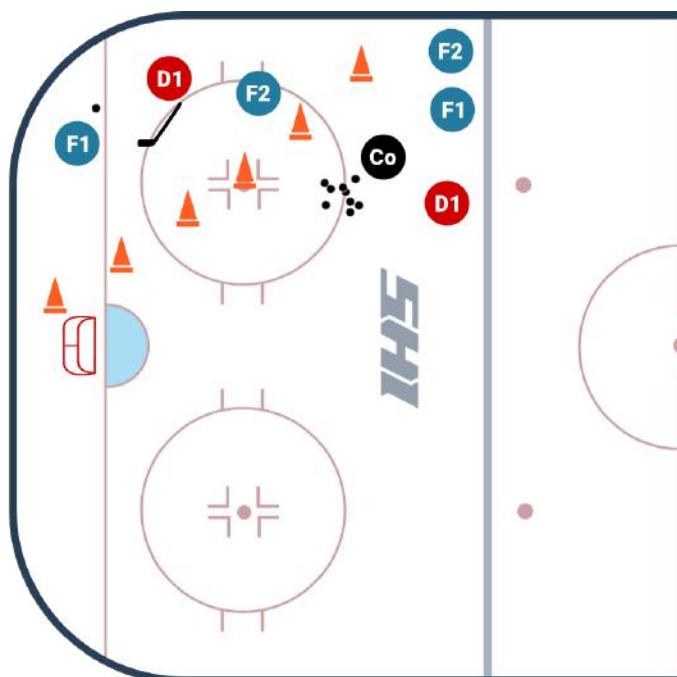


Small Area Game (SAG) - Corner/Half Wall 2v1



Description

Purpose of the drill is to reinforce important offensive skills like keeping your head up, moving to open spaces, protecting the puck, and verbal/non-verbal communication. Defensemen are to focus on stick placement/angling to break up plays and dictate passing lanes.

Key factors of the drill:

- Defender - stick positioning, angle for puck separation/dictating passing lanes, awareness, anticipation
- Offense - puck protection, moving to open ice, passing, creativity, utilization of boards

To start the coach passes to one of the forwards (F1/F2). The forwards must maintain control of the puck in a game of "keep away" from the defenseman (D1). To win F1/F2 must make 3 (or more) consecutive passes to each other without being stopped by D1. If the forwards complete the required number of passes the whistle blows and one F skates out to take a shot on the goalie (G). If the defenseman successfully breaks up the play the D1 exits the play area and takes a shot on G. Players should rotate through and play all positions during the drill.

Forwards are encouraged to utilize the boards for passes, move to open ice when possible and communicate with their teammate to ensure crisp/accurate passes. Defense should focus on stick placement to break up plays/dictate passing lanes.