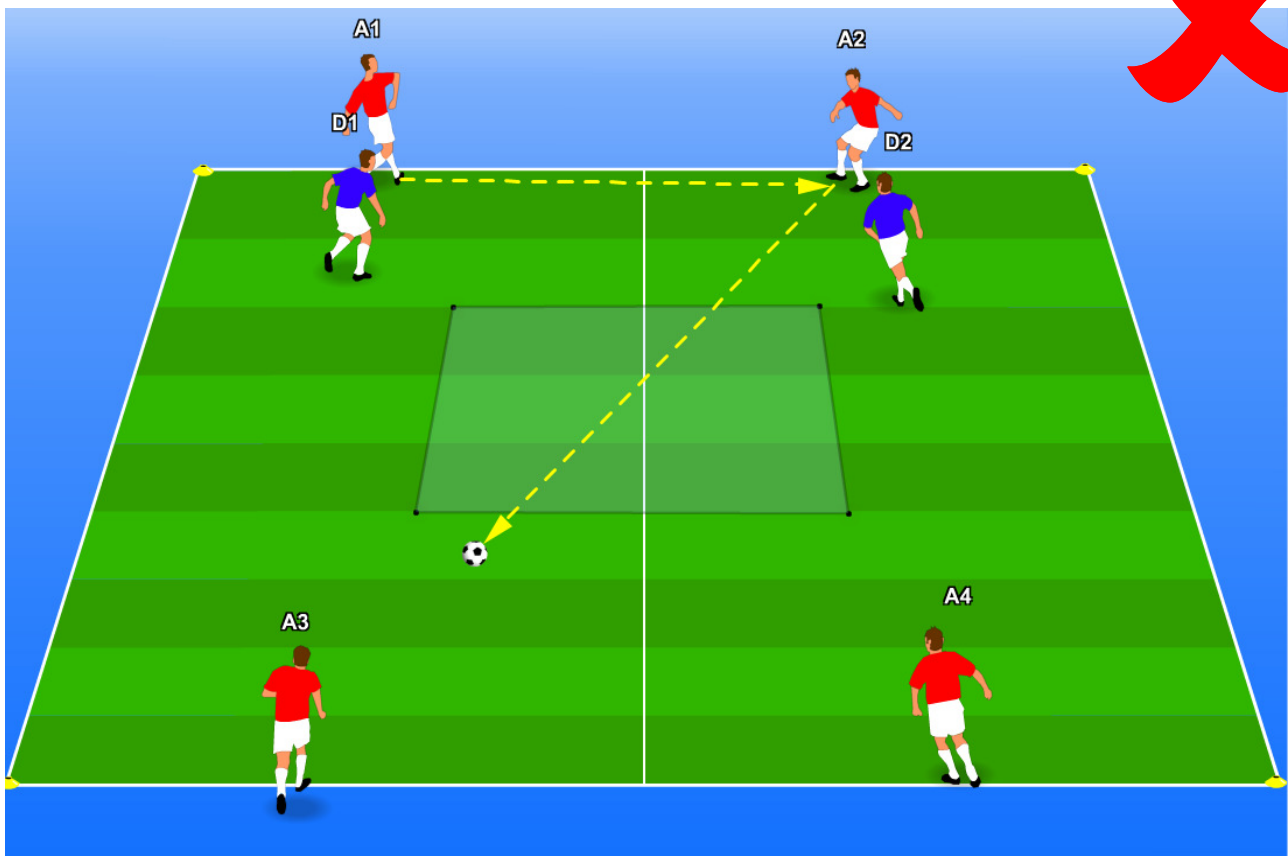


Simple and Effective Defensive Positioning Drill -- Stop Opponents from Passing Forward

Game Description

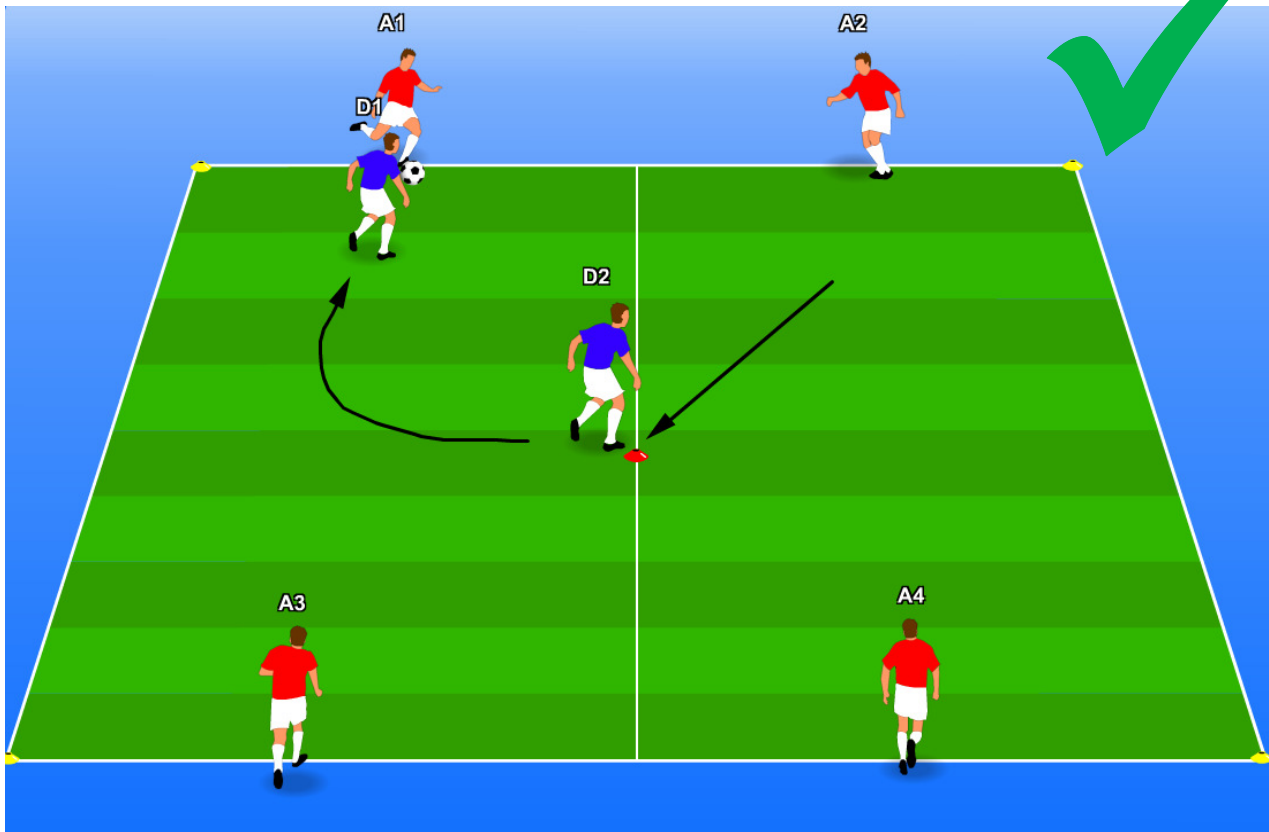
- **A1** and **A2's** objective is to score a point by passing the ball to players **A3** or **A4**.
- **D1** and **D2** have to prevent this.
- **Attackers** are only allowed a maximum of 2 touches.
- **D1** and **D2** cannot tackle the attackers.
- **Attackers** are only allowed a maximum of 4 passes before passing to opposite side.

INCORRECT Player Positioning:



D2's positioning is good, blocking possible pass to A4, however D1's positioning is not, leaving a lot of space uncovered in the centre allowing A2 to pass to A3.

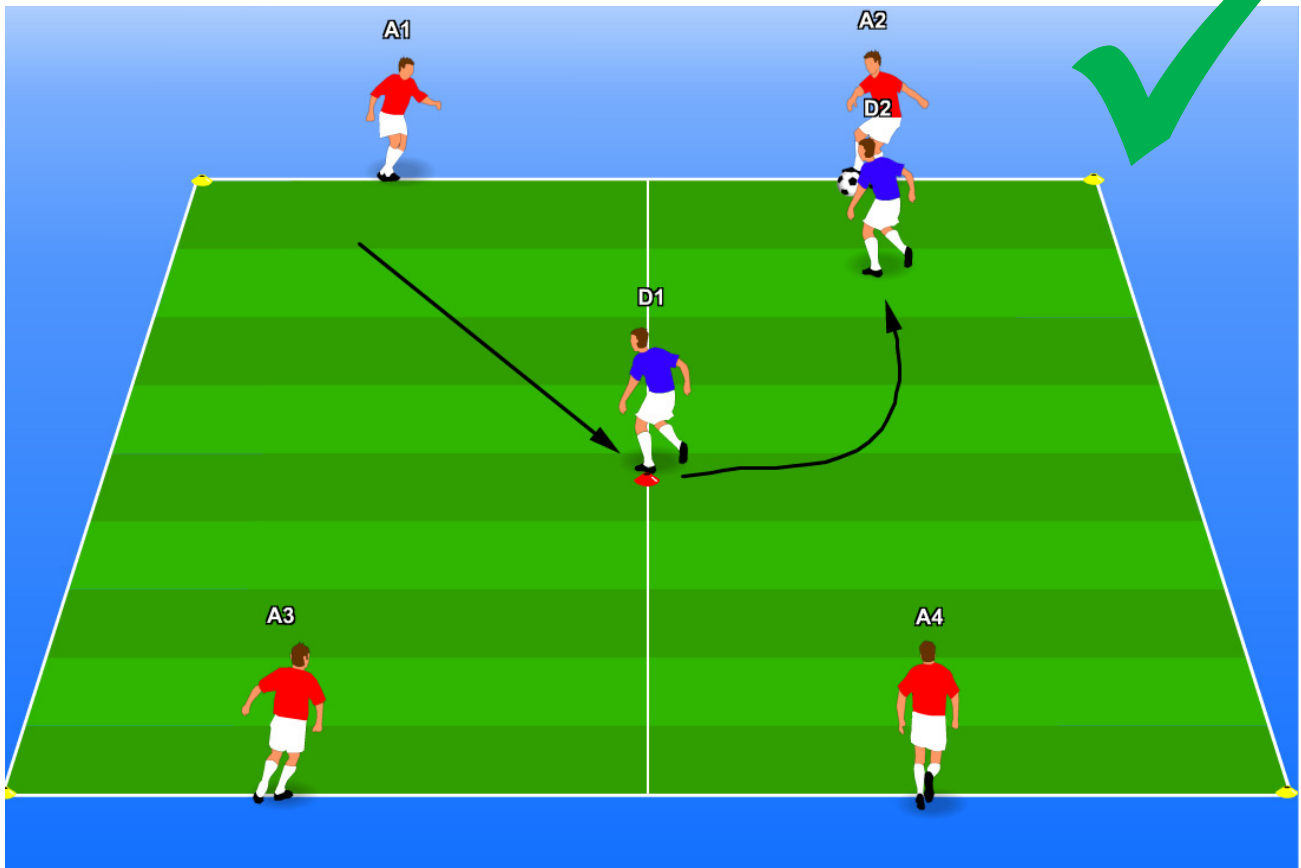
CORRECT Player Positioning 1:



Coaching Points

1. As you can see, a **red cone** has been placed in the centre of the area. The coach should explain that this will be used as a marker for covering guideline
2. As the ball is travelling from A2 to A1, D1's needs to approach A1 at a slight angle to block possible first time pass to A3. His positioning is good!
3. D2's movement to the red cone blocks a possible diagonal pass to A4.

CORRECT Player Positioning 2:



Coaching Points

1. As the ball is travelling from A1 to A2, D2's movement from the red cone should be curved to approach A2 at a slight angle to block possible first time pass to A4.
2. D1's moment to the red cone blocks a possible diagonal pass to A3.
3. Angle of cover and distance in relation to the ball, team-mate and opponents is critical.
4. Communication between team-mates is half the work.



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Tactics Manager Software



The same drill is also available in full animation + more on **Total Team Manager Pro** which you can purchase from the links below:

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The screenshot shows the Soccer Tutor software interface. On the left is a sidebar with the following sections: INTRO, MEAS'MENT, EQUIPMENT, PLAYERS, OBJECTIVE, COACHING, and PROGRESSION. The main area displays a soccer field diagram for a drill titled 'Defending 6'. The diagram shows a green field with a ball at the top center. A yellow arrow indicates the ball's path from A2 to A1. A blue player icon labeled 'D1' is positioned to block the ball. A red player icon labeled 'A3' is at the bottom left, and another red player icon labeled 'A4' is at the bottom right. A text box at the bottom of the diagram reads: 'AS THE BALL TRAVELS FROM A2 TO A1, D1 SHOULD APPROACH THE BALL AT A SLIGHT ANGLE TO BLOCK A POSSIBLE PASS TO A3'. Below the diagram is a 'Continue...' button and a video player control bar.

Produced by Coach George using Tactics Manager Software for creating the diagrams.
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