

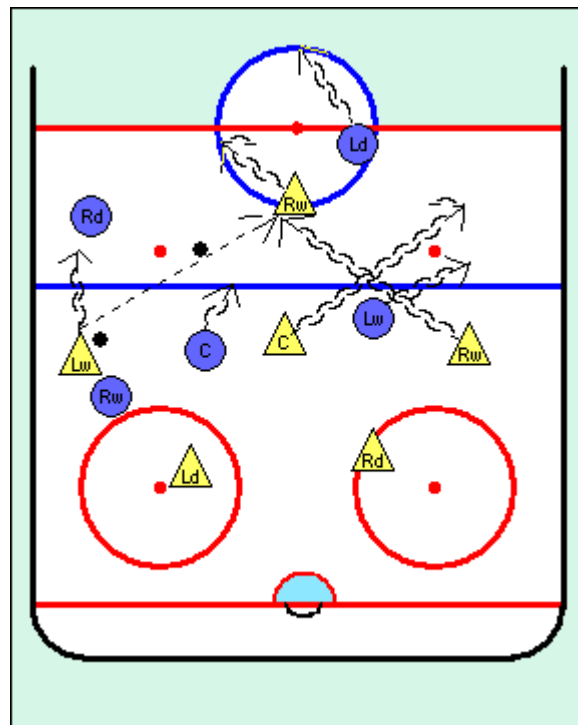


*“ Go to the open ice for a pass, find the seam in their defence ”*

## NEUTRAL ZONE – OPEN LANES

There are holes in the defensive system the other team is playing and they should be used. In the neutral zone, these holes are normally lanes in the middle or very wide along the boards towards their blue line.

As we come out of our own end, the far side winger from where the puck is should cross into the middle into the open ice and be hit with a crisp pass. Our winger's angle should be fairly small and the pass hard or our winger will head right at one of their defencemen and put himself in a position to be body checked hard. Our centre should rotate into this crossing winger's position for a pass if he is open.



**ALWAYS BE READY FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF A TURNOVER**