DRILL: BACK CHECK 2v2

LINK: https://acimaging.net/hockey/2v2-back-check/

PURPOSE

This drill serves two primary purposes: skating conditioning and back checking with intent. Puck play/shooting is a side effect.

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HOW TO

- Players line up in all four corners. Two corners with pucks.
- To start, 1 and 2 take off on a 2v0 to the opposite end, passing the puck back and forth. Ideally, they should make 3 passes before getting to the opposite end.
- Once a shot is taken, 3 & 4 start the other way. 1 & 2 tag the goal line and then back check 3 & 4.
- Once 3 & 4 get a shot off, the pattern starts again from this end with 3 & 4 back checking.

DRILL: 3 PASS DRILL

LINK: https://acimaging.net/hockey/3-pass-drill/

PURPOSE

This simple drill, often used for warm-ups, is great for working on simple one-touch passing in motion, and sets up concepts of regrouping.

HOW TO

- Split into four lines at each blue.
- 1 & 3 go at the same time (2 & 4 together as well). For explanation purposes, I'll only explain the route of #1 as it is mirrored in the other groups.
- 1 skates forward with the puck and passes to line 4 and gets the puck back.
- 1 continues in a wide arch and passes to 3 on the swing and gets the puck back.
- 1 then passes to 2 for an on-side give & go, then drives to the net.
- If this is a warm-up or early drill, have them shoot from farther out.

DRILL: ANDOVER 1V1/

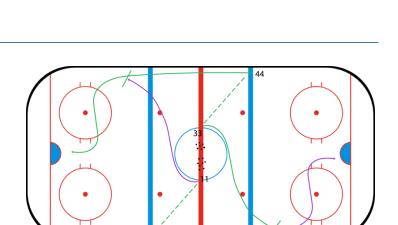
LINK: https://acimaging.net/hockey/andover-1v1/

PURPOSE

Angling. Angling. Angling.

HOW TO

- Pucks at center ice. Players at opposite blue lines and opposite sides of the center circle.
- Both sides go at the same time. Play starts with players 1 & 3 pass out to their respective blue line lines (2 & 4).
- Once the pass is made, 1 & 3 skate forward around the circle while 2 & 4 drive boards.



- 1 & 3 should cut off their respective player along the boards between the blue line and hash marks. 2 & 4 should drive wide and then cut in no sooner than the bottom hash marks.
- Intent is to angle the player into the boards for change of possession or to force them wide for as long as possible, reducing passing and shooting lanes.

DRILL: SMALL AREA 1v1 WITH SUPPORT