

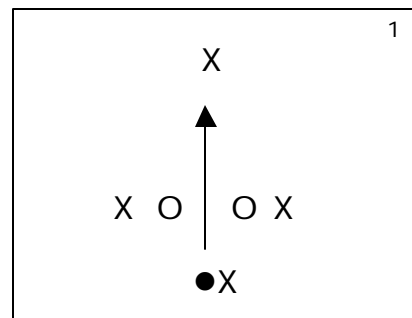
## **PENETRATING SUPPORT**

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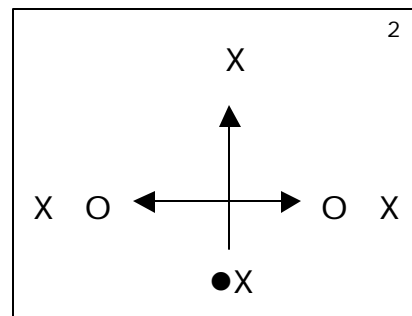
Every team must support the ball from square positions and penetrating positions. In order to score we must go down field. The penetrating pass depends on quality square support. Players must find space in wide positions as soon as their team wins possession. There they will be able to receive a pass in space if they are unmarked or draw defenders out of the middle opening up a lane for a penetrating pass.

In illustration 1 and 2, the attacking players (x) are trying to combine to keep possession against two defending players (o).

In illustration 1, the area is congested. Just two defenders are able to successfully defend four attackers. The ball handler might be able to squeeze a pass between the two defenders, but it is risky.



In illustration 2, the two square supporting players have moved wider into space. In order to prevent them from receiving a pass the defenders followed. This created a giant lane for a penetrating pass to the target player.



Attacking players that don't have the ball should be constantly moving to find open space on the field in the ball handler's line of sight. This creates space for them and other teammates. Wide positions also enable players to face the field and see everything that is happening.