



## EVERYONE ATTACKS!!!

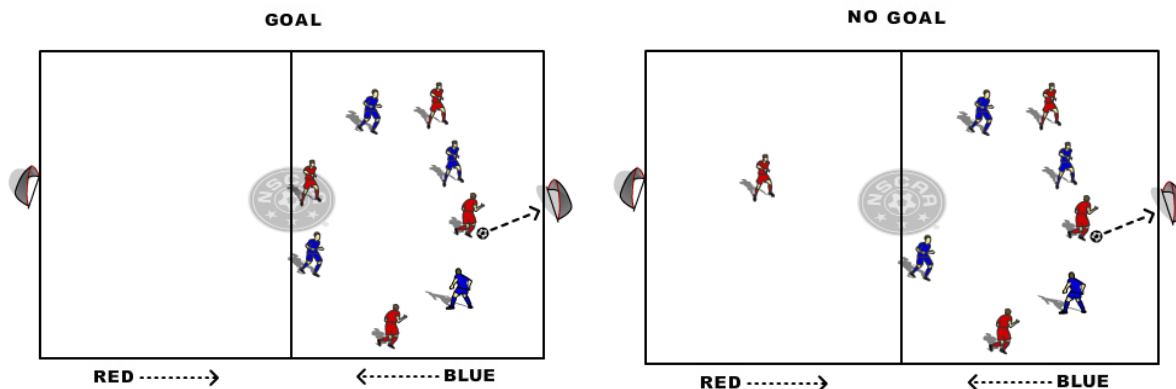
### Lakeville Soccer Club U6-U8 In-House



In the modern game of soccer, all players are expected to get involved in the attack. Watch any higher-level game and players that are labeled as defenders are oftentimes in advanced attacking positions (i.e. fullback overlapping into the attacking-third). No longer do defenders simply destroy. They are asked to begin attacking movements and get involved in goal-scoring opportunities.

Since this is the case, it is important that we start to reinforce attacking principles with the younger players (U6-U8 In-House) in the Lakeville Soccer Club. Developing good attacking habits will make the game more enjoyable and allow players to develop into more well-rounded players in the long run.

One way to do this is to institute a halfway-line rule during scrimmages (which should be taking place during every training session). The idea is that all players must be in the attacking half of the field in order for the goal to count.



During Saturday matches, it is just as important that coaches encourage players to get involved in the attack. Again, the focus is on developing attacking principles in the long-term. Even the deepest sitting player can provide support in the attack while also being in a position to apply immediate pressure after a turnover.

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