



Role Description:

ATTACKING MIDFIELD

Technical

- Pass and receive accurately over short, medium and long distances.
- Handle the ball competently recognizing, when and how to link attacks.
- Ability to turn & attack opponents 1v1.
- Capable of good creativity in and around the penalty area, using 360° play with key passes.
- Capable of playing with back to goal, using one-touch or two-touch play.
- Capable of defending in 1v1 situations.
- Receive and protect the ball when under pressure.
- Ability to score goals.

Tactical

- Recognize when to support the ball during build up play.
- Understand how to link play between Midfield and Striker.
- Capable of finding space between the opposition defensive units.
- Recognize when to remain with the midfield unit in order to create overloads.
- Support the ball in all circumstances (i.e. angles & distance) to maximize goal-scoring opportunities.
- Understand the importance of transition when possession is being lost (i.e. recovery runs).
- Understand the correct defensive positions when the opposition has the ball in their own half.
- Understand when, where and how to press the ball, in relation to the areas of the pitch and in relation to the circumstances of the game.

- Recognize when to delay the opposition to make the play predictable.

Mental

- Show composure when under pressure.
- Remain focused at all times.
- Be a good decision-maker.
- Have undoubted desire to perform and to be the best.
- Possess self-confidence and be fearless in all aspects of the game.

Physical

- Have excellent acceleration.
- Be a powerful athlete.
- Have exceptional maximum speed.
- Have excellent agility.

Social

- Take responsibility & ownership of learning & development.
- Give maximum effort all of the time.
- Have good communication skills on and off the pitch.
- Respond effectively to instructions and guidance.
- Work well with others and independently.
- Have a strong Character.
- **HAVE FUN.**