



## Role Description:

# WIDE MIDFIELD

### Technical

- Pass and receive accurately over short, medium and long distances.
- Produce crosses of a high quality.
- Ability to beat players in 1v1 situations.
- Receive to play with an open body position.
- Be equipped with a range of strategies to combine with teammates to beat the opposing defenders.
- Capable of defending in 1v1 situations.
- Receive and protect the ball when under pressure.

### Tactical

- Recognize different techniques to support build-up play.
- Move into positions to help support ball progression when teammates are in possession, on and off the line (i.e. work the touchline).
- Support attacks with runs into the penalty area to maximize goal scoring opportunities.
- Understand the importance of transition when possession has been lost (i.e. recovery runs).
- Be in the correct defensive position when the opposition has the ball in their own half.
- Willingness to perform defensive duties, recovering, tracking and pressing opponents.
- 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 your game.

### Physical

- Have excellent acceleration.
- Have exceptional maximum speed.
- Have an excellent endurance ability.

### 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.**