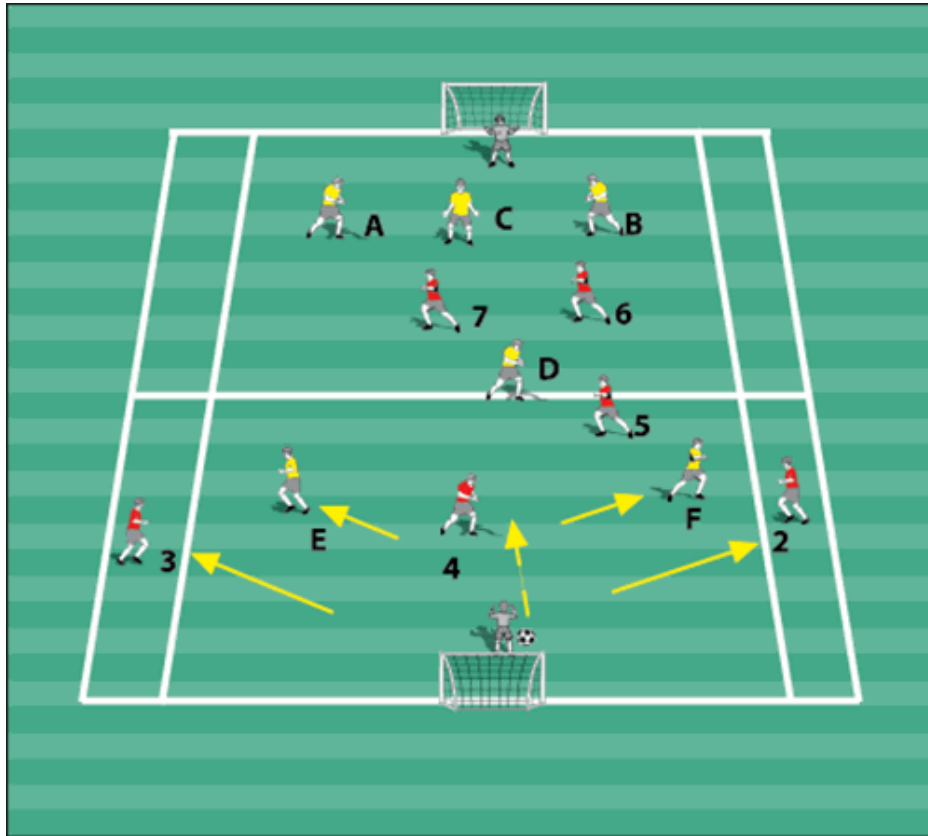


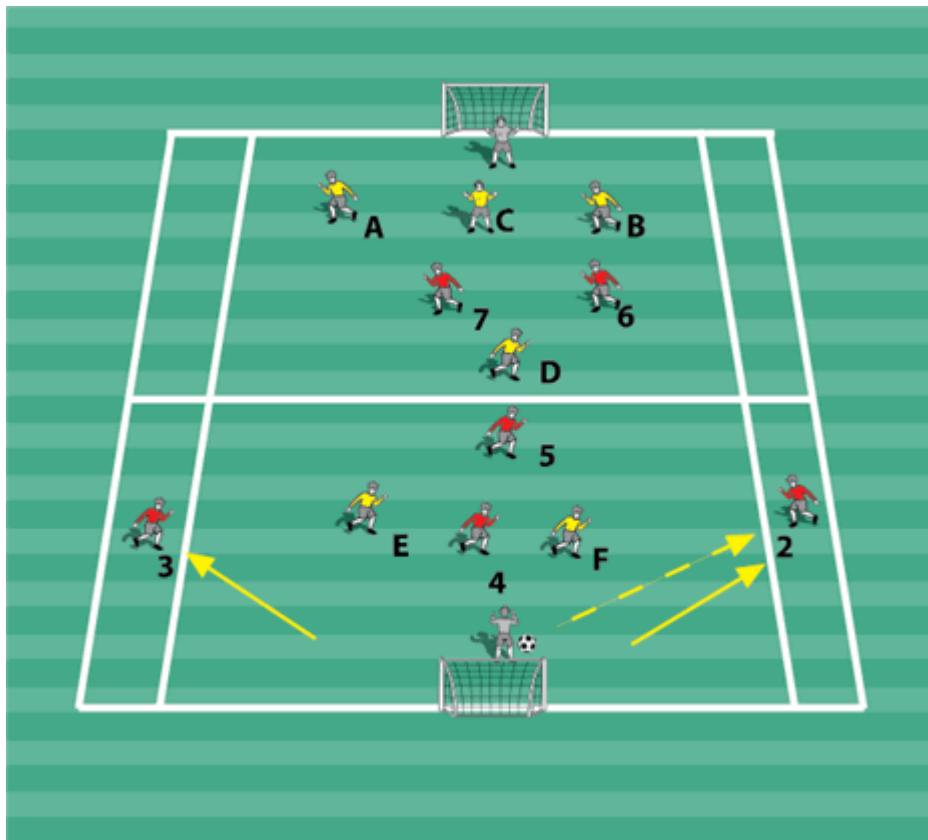
COMFORT ZONE GAME USING TARGETS



1. The letters team work the ball to their target. When a goal is scored this way, the ball possession is transferred to the other team and they must immediately break wide to offer options.
2. Here the two defending strikers (E) AND (F) have broken wide also so there is space for (4) to receive in the middle. Encourage the play to be wide or through the middle depending on the positioning of the opponents.
3. **Develop:** The wide areas can be used to practice certain moves the players have been taught, especially at the younger ages where they need to be able to practice them without pressure. This allows for them playing in a game but also doing the move without pressure. For example a certain dribble can be practiced then the ball dribbled in or passed into play.

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INTRODUCING A BACK THREE



1. (E) and (F) can “shadow” the outside players.
2. Only one player allowed in the channel on one side at any one time when the team is in possession of the ball.
3. Players can only stay outside in the channel with the ball for a few seconds then must make their move inside either passing it in or dribbling it in or it becomes too false a set up.

Coaching Points

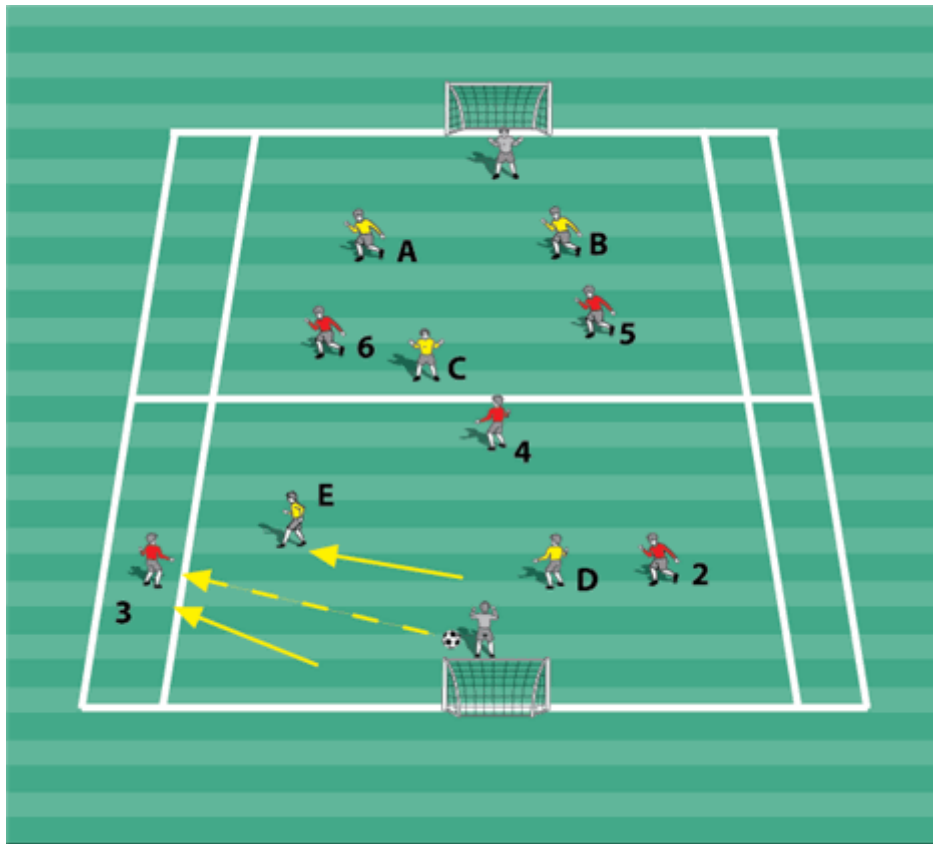
- Create space wide when in possession of the ball
- Building play from the back

Using width to attack

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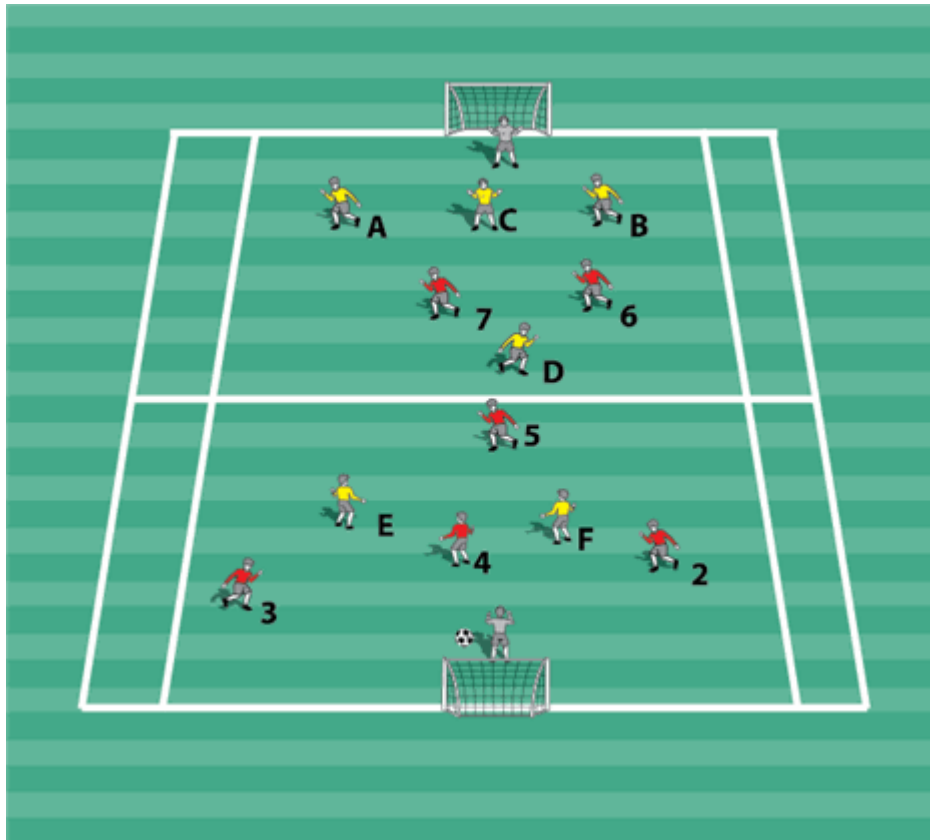
A COMFORT ZONE GAME USING WIDE AREAS IN A 6 v 6



GAME OBJECTIVE: TO ENCOURAGE PLAYERS TO USE WIDTH AND OFFER AN AREA TO PLAY WITHOUT PRESSURE

1. If a player breaks wide into the outside channel on either side of the field and is in possession of the ball this player cannot be tackled. Defenders are not allowed into the channel.
2. The players on the team in possession of the ball can run the ball into the channel or have it passed to them into the channel.
3. This condition plants the seed in the mind of the players to immediately play with width when in possession. Numbers for this game can be 3 v 3 and upwards.

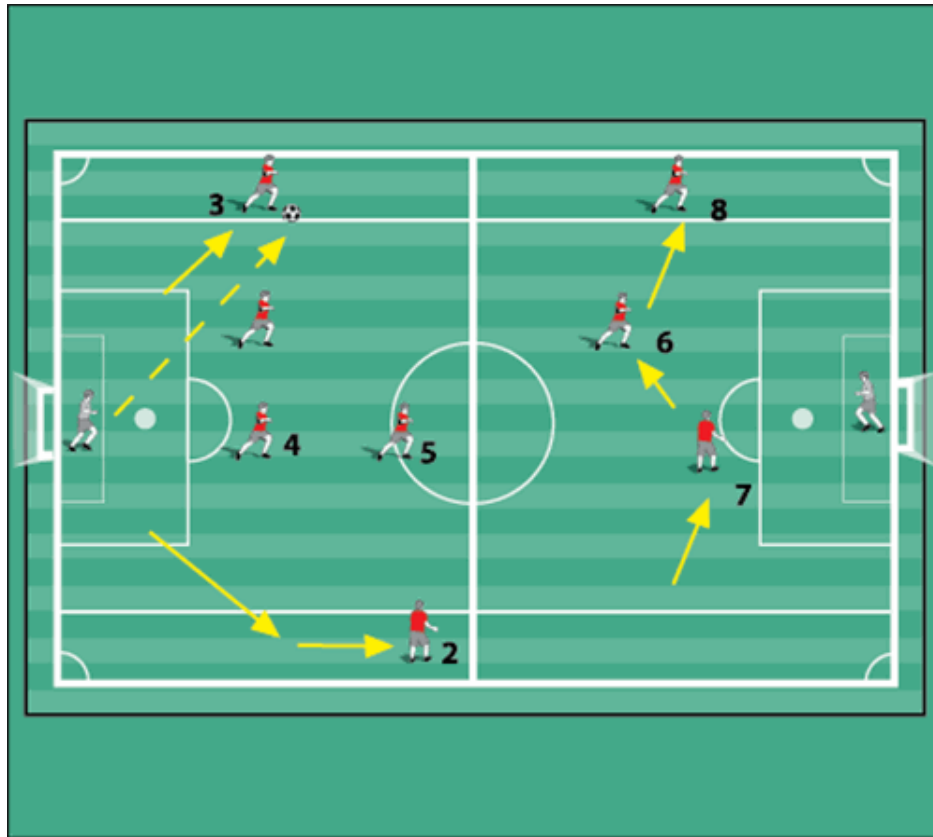
A COMFORT ZONE GAME USING WIDE AREAS IN AN 8 v 8



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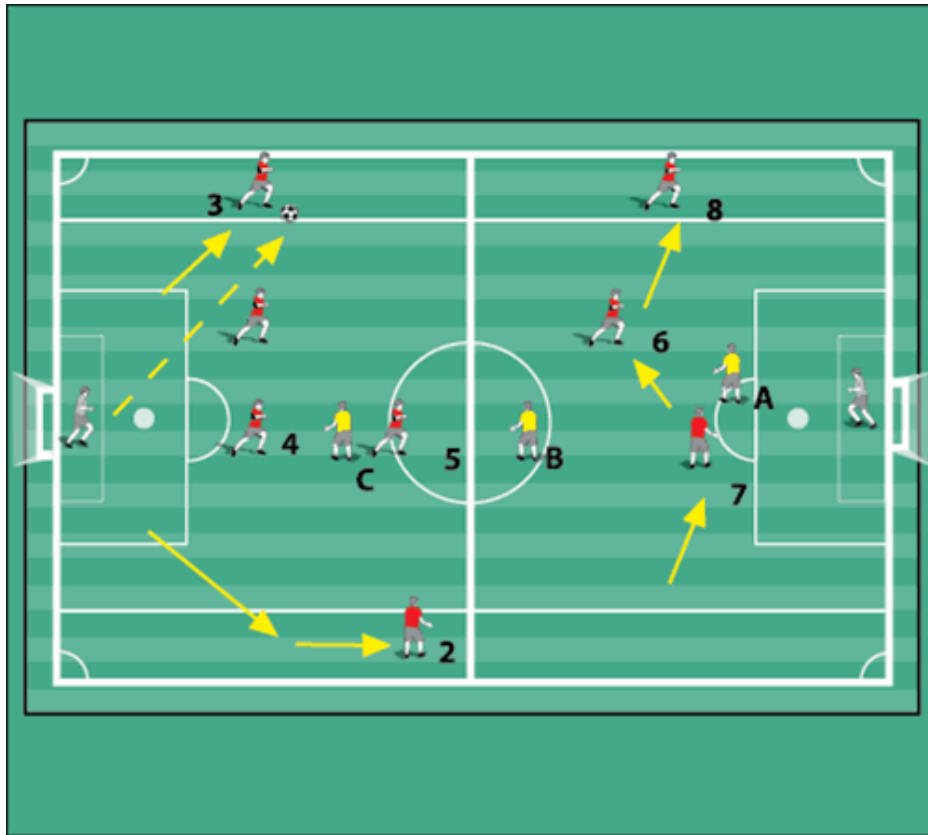
FIELD SET UP WITH COMFORT ZONE IN AN 8 v 8



1. Players make movements off each other. If the striker goes wide as above then the outside midfielder / striker needs to fill the space in the middle so there is a target to play to.
2. (3) gets the ball and has options down the line, into (7), into (5), through (5) to overlapping fullback (2), to (6), back to (4) and so on.

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FIELD SET UP WITH COMFORT ZONE IN AN 8 v 8

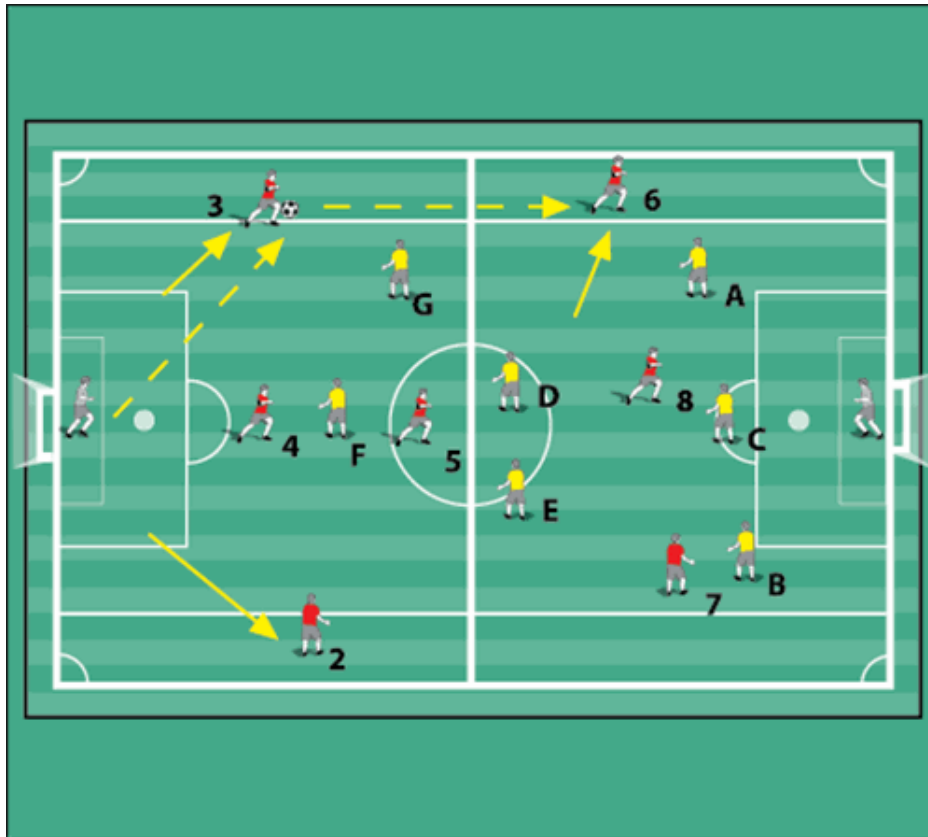


Last week, we progressed the "Comfort Zone" game to an 8v8 situation. Here we progress further by increasing the number of defenders.

1. Building the session up using an overload situation to gain success.
2. Gradually increase the number of opponents until you finish with an 8 v 8 game.
3. Building the numbers up as opponents should ensure a progressive situation where each stage of development is successful.

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FIELD SET UP WITH COMFORT ZONE IN AN 8 v 8



Once we add more defenders, we can now work on various combinations.

1. Working an overlap with (3) and (6) both of whom have broken into wide areas. They can of course effect this without opponents being able to challenge them in the comfort zones on the outside. (A) can shadow (6) as (G) can shadow (3).

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