

## Crossing Attacks

Offense, quite simply begins the instant a team gains possession of the puck. So whether puck control is attained in the offensive, neutral or defensive zone the team with the puck is on offense.

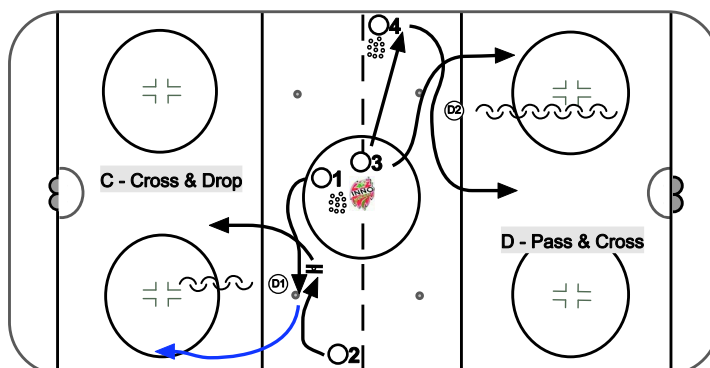
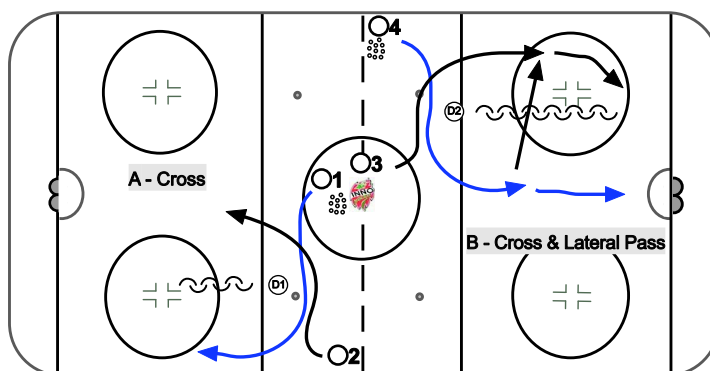
When breaking out of your zone, it's crucial to maintain speed and control through the neutral zone in order to gain entry. Through individual, 2-player and team tactics, the offensive team can create a series of threats through the neutral zone, that will keep the defense struggling to react to offensive pressure.

### OPTIONS

- A. **Cross** – Players cross but do not exchange puck
- B. **Cross & Lateral Feed** – Players cross and then puck is quickly passed across laterally
- C. **Cross & Drop** – Players cross and puck carrier leaves puck for other player
- D. **Pass & Cross** – Play starts with a quick lateral pass in the neutral zone and then players quickly cross, exchanging lanes

### KEP | Key Execution Points:

- Crosses must be flat
- No “tail” on drop passes – stop puck on backhand and leave it stationary



### CIRCLE & CROSS 2V2

The following drill reinforces the tactic in a game-like situation.

#### DRILL DESCRIPTION

- O1 and O2 skate circles and attack D1 and D2 - 2 on 2
- Option to exchange puck on first cross
- D1 and D2 skate forward to blueline, pivot and retreat to defend 2 on 2.
- Crossing attack options can be utilized at any point

