
Livermore Fusion Principles of Play



THEY - PHASE 2>3:

- RECOVER AND CONTAIN
- SHIFT AND DENY
- MARK AND COLLAPSE



TEAM

1. **All players attack and all players defend:** All players must be involved in the game as a unit.
2. **Numerical advantage:** Soccer is a game of numbers where we try to create a numerical advantage in attack and avoid being in a numerical disadvantage in defense.
3. **Flow of the ball:** The ball should flow from inside (of the space) to outside and outside to inside. Balls out wide are more secure and the ball in the middle increases the options of play.
4. **Triangle principle and passing options:** The player in possession of the ball must receive constant support and have at least two passing options.
5. **Speed of play:** Quick movement of the ball creates 2v1 situations.
6. **Movement off the ball:** Find the best available space to create passing options for the player in possession of the ball.
7. **Pressure as a unit:** Organized pressure forces the opponents to commit errors.
8. **Transition:** Improve transition by reducing the number of passes needed to arrive at the target area or the opponent's goal.
9. **Direction of the game:** The game flows in two directions. Keep the essence of the game in the majority of your practices.
10. **Take initiative during the game:** Team breakdowns will occur. The team must be capable of adapting to new situations and imposing its own style of play during the game.

Team System: 1-4-3-3

THEY PHASE 2>3



- 3 Forwards
- 3 Midfielders
- 4 Backs
- 1 Goalkeeper



Recover and Contain after Wide Penetration: #7 and #11

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxVR16pDIIA>



THE **BALL-SIDE** WINGER RECOVERS **GOAL-SIDE** AND **FORCES** THE BALL WIDE. THE **WEAK-SIDE** WINGER RECOVERS BACK AND INSIDE TO **COVER** AND MARK IN THE **GOAL CHANNEL**. THE #7 AND #11 MUST BE MOBILE IN ORDER TO COVER SPACE AND TAKE PRIDE IN REGAINING BALL POSSESSION WITH THE TEAM.

Shift and Deny after Wide Penetration: #6 #8 #10

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8lTqiO-KSw>



THE 3 CENTRAL MIDFIELDERS WILL GO FROM A **POINT-DOWN** TRIANGLE

INTO A **POINT-UP** TRIANGLE ▲ AS THE 6 **SHIFTS** AND **COVERS** TO THE **BALL-SIDE**

Collapse and Compact after central penetration: #7 and #11

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxVR16pDIIA>



IF OUR OPPONENTS **PENETRATE** CENTRALLY THE #7 AND #11 **RECOVER** GOAL-SIDE OF THE BALL AND FORM A LINE OF 4 PLAYERS WITH THE #8 AND #10. ALTHOUGH THE PRIMARY TEAM SYSTEM IS 1-4-3-3 IN TRANSITION WE>THEY THE **TEAM LINES** BECOME A RIGID AND COMPACT LINES OF 1-4-1-4-1

Collapse, Shift and cover: space between Midfield and Back-line

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEJgFJRtJJl>



IF OUR OPPONENT IS ABLE TO PLAY A PENETRATING PASS **BETWEEN THE LINES** (BEHIND MID - IN FRONT OF DEF) PLAYERS NEAREST THE BALL **COLLAPSE**. PLAYERS FURTHER FROM THE BALL **SHIFT, COVER** or **MARK**

Step-up and stay Compact: ALL 11 Players

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYz449-kiSs>



FORCING A BACKWARD PASS FROM OUR OPPONENT IS SUCCESS IN DEFENSE. WE GAIN TERRITORY AND PUSH THEM AWAY FROM OUR GOAL. OUR TEAM WE WILL URGENTLY **STEP-UP** TO TAKE THE SPACE CONCEDED BY A **NEGATIVE PASS** AND COMPACT **SPACE BETWEEN THE LINES** OR OUR TEAM.

Fusion SC Vocab (THEY)

THEY – The term meaning that THEY have the ball

Please pick two words from the list below and write the definition THEY have the ball

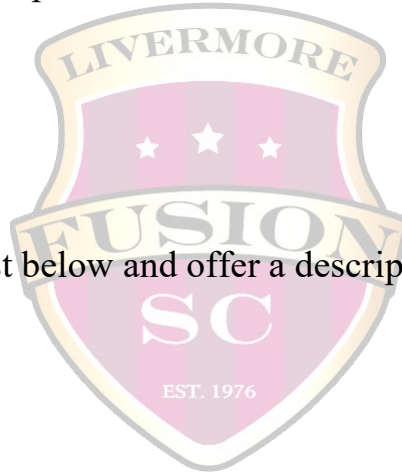
1st Defender

1. Pressure
2. Direct and Deny
3. Block tackle
4. Poke tackle

Please choose one word from the list below and draw a picture. Use X and O for player, show movements, solid lined arrow for a pass, dotted line arrow for a player run

2nd Defender

1. Cover
2. Mark
3. Pass-on



Please pick one word from the list below and offer a description in a short video (30 secs or less)

Group Concepts

1. Compact
2. Funnel or Trap
3. Double or Collapse
4. Recover
5. Counter-press

Please pick one phase of play and write everything you know about the key moments in that Phase, use your Fusion terminology to describe

Team Tactics

1. THEY - Phase 1
2. THEY - Phase 2
3. THEY - Phase 3
4. THEY - Phase 4