



POSITIONAL PROFILES (Under 11s and up)

GOALKEEPER

Good communication and organises the defence

Adopts a high starting position when team in possession, ready to offer an angle for a back pass

Good control and distribution with both feet

Can vary distribution from the hands, always looking to start attacks

Quick reactions including when needed to block shots or intercept an opponent's through ball

Very brave and a good shot-stopper

WIDE DEFENDER

Offers width when in possession & always ready to receive from goalkeeper

Loves to get forward and offer support to attackers (overlaps / combination play)

Strong and aggressive in 1v1 situations

Makes good decisions on when to press and when to hold

Communicates well with fellow defenders and understands how to defend as part of a unit (press, slide, drop etc.)

Loves tackling including blocking shots and crosses

CENTRAL DEFENDER

Very strong and courageous and committed to winning 1v1 duels

Communicates well with fellow defenders and understands how to defend as part of a unit (press, slide, drop etc.)

Very good organisational skills, is focused and shows good concentration levels

Loves blocking shots, clearing the danger area and is good in the air

Comfortable on the ball and can take the ball into midfield

Can pass the ball short and long

DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDER

Very efficient in possession with good pass success rate A real team player who will protect the defenders Good reader of the game who regains possession regularly; intercepts and tackles well Aware of what is around him at all times ("can play through 360 degrees") Good range of passing, always looking to start attacks Excellent stamina, tracks and marks opponents well and recovers quickly

ATTACKING MIDFIELDER

Always available and able to receive the ball, even if under pressure Will always look for space and offer an option to teammate in possession Very creative and skilful and loves to have attempts on goal Looks to play quickly and loves attacking defenders Good passing skills and sees opportunities for combination play Takes up good positions when opponents have possession, always being ready to counter attack

WIDE MIDFIELDER / WINGER

Good receiving and turning skills and looks to play forward Looks to isolate defenders and receive the ball in dangerous positions Has explosive speed and excellent skill to consistently beat opponents 1v1 Provides supply of ball to teammates through accurate passing and good crossing ability Loves to score goals and regularly gets into goalscoring positions himself Always ready to press opponents when team not in possession and fill in for his attacking full back when required

STRIKER

Works very hard, always showing for teammates and providing an outlet whilst also pressing opponents when they have the ball

Excellent movement and positioning, always looking to attack space or create space for others

Creative and clever at set up play, linking with teammates for combination moves

Strong and aggressive to hold the ball up and keep possession

Good goalscoring abilities using a wide range of finishes with both feet and also headers

Always alert with good reaction skills and determination

Loves to attack 1v1 and gets shots on goal