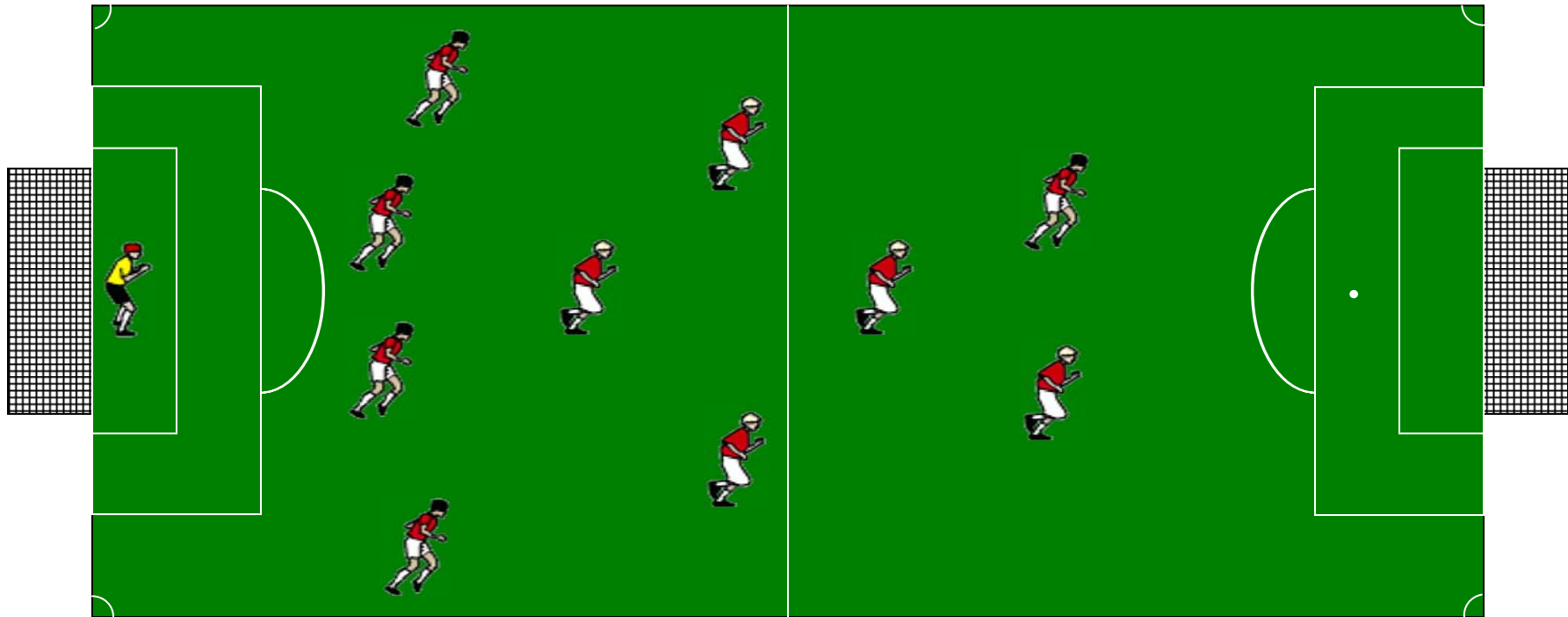




Kentucky Youth Soccer Association Systems of Play 11 v 11



4-4-2 Option 1: French National Team

STRENGTHS

- * Four options for goalkeeper means easy for the team to play out of the back
- * Easier to play with flat back 4 and no sweeper
- * Two wide midfielders help team with width in the attack
- * Attacking midfielder playing in behind the front two may have a lot of space to play in
- * Big spaces in attacking half of the field for midfield and defenders to flood into
- * Three midfielders pinched in front of back four provides team with good defensive integrity
- * Due to midfielders pinched in, it allows good space for fullbacks to overlap into the attack

WEAKNESSES

- * Unless fullbacks get forward can lead to teams attacking with no width
- * Difficult to put opponents under pressure in their defensive third
- * Need key attacking midfield personality with the ability to unlock a defense with good dribbling skills, intelligent passing, dangerous runs and a range of shooting
- * Defensive shape means susceptible to teams with good attacking width
- * Attacking midfield must defend intelligently without losing their attacking effectiveness
- * Can lead to a team being dominated in midfield in the defensive half if a midfielder is not disciplined

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