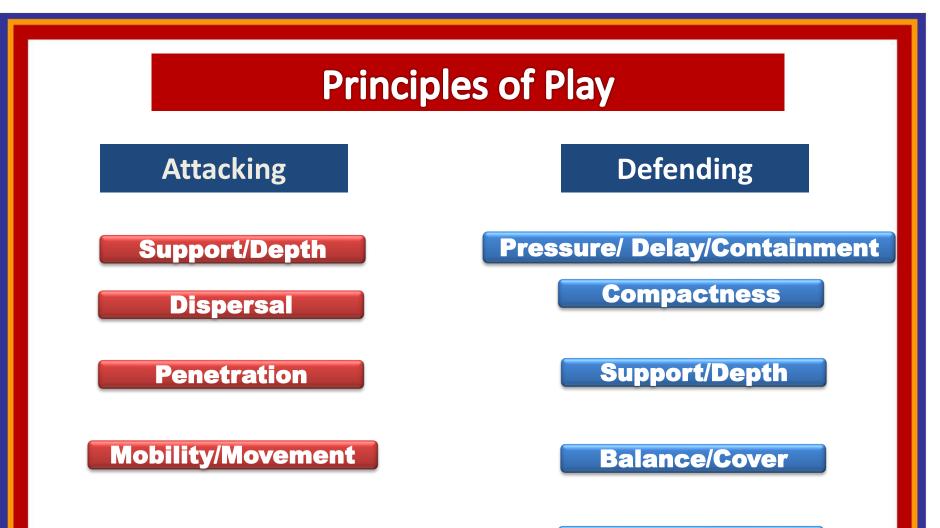
Principles Of Play

- Principles of Play are important as they emphasize the underlying concepts of the game which allow for players to work on their game sense.
- Coaches use these principles as a reference point in reading the game, to guide players during the game, to assess team play, to make adjustments.
- There are Attacking and Defending Principles



Individualism

Control/Restraint

Support/Depth

Passing options provided 360 to the player with the ball



Penetration

When you are passing, dribbling forward or shooting, you are attempting penetration.



Dispersal

Positively using the large playing space by having players spread out all over.



Individualism

The ability of an individual player to do the unexpected

Mobility/Movement

The movement of players around the field in order to opponents problems



Support/Depth

While the ball is being pressured all other players should be getting into defensive positions. The positions taken should support the pressuring defender in case they are beaten. This is called providing defensive cover.



Pressure/Delay/Containment



Balance/Cover

As your team concentrates their defense in the area of the ball, defenders not near the ball must position themselves to cover important spaces (normally central areas) in order to prevent attackers from making penetrating runs into these spaces



Compactness

Control/Restraint

Counter dispersal. The resistance of being stretched and spread out by the opponents

Defending with composure, individual/team understanding and awareness

