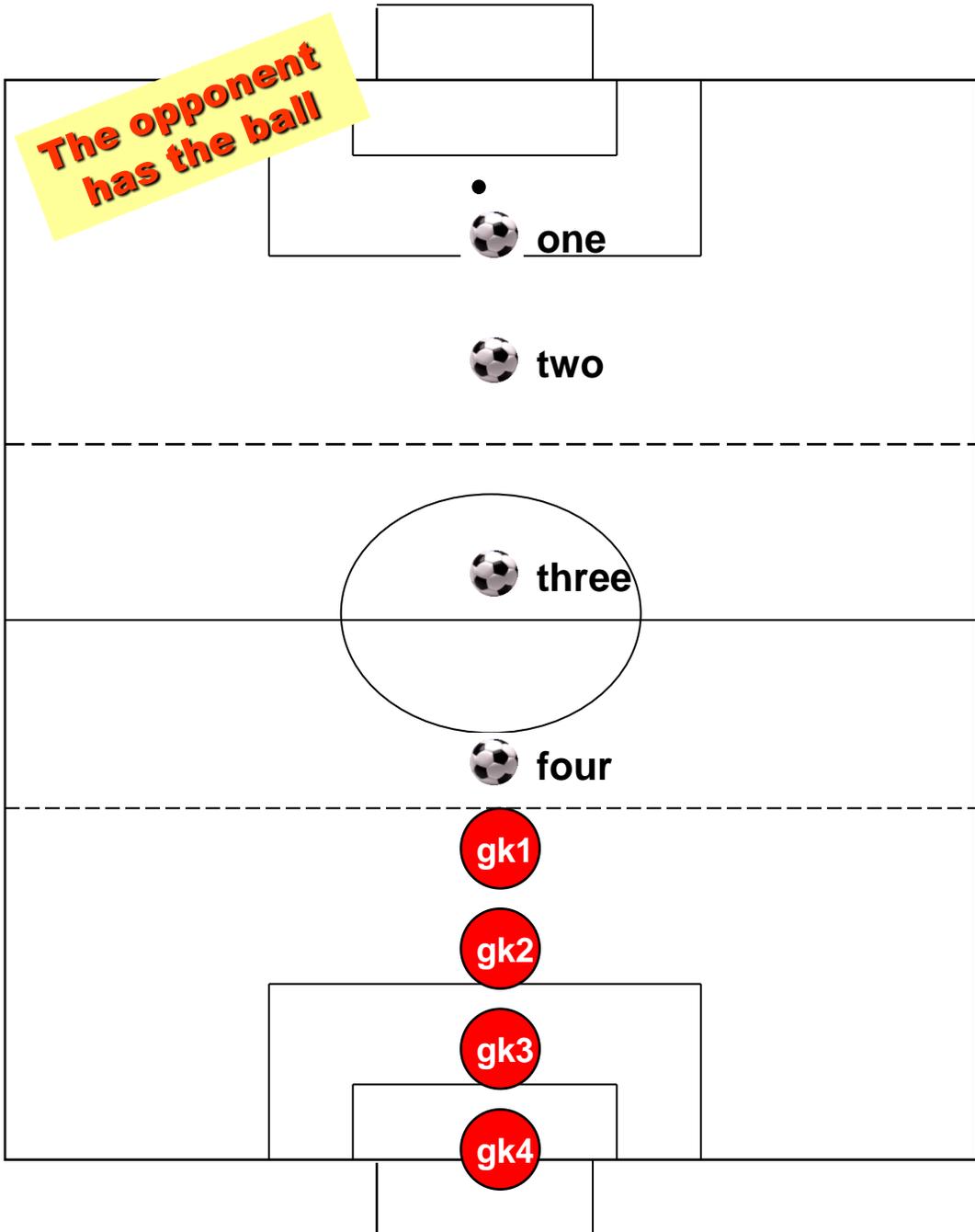


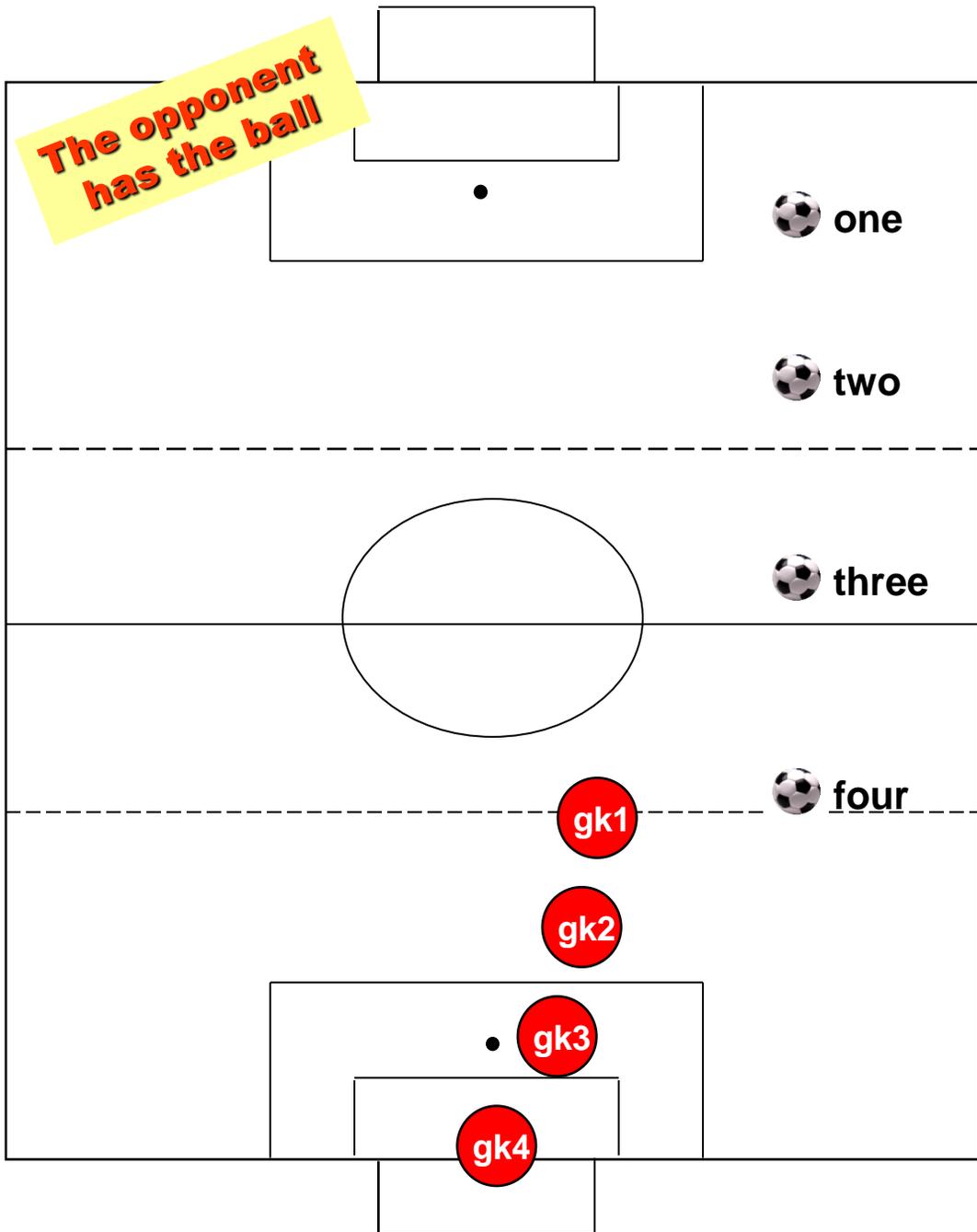
GOALKEEPER AND DEFENDER POSITIONING IN 6V6 SMALL-SIDED GAMES



Avoid having the goalkeeper stay on the back line all the time. The keeper should move up and back with the ball. The keeper needs to be the sweeper for the team and be alert and ready at all times for long “through” balls from the opposition.

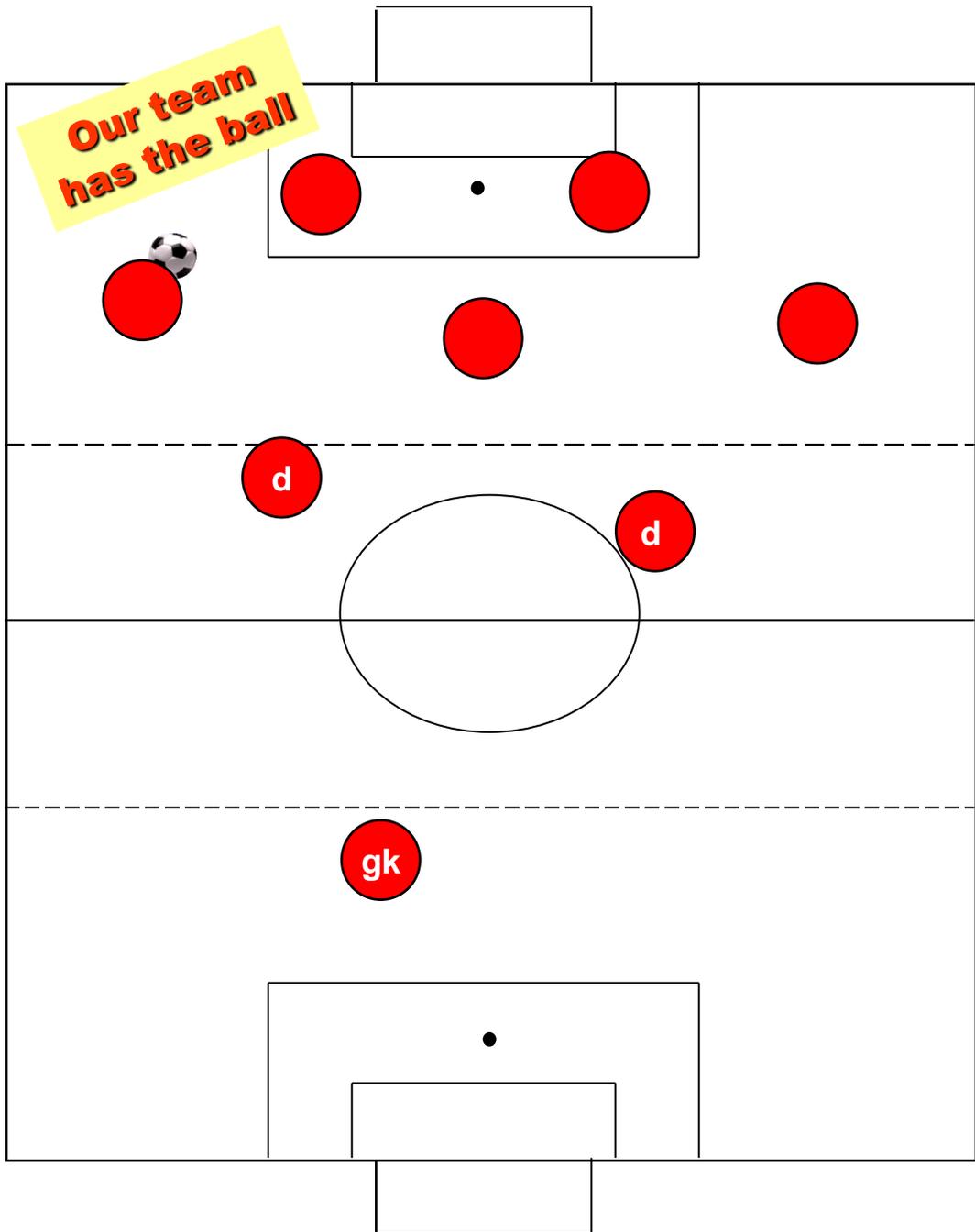
When the ball is at position one, the keeper is at K1. At two, it is K2, at three, K3, and at four, K4. Once the opposition have won possession and begin to bring the ball forward, the keeper drops back, facing forward but moving backwards.

Of course, the keeper must always be far enough back to protect the goal from opposing players who position themselves far up.



The keeper positioning principles also apply if the ball comes up the side. The keeper advances up and to the side also to position himself between the ball and the goal.

As the opponent move the ball forward towards our goal, the keeper drops back as previously mentioned.



When moving forward, the keeper should push his defenders (d) up so that they can help the attack. Defenders should move beyond the halfway line to assist the attack as it moves into the attacking third.