



Flagstaff Revolution Winger Position Guide

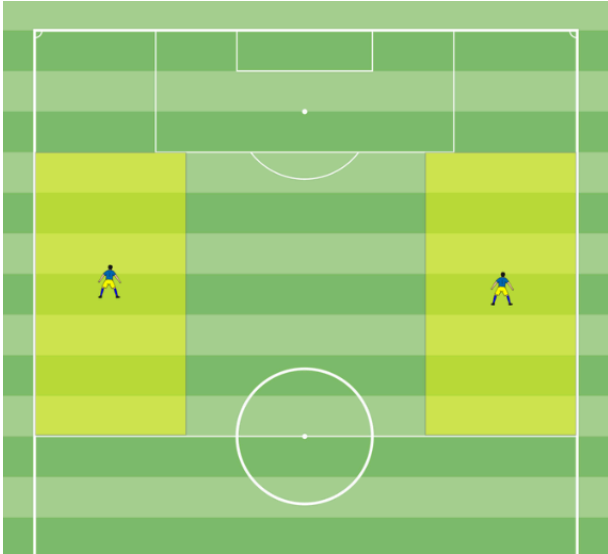
The purpose of this guide is to help parents and players better understand the roles and responsibilities of a Flagstaff Revolution winger. Wingers are forwards and are therefore tasked with attacking the opponent's goal and the area near it as well as defending from the front of the formation by pressing the opponent in their own half.

A Versatile Position

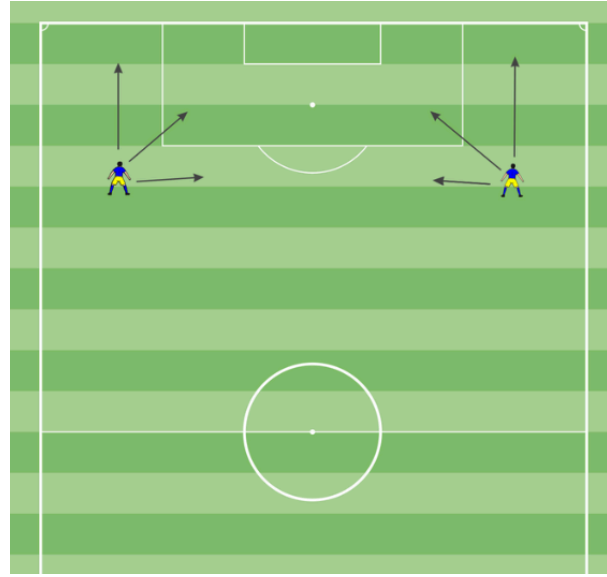
Wingers can be tasked in various ways depending on their individual strengths, the needs of the team, and/or the tactics of the opponent. Wingers may be chosen due to a combination of speed and ability to cross the ball, their solid understanding of space and ability to get open in dangerous areas, or their abilities in 1v1 situations. Some coaches prefer wingers to play on their "traditional side" with left footers on the left and right footers on the right. Others prefer that their wingers play inverted so they can shoot on their dominant foot while driving towards goal from their wide position. Depending on the situation, wingers may be tasked with positioning themselves as far up field as possible while at other times they may be asked to pull back and provide width to the midfield. When defending, they work with the striker(s) to press opponents in their own half and to cover passing lanes and potential passing targets when not pressing the ball carrier.

Basic Positioning

Wingers must provide width for the team when in possession. Due to their wide positioning, they will frequently become the "free man" and will be targeted with passes in order for the team to advance the ball. While playing on the wings they should be active in finding space either between opponent lines so they can receive passes. They may also work into the half spaces (especially when inverted) to exploit open space and/or provide numerical superiority.



When defending, the wingers must work together with the striker to press the opponent in their own half either by pressuring the opponent directly or cutting out passing lanes and options. As the opponent progresses the ball into our half, they must retreat in order to continue to help win possession of the ball back.



Depending on their individual skill sets and the needs of the team, wingers may be tasked in a variety of different ways. If they are fast and physical they will often be played on the traditional side and asked to drive the ball towards the end line and then cross into the penalty area. If a winger has a lot of power and accuracy when shooting they may be played in an inverted role so they can attack the goal more easily.

If the team is struggling to build out of their own half, wingers may be tasked with pulling back to provide width in midfield or even to make runs behind the defense for direct passes.



Required Skills

- Ability to win 1v1 duels via speed, physicality, and skill
- Understanding of space and timing to make runs open channels and receive passes
- Accurate crossing—both aerial and on the ground
 - Especially when playing inverted, wingers need to be capable of crossing with their weak foot
- Clean and productive first touch that enables them to receive passes calmly and evade pressure
- Ability to shoot for both power and accuracy as well as an ability to finish at the back post
- Clear understanding of when an attack has fizzled and when to recycle possession



Video Analysis

Inverted Wingers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SJKf3noVA0>

Traditional Wingers

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

Online Soccer Academy Breakdowns

How to Play Winger

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFhVkZhy74k>

Train to Dribble "Like a Winger"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FarKsMH3bN4>

F2 Freestylers (Advanced Skills)

Favorite Moves with Eden Hazard

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJfLoLcn1BY>

How to Play Like Messi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibBfQYM9JqY>

Winger Highlights

Lionel Messi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ze-MlHaogg>

Neymar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIuKJ7qU-Ig>

Young Cristiano Ronaldo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xX8ZNnggmC0>

Arjen Robben

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eoSL0bj0BLU>

Jadon Sancho

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0bCF-ik2E>

Christian Pulisic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UUkuJPfWZI>



Tim Weah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKFMreQt4Cw>