



## Futsal Formation – The 1-2-1

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The 1-2-1 is the intermediate formation for players who have mastered the skills of passing and trapping and understand the basic offense and defensive roles of the futsal player. No longer do we use the Defender and Forward description as we place a player on each flank called the 'Ala's', one holding defender called the 'Fixo' and one post player called the 'Pivo'. The shape is now one of a diamond and gives us depth. The progression to the next phase is dependent on dropping both Ala's back to form a line of 3 and finding a player suitable to be a true Pivo who is fit, willing to work extremely hard to get open for the ball and comfortable playing with their back to goal.



The Pivo runs from side to side dependent on which Ala has the ball to make himself open to receive passes. Short checking runs need to be made on a regular basis.

Opposite side Ala's should always look to get to the far post for service of balls from the opposite side Ala or the Pivo who has received the ball at the post.

The Fixo must stay and do his best to communicate to keep one holding Ala. This allows for attacking with 2 players and supporting/defending with 2 players.

When there is not 2 players with the awareness and commitment to defend goals against will happen via counterattack.