

Chaska 2021 Offensive Concepts



Our Identity

For Chaska Lacrosse to succeed, our offense needs to embody an ACTIVE mentality to have an advantage over our opponent's defense:

- **A**nticipate - think one step ahead of your opponent; develop your Lacrosse IQ
- **C**ourage - to push past what you think you can do; don't be afraid to fail
- **T**echnique - focus on right skills; practice develops skills
- **I**nvoke - probe for weakness; attack relentlessly at right time
- **V**alue - opponent will never score if ball is on our offensive end; RIDE
- **E**nergy - first item you control is your effort



Offensive Concepts + Terminology

Offense called: **PAIRS**

Why?

- Continuous interaction between 3 groups of paired teammates
- Most likely Middie-Middie, Middie-Attack, Attack-Attack

Offensive Zones

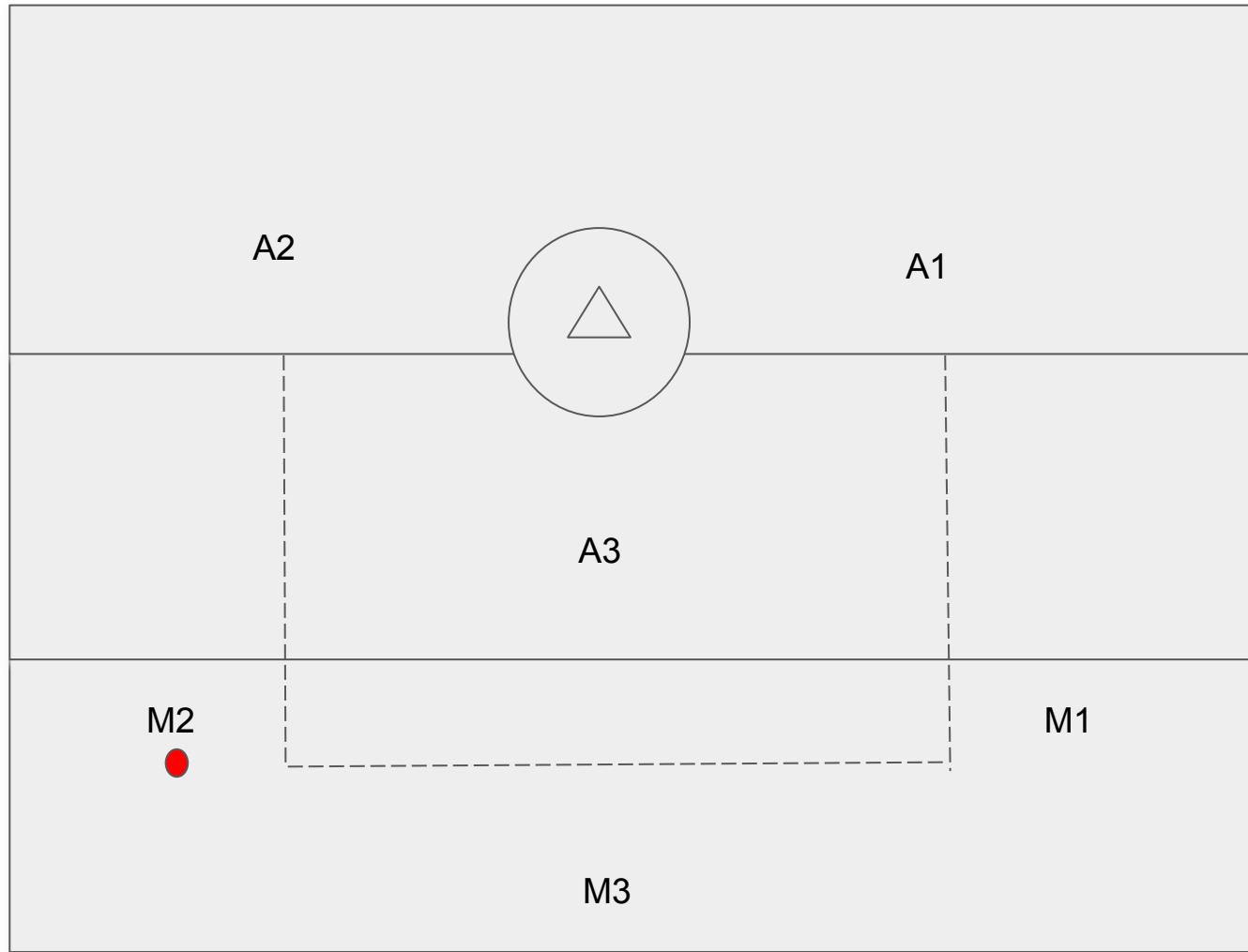
- 1, 2 or 3 - Stacked area in our offensive box
- 1 = GLE and behind
- 2 = GLE up to slightly below top of box
- 3 = Just under top of box to ~5 yards above top of box

Beginning Structure: 1-3-2

- 2 attack below GLE



Offensive
Zone



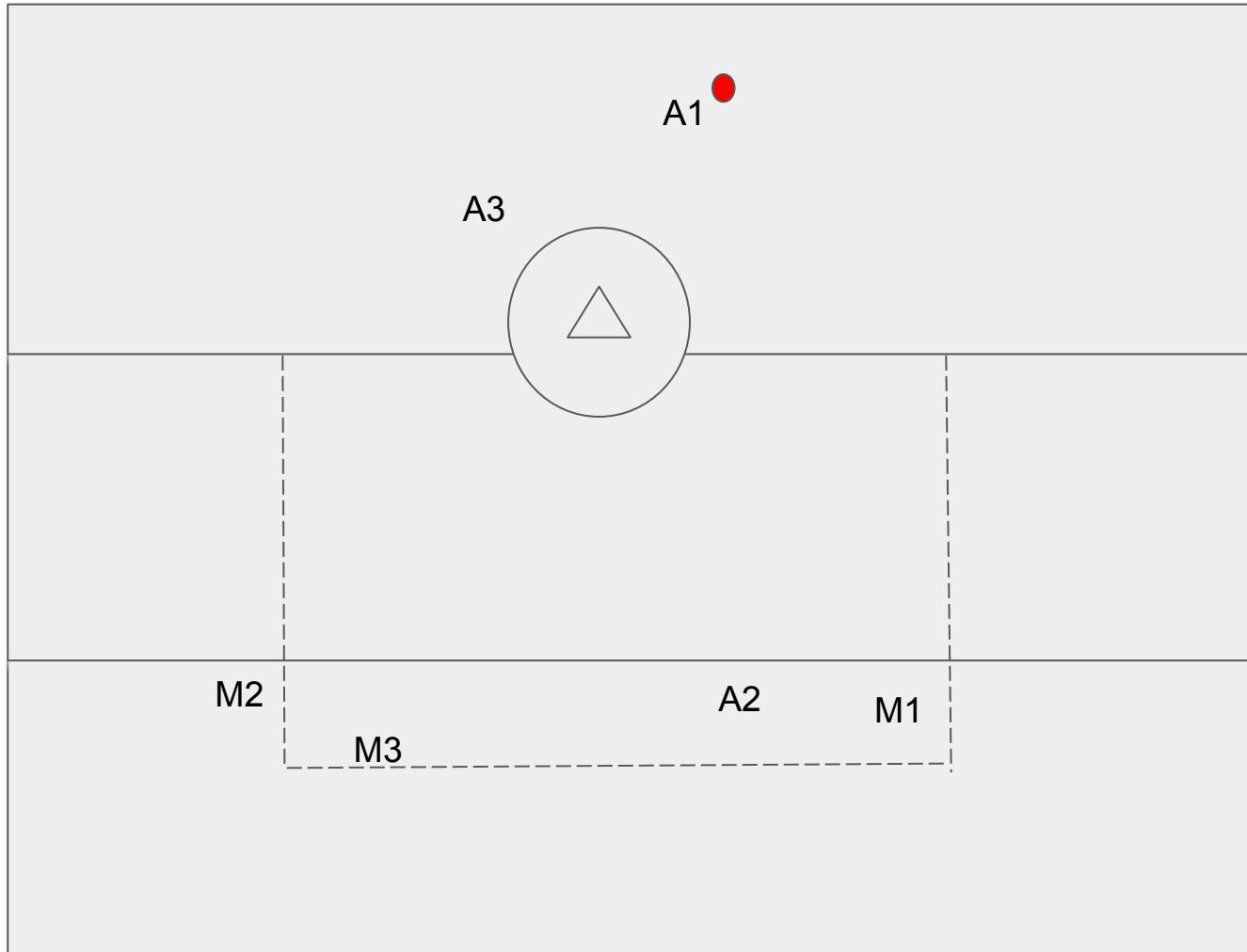
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Three-Stage Philosophy:

1. Value Ball = Maintain possession, little/no interest in attempting to score
 - a. Why? Time to substitute, give defense a breather, burn clock
 - b. Call = **VIVA!**
2. Initiate Offense = Move into formation to run offense, attempt to score
 - a. Call = Offensive Zone + Player name = **“3 Jimmy” or “2 Timmy” or “1 Bobby”**
3. Ride = Get the ball back after goalie save, turnover, etc.
 - a. Time for us to work HARD to keep ball in our offensive end
 - b. Calls:
 - i. **ZERO** - Zone Ride - 3 attack zone at 45, middies match-up, poles match-up
 - ii. **CHASE** - 2 attack chase ball, 1 attack mark up with d-pole, middies & poles match-up
 - iii. **LIZARD** - Lock out all but goalie
 - iv. **TANGO** - 10-Man Ride - Attack=Chase, Middies=Lock, 1 Pole=Center Roam, 2 Poles=Lock, Goalie=Guard lowest Attack



“1-”



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“2-”

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A3

M1

2

M2

M3

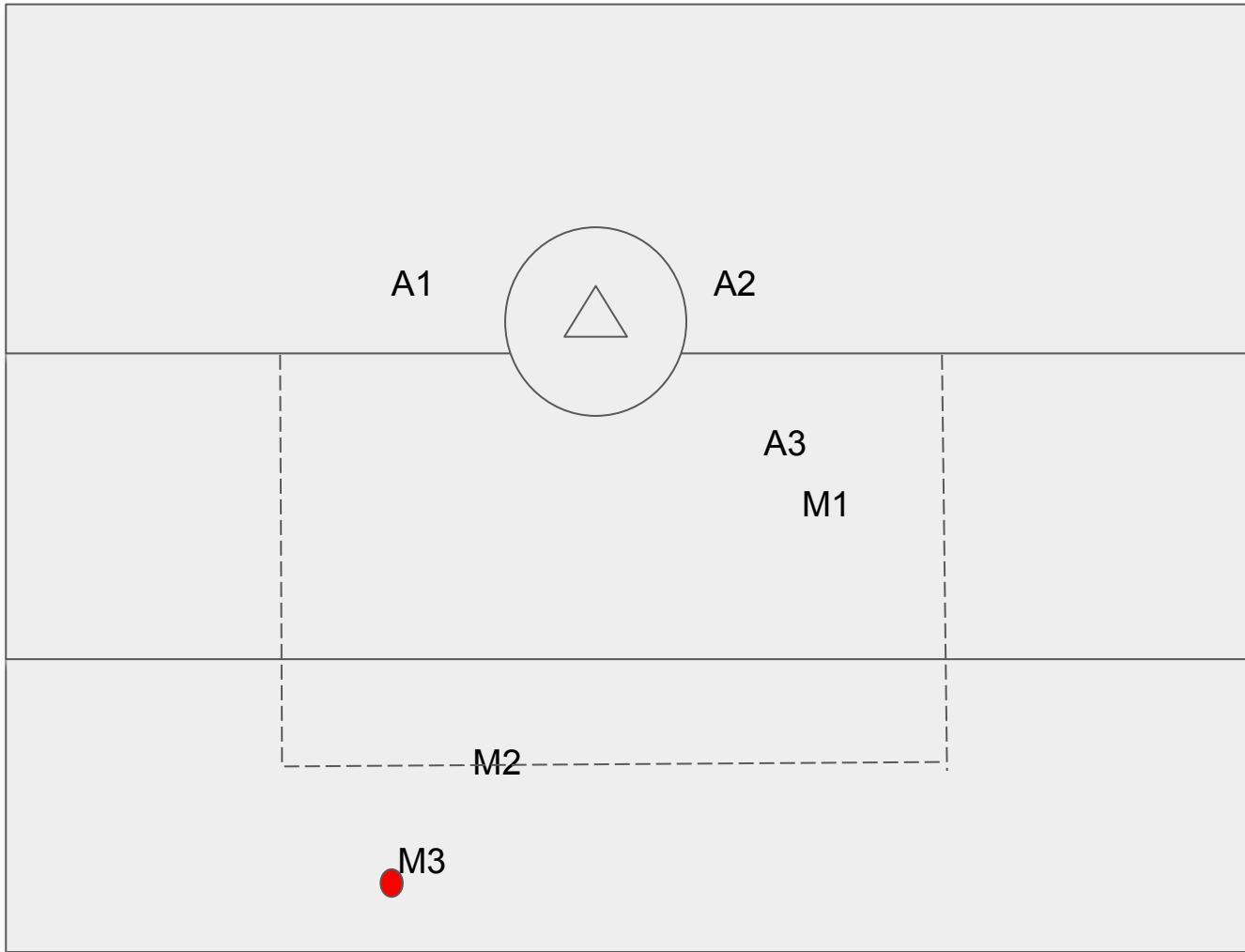
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Offensive Skill Requirements

1. **Passing/Catching** - Maintaining Viva
2. **Protection Skills** - Bounce, Cradle, Arm Bar, etc.
3. **Setting & Using Picks**
4. **Spacing, Spacing, Spacing**
 - a. Offense designed to spread out defense.
5. **Off-Ball Movement**
 - a. Never stop while initiating offense (1-, 2-, 3-)
 - b. Timing
6. **Creativity**
 - a. Most offense has no set play
 - b. Require us to beat man, move to open spaces with head up
 - c. Always ready to pass/catch/shoot
7. **Resiliency**
 - a. Understand it is better to reset than make bad shot/pass



Videos on Picks, Two-Man games, etc.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUbfw4dA3X8> - How To Set/Use a Pick

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2-GUVZtJuA> - The Perfect Pick (If can't watch all, start at 8:20)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZUejxcrTWq> - Duke v Virginia

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=580&v=88CIE3rhqYk&feature=emb_logo - Duke Pairs Offense

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxcfMJWpfqE> - Duke 2-man

Individual Drills

What will help you prepare for season?

[Wall Ball](#) - Work on these drills to improve your passing and catching in the clearing game

[High Intensity Interval Training](#) - This is one example of conditioning appropriate for lacrosse. Our game is defined by requiring the endurance to perform short burst athletic movements over a long period of time.

EMO

Our EMO (Extra Man Offense) or Man-up positions are wide open for both Varsity and JV!

Those getting these spots will be those who understand and can successfully practice “3-3” techniques:

- Skip lanes
- Movement
- Draw & Dump

Final Thoughts

This may seem daunting to some of you, but the individual requirements are quite basic. Our level for success will be a result of each of you committing to improving your individual skills while working together. More than anything else - and no different from any other offense - success will hinge on your willingness to try hard, step outside of your comfort zone and your ability to brush off setbacks and try again.

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