

# Attacking Corner Kick Tactics



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## 1. 3 players of the edge of the box Corner tactic

The aim this corner is to have players running to different areas of the box to attack the cross as it comes in.

The player taking the corner must signal to the players

Start your 3 players on the edge of the goal keepers box bunched up.

As the corner is delivered, the players will spilt up and attack a different area of the box.

One player will go to the front post, another to the back and one centrally.

For this corner routine to work is important that all players stick to their specific runs and just because the ball is not going to them it does not mean they can switch off.

Make sure they are staying alert to get any rebounded or deflected efforts on goal.



## 2. Crash the box Corner tactic

This is another simple yet effective corner routine where the 3 players again will start on the edge of the box.

The aim of this cross to put the ball into a dangerous area with 3 players trying to attack the ball, running in from the edge of the area however 1 player will attack the back post and 2 will attack the central area.

The space in the middle will be created by 2 players who will start in the middle.

One player will make a run towards the back post and one towards the back post.

This will allow the 3 players on the edge of the box to attack the space in the middle of the box as the corner is delivered to that area.

With a player making a run towards the front and back post it also increases the chances of winning the cross if it is over or under hit. These players can guide the ball back towards the middle where the 3 players are attacking.



### 3. Crash the box pull back Corner tactic

This will be a similar corner routine to the regular crash the box, however with this routine the aim to create space for a player who could take a shot from in between the penalty spot and the edge of the area.

Instead of 2 players starting from the middle 1, 1 player will start in the middle and make the same run towards the front the post.

The other player will start the run from the back post, with 3 players starting on the edge of the box.

The player in the middle will make a run towards the front post to create space for the 3 attacking players to attack the space that has been left.

This will create space for the player at the back post to make a run towards the middle to receive the ball from the corner kick for an attempt on goal.



#### 4. Pile the Keeper Corner tactic

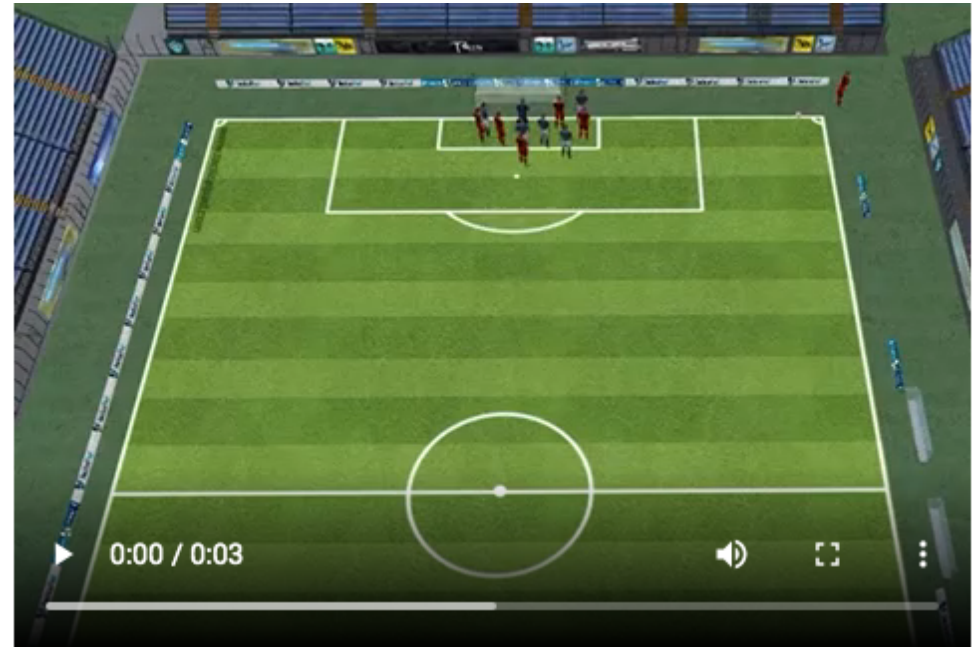
This corner kick routine is used to put the keeper under a lot of pressure as the corner kick comes in.

Typically you want to create space for players to attack at a corner, however with this corner tactic you want to stand as close to the goal keeper as possible only a couple of yards away from your team mates.

This will cause a lot of confusion, communication errors and make it very hard for the keeper to come out and collect the ball.

The more numbers you have in a certain area of the box when the ball is delivered into that area, the higher chance of your team scoring a goal or getting the rebound.

Just be careful that your soccer team does not foul the keeper as they are becoming more protected by the laws of the game when jumping to collect cross.



## 5. Short Corner tactic

This is a perfect corner kick routine if you want to create a more dangerous opportunity to score from by giving yourself a better angle to deliver the cross.

A short corner with an overlap would also allow your team to retain possession, especially if the game is heading into the closing stages and you are trying to protect a narrow lead.

To execute this corner tactic 4 players will start on the edge of the box who are looking to attack the middle.

Before the other team has a chance to organize a 1 player will peel off from this group of 4 and create the option for a short pass.

This should now create a 2v1 scenario.

The player who took the corner will now make an overlapping run behind the play who just received the ball.

This gives the player on the ball to dribble past the defender on the outside or cut it back to the player who to the corner to cross the ball into the box.

Attackers should be careful for the offside trap, a well organized defensive team will know to step up when the ball gets played backwards.





## 6. Back post header corner tactic

This corner tactic is great if you have tall players on your team or players with a good jumping ability.

With this corner the cross is aimed towards the back post where these players will win the header and either get an attempt off on goal or put the ball back across the box for a teammate to try and score.

It is recommended that the player taking the corner kick is an in-swinging, this is because it will make easier for the player to attacking the ball at the back post a better chance of winning the ball and the cross being more accurate.

To increase your chances of a player winning the ball at the back post you can have 2 players attack the back post.

The other players should find an area where they could score a goal if the header comes back across goal or a position where they can win the ball back and put it into a dangerous area if the defenders clear the ball.

