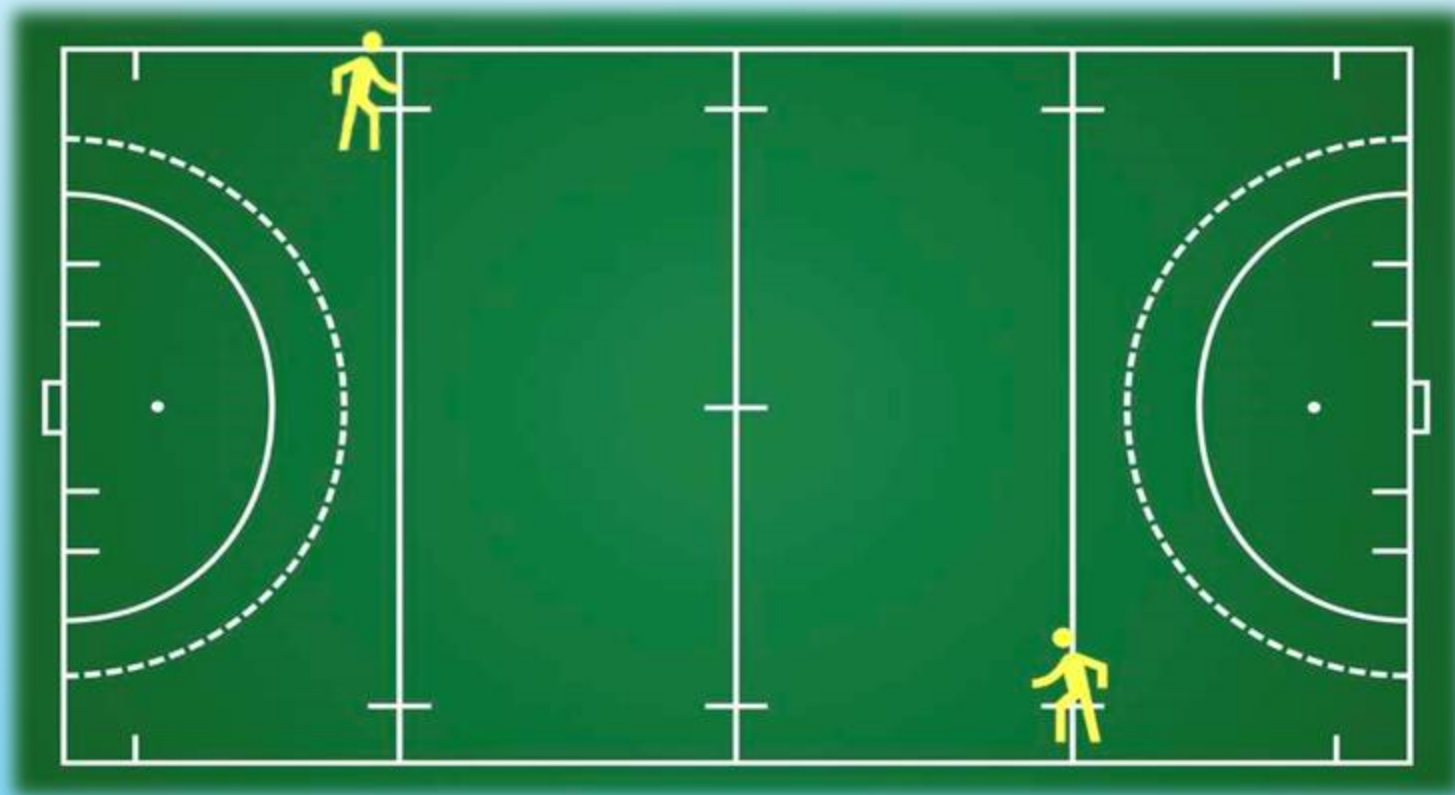


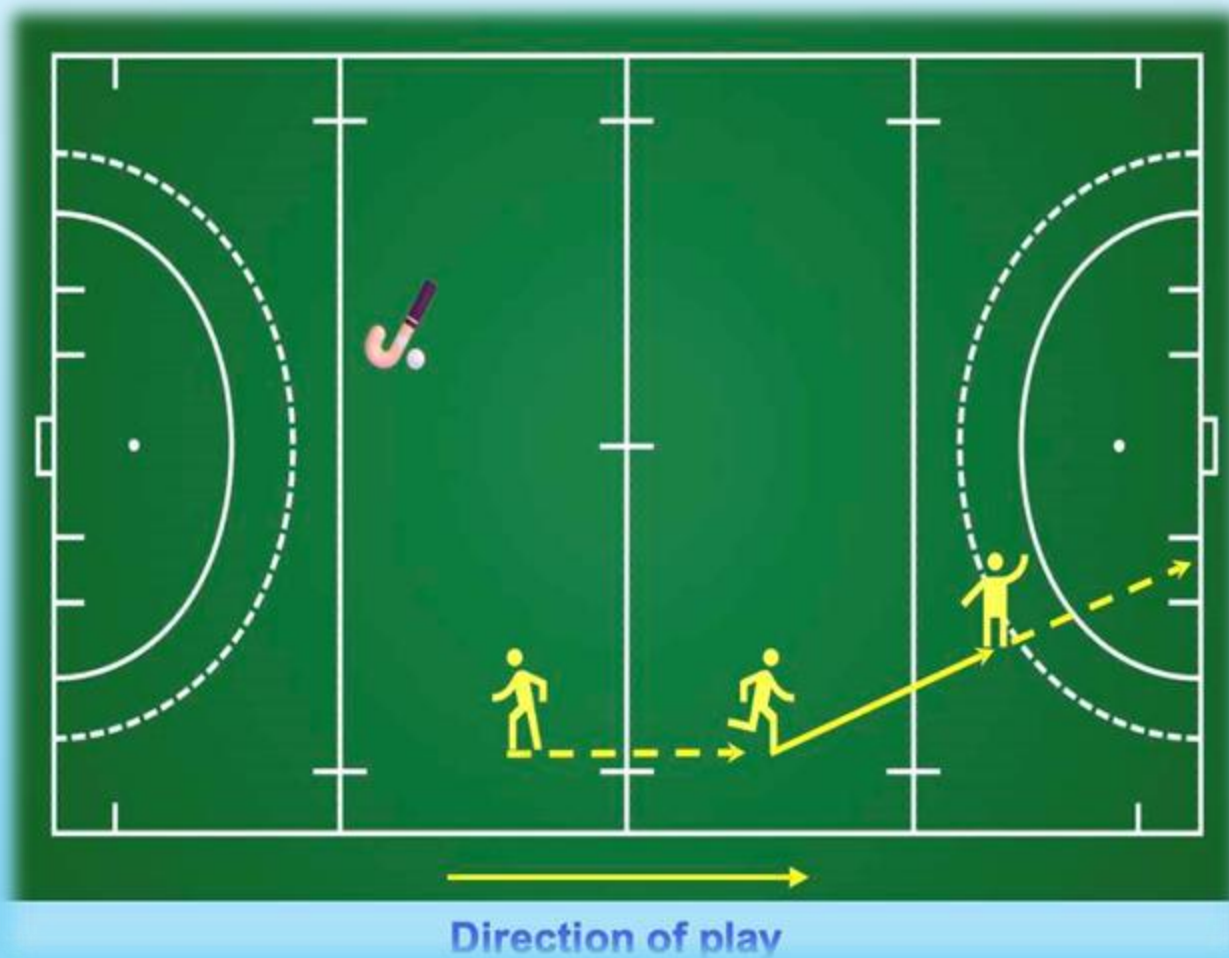
Movement around the pitch


Moving into the best position to make and sell decisions



Aim: To keep ahead of the attack as play moves toward you

This will help you make accurate decisions



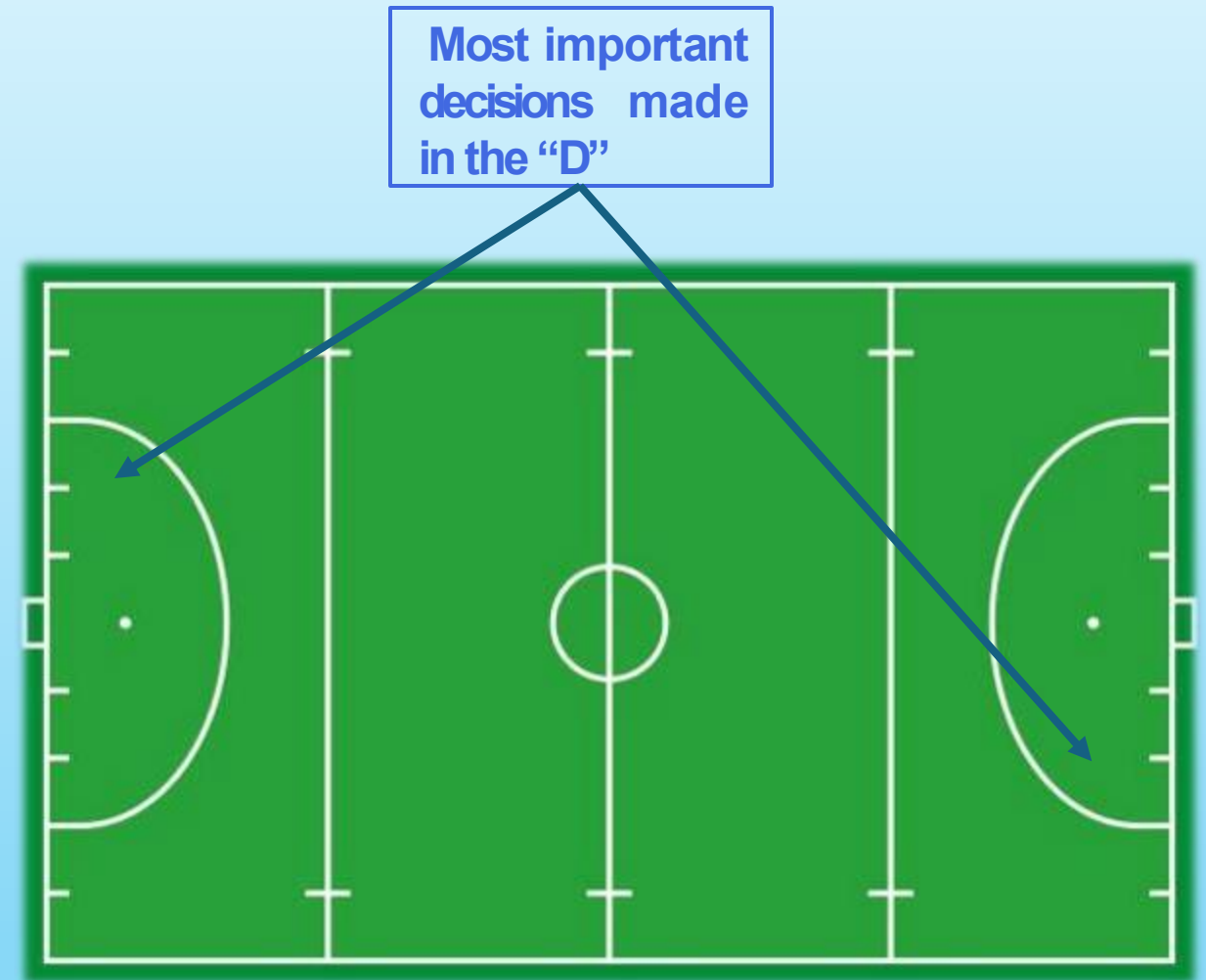
Start moving
immediately on a
turnover 

Move quickly and directly
to your 23 as play
crosses the halfway line

Move back into your 'D'
as play enters your 23

Being in the Right Place

- **Primary Aim**
 - Make the correct decision
 - Sell decisions
 - Provide right support to your colleague
- **Most Important area – In the “D”**

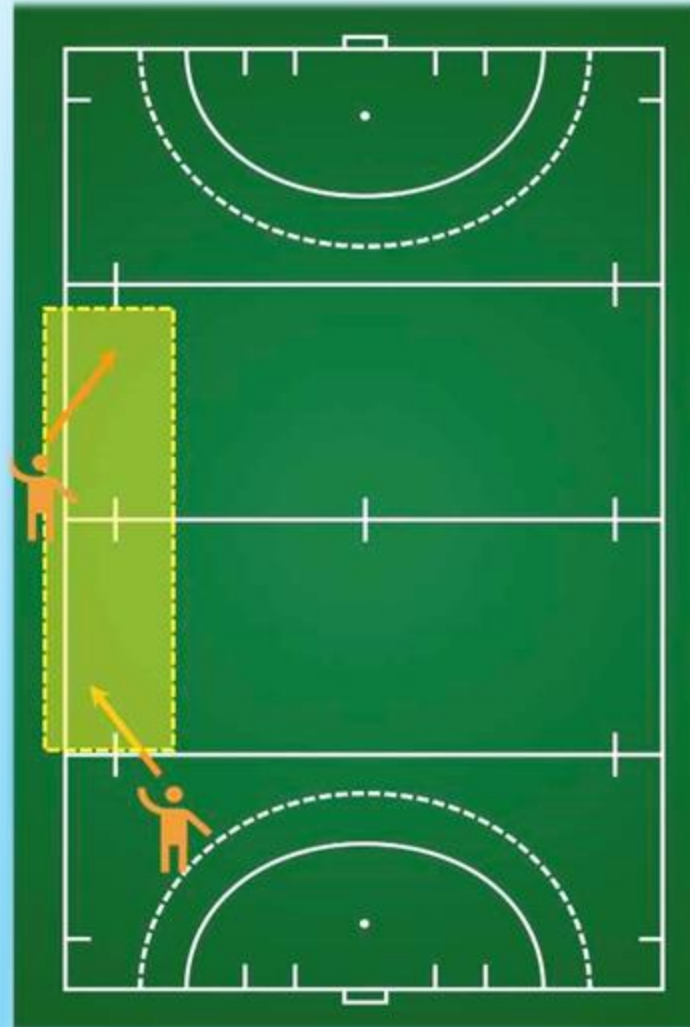


Aim: Ensure you have an angle when looking at play

This will help you to see as much as possible with a clear view

When play is on your
sideline:

1. Stay inside the pitch, or consider moving over the sideline to obtain an angle
2. do not get caught square to the players, or looking through players



A 45° body angle to play and open shoulders gives a clearer view. It enables you to scan to see players behind you and move earlier



Aim: be close to the action and adjust based on the play

‘D’ positioning and repositioning is key to making accurate decisions

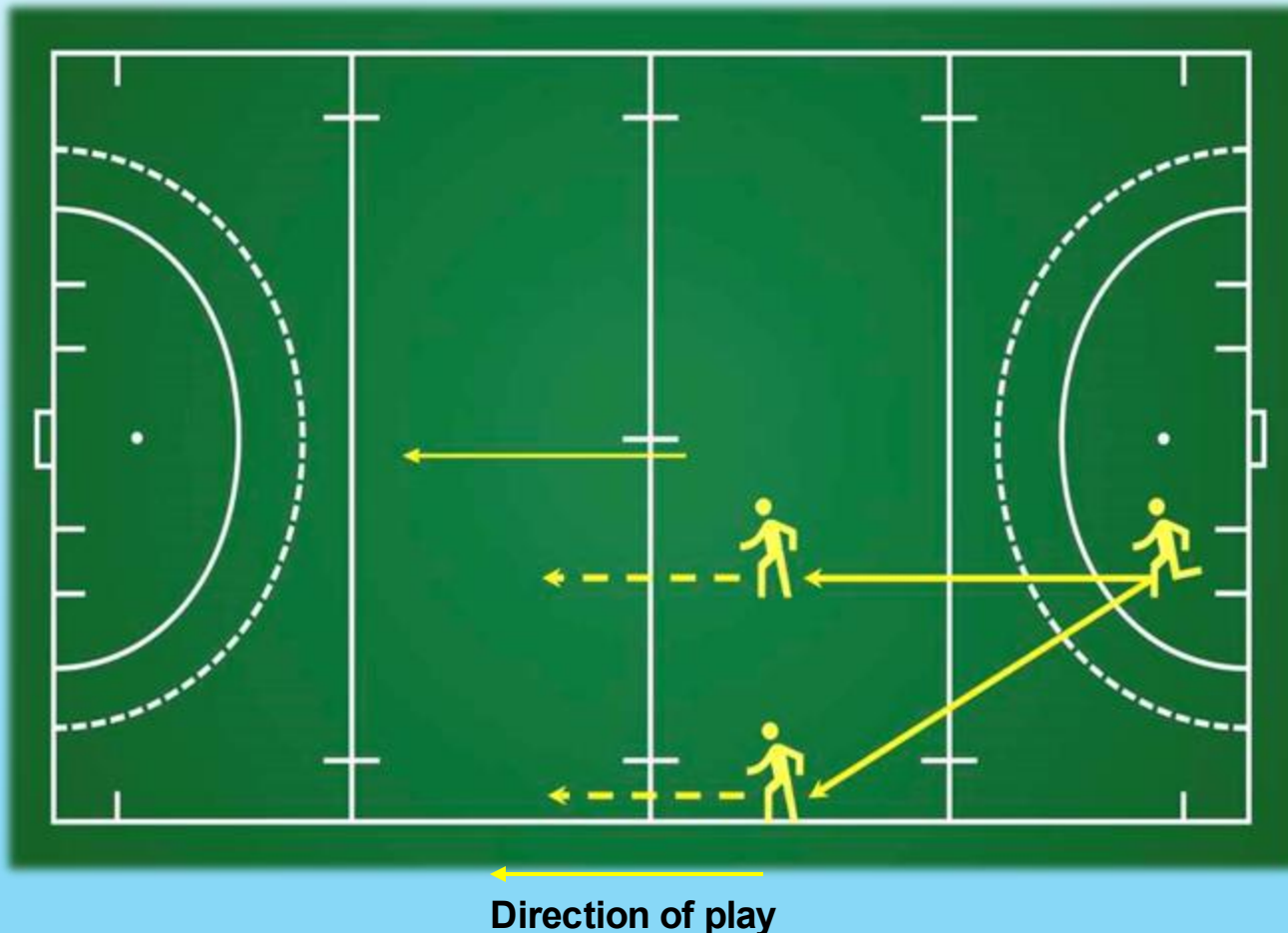
Head for your near post when play is on the far side but if near the back line pull out to get the angle and a clear view



If the goalkeeper comes off their line or goes to ground, move up off the back line so you can have a clear view of the ball

Aim: Keep up with play moving away from you

This will help you make accurate decisions and support your colleague



**Follow play quickly out of your
'D' and '23'**

Keep close to play when it is on
your side, approx $\frac{1}{4}$ pitch

If play is on the far side, move
infield to keep proximity to play
and you colleague

Aim: Ensure you have an angle when looking at play



The umpire is well positioned to have an angle on the sideline hit and at the same time be well placed for when the ball enters the 'D'

Decisions

There are 3 elements to your decisions

➤ **Technical** *(the decision you give)*

- What did you actually see? Positioning is key!

➤ **Management** (the penalty you give)

- Have you identified a breakdown of play? Is it more than just a free hit?

➤ **Communication** *(how you speak & what you say)*

- Have you helped the players to understand? This helps to manage the game!

Key considerations when making decisions

What you should consider when watching the play

1. Has there been an offence, and if so by who?
2. Do I need to blow my whistle or can allow play on?
3. If there has been an offence, do I need to do something?

