ITF Coaches Education Programme
Level 2 Coaching Course

Tactics and patterns for the passing game situation
By the end of this session you should be able to:

• Understand and explain the main tactics and patterns for the:
  – Both from the passing game situation
• Know how and where to play when you are at the baseline and your opponent is at the net
Passing the net player
General considerations

• Intention should be to make the net player “earn” the point.
• All passing-shots should be low.
• It’s better to use the best shot for passing.
Passing the net player
General considerations

• Don’t take unnecessary risks. It’s better to make the opponent volley than hit the passing-shot in the net (hit long rather than short).

• Cross court passing-shot should be hit short and angled.

• Down the line passing-shot should be hit hard and deep.
Passing the net player
General considerations

• Make the opponent volley in a difficult position (e.g. low down the middle) and then pass them with the next shot (2 shot pass).

• Lobs: Always high and deep. Take into account the wind.

• Lobs can open up the court for the pass on the next point.
Passing the net player
Back court shots

• Accurate passing shots with disguise.

• Attacking top spin lob off both wings.
Passing the net player
Good approach vs. Good volley

• Mix in a number of high and deep topspin lobs.

• Make the opponent volley (to see if they miss the volley).

• No free points.
Passing the net player
Good approach vs. Average volley

• Play a passing-shot and make the opponent volley (to see if they miss the volley)

• Play a winning passing-shot.
Passing the net player
Very easy approach

• Play a winning passing-shot or play a lob.