## The Attacking Midfielder's Responsibility

To be an all-round team player. Defend and attack.

- Physical demands:
  - Fitness. You have lots of ground to cover. Good stamina
  - Be competitive. Have good work ethic.
- Technical importance in possession:
  - Quick ball control. Ability to play in congested area.
  - Quality passing, both long and short.
  - Have a quality shot.
  - Be aware and see the next pass or move ahead of time
- Tactical awareness in possession:
  - Read space well. Play between your midfield and the opposition back 4
  - Communicate
  - Keep possession of the ball
  - Break offside traps
- Out of possession:
  - May sometimes cover for full backs or midfield when possession is lost
- While out of possession, keep moving to a position where you can receive the ball, for when regain possession.
  - Communicate and help team mates to keep their defensive shape
- The mental aspects of soccer
  - Toughness. Recover from mistakes.
  - Never intimidated or provoked.
  - Intelligence, good learner.
  - The leader by example.

