



Crew of Three Basketball Officiating 2019-20 Basic Guidelines

PRE-GAME RESPONSIBILITIES

- U-1 – Count/observe visiting team players at 28' mark opposite the table.
- U-2 – Count/observe home team players at 28' mark opposite the table.
- Referee – Inspect court and baskets. Pre-game with scorer and timer at **10:00** minute mark.
- Crew – Meet with captains at **8:00 minutes** and with coaches at **2:00**.

START THE GAME

- U-1 – Tableside at 28' mark, checks for coaches in box, observes toss, start clock w/chop.
- U-2 – Opposite table at 28' mark, responsible for 8 non-jumpers, observes toss.
- Referee – Makes the toss, stays in circle until players clear, usually becomes Trail.
- All officials should confirm the clock has started and that the possession arrow is set correctly.

COURT COVERAGE

Trail

- Works from an initial starting position at or inside the 28' mark - if needed the T can move onto court to avoid straight line.
- Front court PCA is divided at the basketline with Center.
- “Close down” toward endline on scoring attempts. Resist the urge to “bail out” in order to cover plays on the other end.
- Administer throw-ins on near sideline when located above free-throw line extended.
- Responsible for 3-pt attempts in the “alley”.
- In transition, stay with any players still on the floor. Partners must recognize and adjust.
- In backcourt with no pressure, be even with or a half step behind the ball handler.
- Responsibilities on an attempt for goal:
 - From your PCA = stay with shooter, and then rebound/ goal coverage
 - Out of PCA = goal and rebound coverage

Center

- Works from an initial starting position at or inside the weakside FT line extended avoiding being straight lined.
- Front court PCA is at the basketline with Trail.
- Be ready to help Trail at the division line (traps, over and back, block/charge across court).
- "Close down" toward endline on scoring attempts.
- "Stay and Read" on successful attempts (recommend 2 seconds).
- Responsible for "second line of defense" during press.
- It's OK to have 2 C's for a short period of time during a rotation if C has play in primary to officiate. It's NOT OK to have 2 T's.
- Responsibilities on an attempt for goal:
 - From your PCA = stay with shooter, and then rebound/ goal coverage
 - Out of PCA = goal and rebound coverage

Lead

- Initiates all live ball rotations - mirror the ball to close down position and go ball side when ball goes beyond far lane line extended, regardless of where post players are.
- May mark 3-pt. attempts during quick transitions with mirror from T, but L does not give good goal signal.
- Administer sideline throw-ins between FT line extended and end line. Trail assumes count and chops clock.
- Frontcourt throw-ins MAY be administered "inside out" by using the midpoint between the near lane line and the sideline.
- Maintain good depth off the endline for improved vertical and horizontal angles.
- Resist retreating during attempts for goal and rebounding action.
- Does NOT start a live ball rotation UNTIL all 3 officials are in the front court.
- Refrain from rotating during attempts for goal and drives to the basket. Rotations are not complete until the opposite lane-line extended has been crossed.
- Refrain from being 84' away during a press as new L. Be as deep as the deepest pair of opponents.

Crew

- "Move to Improve" to obtain a good open look vision cone between offense and defense competitive match-ups.
- On drives to basket, block/charge situations – primary responsibility rests with the Lead. Center may have a whistle, just delay the preliminary signal.
- Rule out of bounds on your respective line(s)-strive for only one whistle. During transitions, a Lead/Trail sideline out of bounds ruling might have two whistles. Work on new Lead ruling sideline in frontcourt and new Trail ruling sideline in backcourt.
- Primary responsibility for shot at end of quarter is T or C whoever is OPPOSITE the table.

- Center may initiate a rotation when there is a need to “move to improve” coverage on traps near the division line. Trail and Lead should read the situation and adjust.
- Secondary coverage occurs when an official makes a ruling outside of their PCA and they have 100% belief that the ruling is needed (partners were screened, straight-lined, “frozen”, or had tentative knowledge).
- On all throw-ins, rotations are made to ensure that Trail and Lead will always be on ball side.
- Bouncing the ball across the lane-extended area on back court throw-ins is not proper.
- The Trail is responsible for substitution unless they are administering a throw-in.

FOULS AND FREE THROWS

- Remember in AZ., in 2-person AND in 3-person, calling official goes opposite the table (NOT table side as noted in NFHS.)
- Switch on all foul calls with the following exception: If L has a player/team control foul (or foul ‘going the other way’) and they are away from the table, we “push” and calling official will inbound ball in the backcourt. If L is table-side the calling L will then switch with the C.
- On all foul rulings there will be one official not involved in a switch, that official needs to be diligent in monitoring all ten players.
- Free throw positions:
 - Trail – First of multiple attempts, at division line half way b/n circle and tableside sideline. Last attempt moves to tableside 28’ mark and step toward endline for rebounding coverage – do not retreat toward the other basket.
 - Center (calling official) – Similar position/responsibilities as T in a 2-Person Crew. Do not retreat toward the other basket.
 - Lead – Similar position/responsibilities as L in a 2-Person Crew.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Time-out positions:
 - One official at the spot where play will be resumed, the other two are on the far blocks for 60's and top of key for 30's. At no time should the ball be placed on the floor.
 - After warning horn, the two "not at the spot" officials step toward their respective team bench and announce "1st horn warning" and proceed to resumption of play position – do not get involved with the huddle.
- Double whistles:
 - Make eye contact, observe whose PCA it was in, come together and talk if possibility of different ruling.
 - Third official help with who fouled, shooter, attempt successful or not.
- Held balls:
 - All three officials need to be alert.
 - One or two officials need to quickly make their presence known near the spot.
 - Third official stay back and observe all ten players.

KEYS TO SUCCESS

- Know the "3 Knows":
 - Know where the ball is (but not by ball watching)
 - Know where the players are
 - Know where your partners are
- Make eye contact with partners on all whistles and before making ball live.
- Trust your partners.
- Accurately indicate the throw-in spot.
- Move to improve coverage, double ball side as much as possible.
- Trust your partners – yes, this is a repeat, but it is vital!