

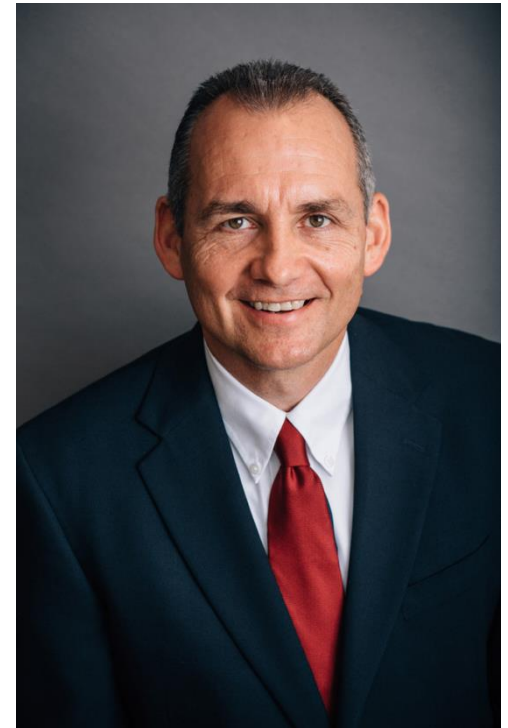
The Nation's Best Pre-Game



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This presentation includes pre-game discussion from NCAA Division I officials and supervisors. What is covered is the same message that we try to get across at the high school level.

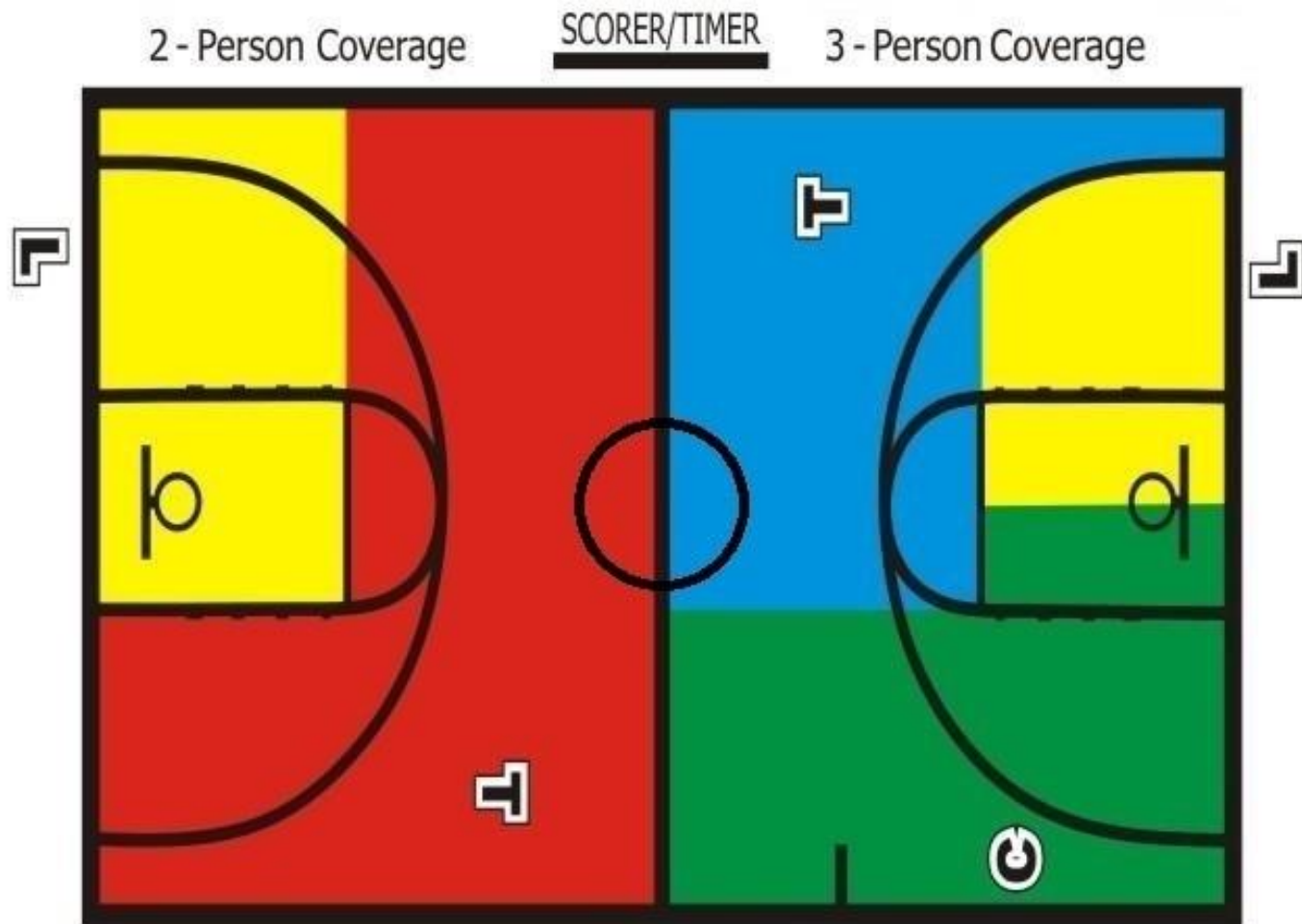
*Next three slides are from
J.D. Collins, NCAA Coordinator*



Trust your partners.



Stay in your primary.



**If it's game deciding and you are
100% certain, go get it.**



Let's hope the ball goes in the basket, which makes for an easier night.



Every night is a new night.



**Enforce the rules as they
are written.**



The obvious trumps everything.



**The only thing that can get us
in trouble is a lack of
communication.**



**Find the defensive player,
let the play develop and finish
to determine the call.**



Referee from the floor up.



The three C's: Communicate – Concentrate – Be Consistent.



Attach to a Rule.
Attach to a Play.



**Don't change anything
that you have been doing,
if you've been doing it right.**



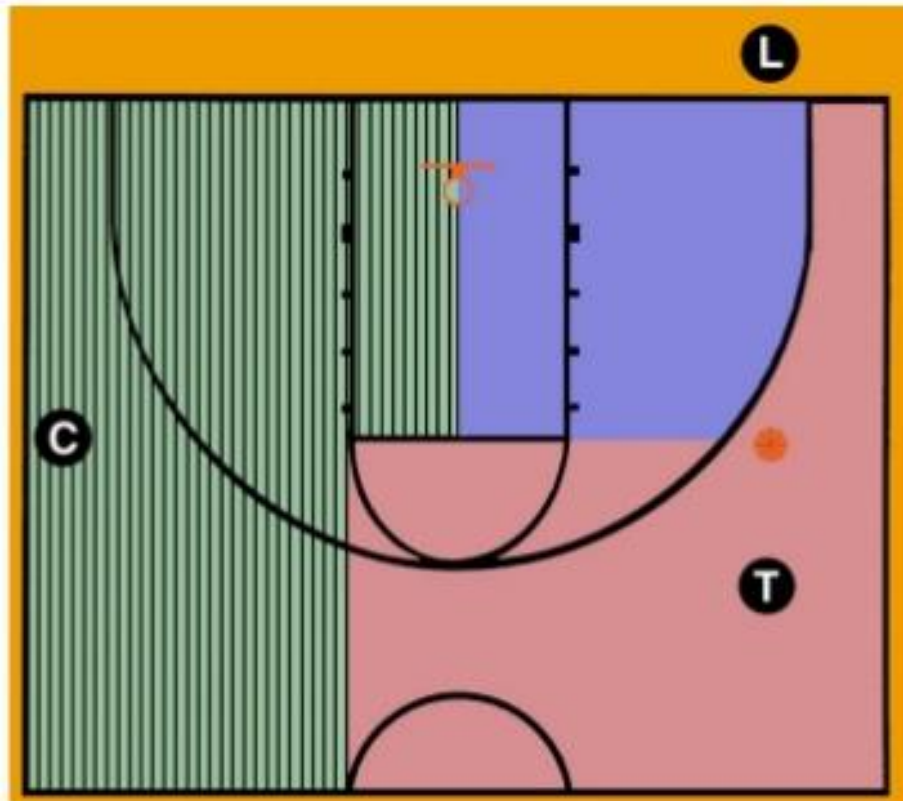
**I don't care about uniforms, but
someone above me cares.**



**We have to expect the unexpected
and know how to handle things
when they come up.**



C to C: Don't think the trail has everything. Officiate until the ball becomes settled.



**Take care of business
of stuff that is obvious.**



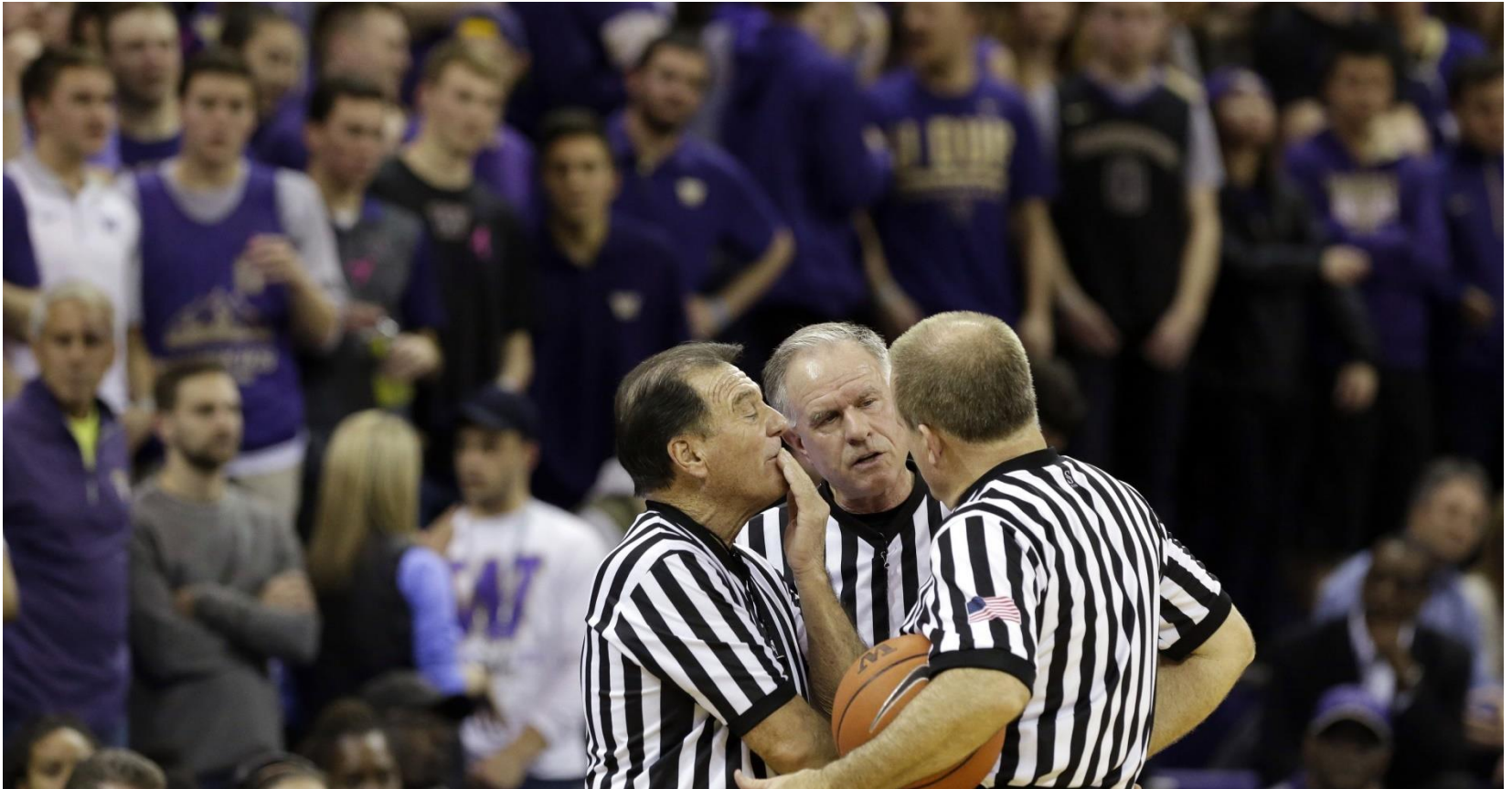
**Don't overanalyze stuff.
Keep it simple.**



**Take care of the basics and get
all the little stuff right.**



**Be great helpers on anything
we can help on.**



**You don't need an invitation.
If you have information, share it.**



**You can't help if you are in
another zip code.**



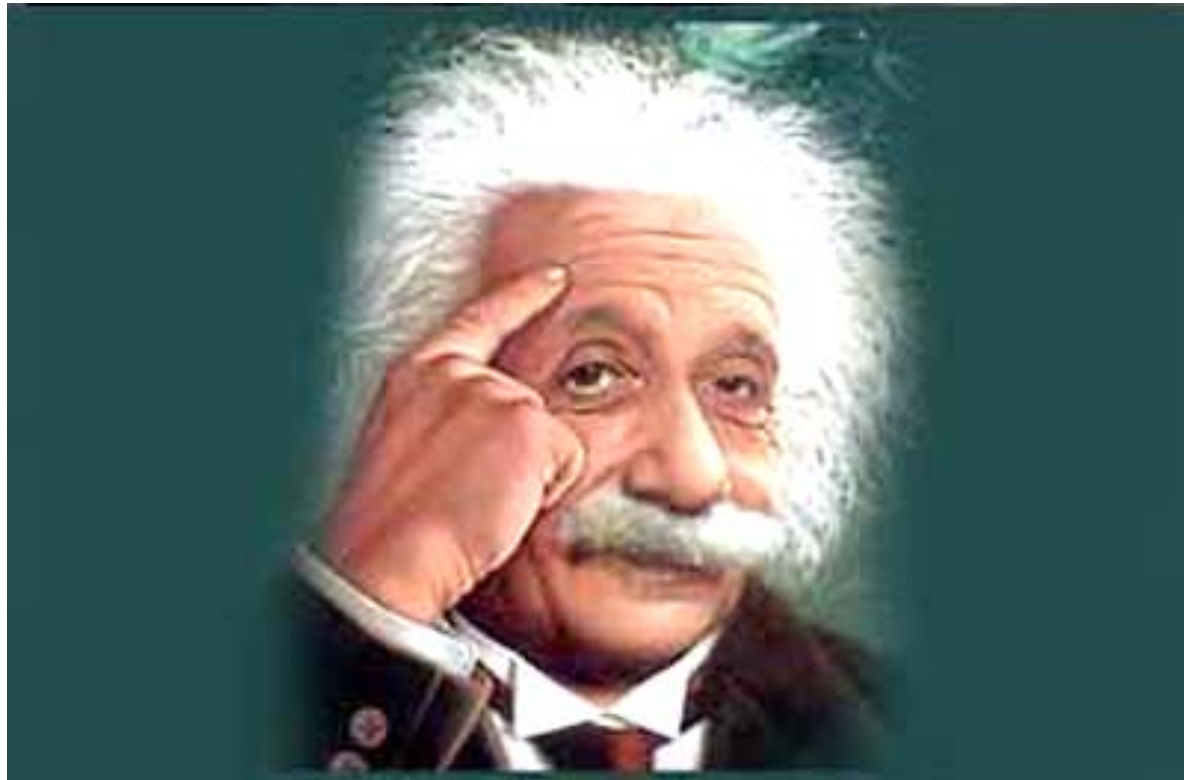
Status of the Ball:
The closest official may not be
thinking of it first.



**When all things are equal, referee
the game and go with your gut.**



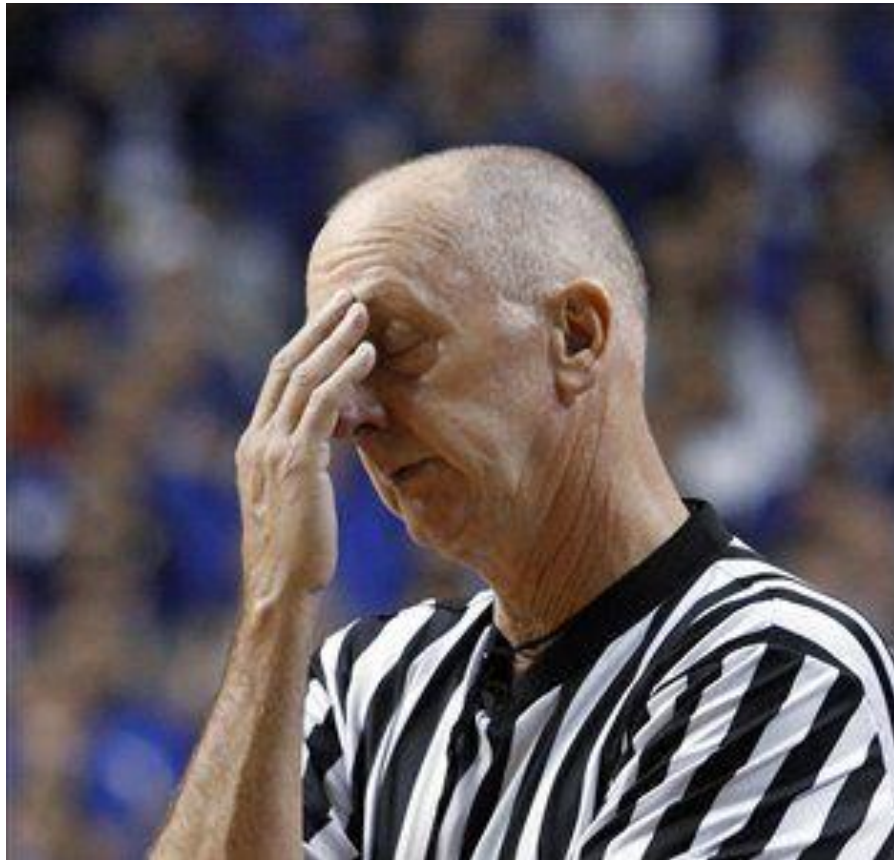
**We make it more complicated
than it needs to be.**



Establish a tempo by letting the game come to you.



Never call something you cannot administer.



**Choose your words wisely.
Silence cannot be quoted.**



All of us have clock management responsibilities on every whistle and throw-in.



**With coaches, be a responder,
not an initiator**



Ignore, acknowledge, warn or penalize.



**If a call needs to be made for
the good of the game, go get it.**



**We have to know what we are
calling and we have to know
why we are calling it.**



**We have to know what we are
not calling and we have to know
why we are not calling it.**



Don't rotate into a bad angle.



**When there are cutters
there are screeners.**



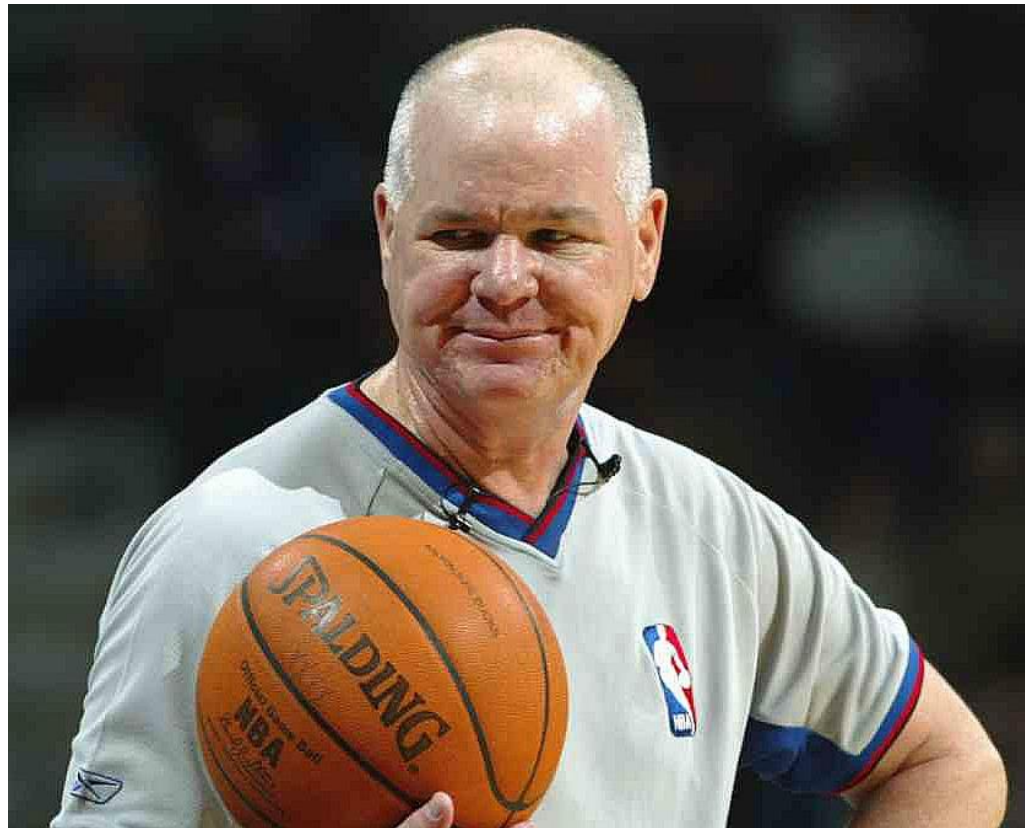
Fouls must be a guideline or a rule. Not all contact is illegal.



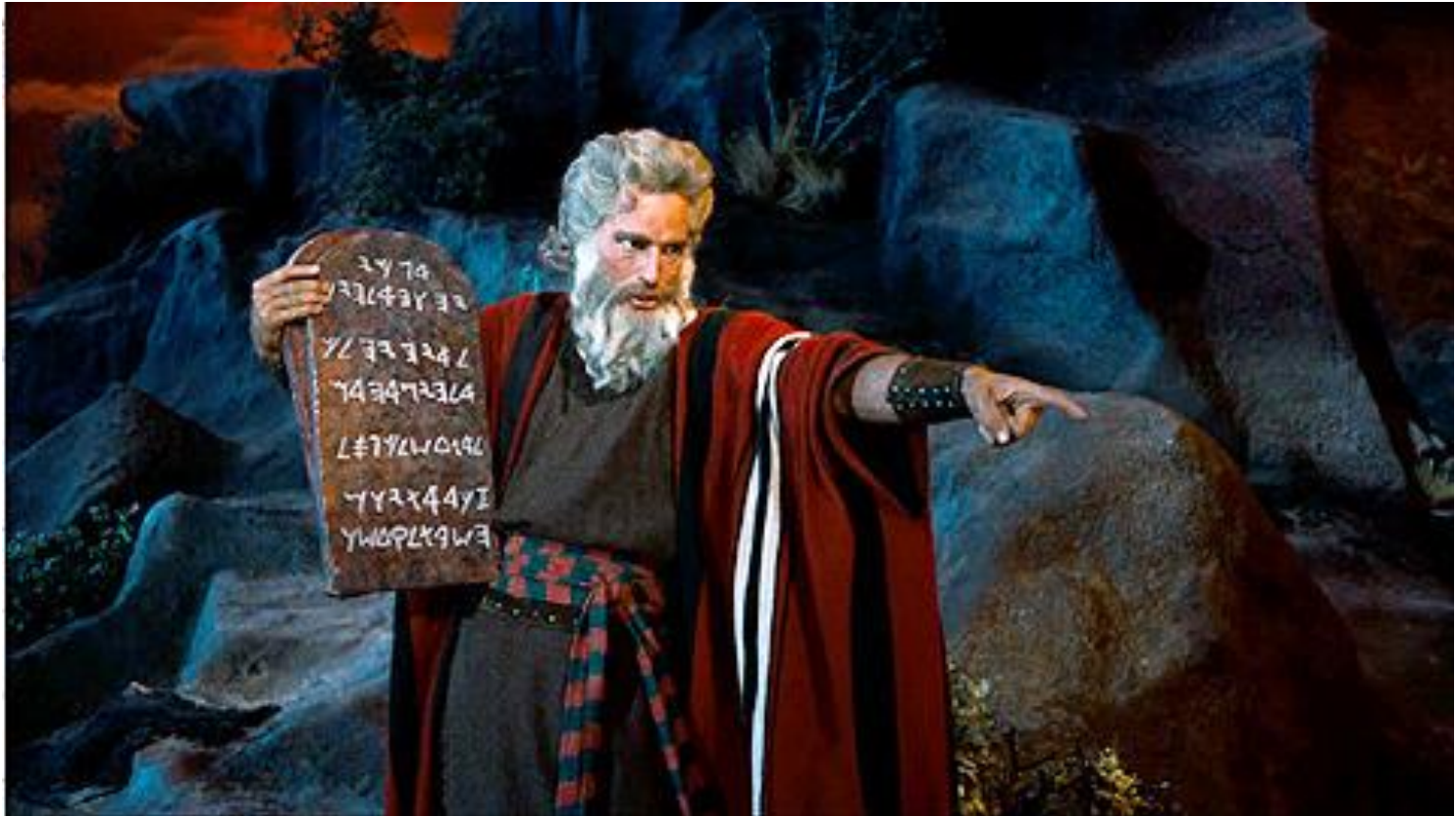
**This game isn't about us,
it's about them.**



**Type A personalities,
sometimes need to listen.**



The Final Five Slides



We can't fudge a guideline when players are displaced or impeded.



**We need to be A-plus tonight.
A-minus doesn't cut it.**



Be real patient on plays that are going to the basket.



**Always ask yourself, what did
the defense do wrong?**



Smile and enjoy it!

