Best Practices for Two-Person Mechanics

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Primary Coverage Areas
First Things First: Legal Guarding Position

Two feet on the floor inbounds, facing the opponent
Officiating the Lead Position
Lead’s (2 Person) Primary Coverage Area
What to Look for when working the Lead Position

• Legal Guarding Position of defenders in your Primary Coverage Area. *Are they legal?*

• Contact on the players in your primary coverage area. *Automatics, RSQB, FOM?*

• Displacement of rebounders on missed shots. *Pushing, holding and being backing out?*

• Verticality on players who are right in front of you.
Best Practices for Officiating the Lead Position

• Do not be stagnant when on the end line.
• Movement is lateral but not closing down.
• On shot attempts keep a wide perspective.
• Closer is not better.
• Field of vision cannot decrease.
• Stay back and trust your vision.
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• Displacement in rebounding is a foul.
• Verticality rules apply in rebounding.
• “On their back” is a no-call if players are vertical.
• Lead lends support in pressing situations – never turn you back on the play.
Officiating the Trail Position
Best Practices for Officiating the Trail Position

Home base is the end of the Coach’s Box – the 28 foot line on the court. We are always incorrectly hugging the half court line.

We should be here → T
Not Here → X
What to Look for when working the Trail Position

• Legal Guarding Position of defenders in your Primary Coverage Area. *Are they legal?*
• The interval between the dribbler and the defender. *Can you see this space?*
• The pivot foot of the catcher or dribbler.
• An airborne shooter returning to the floor.
• Verticality of players in front of you.
• Plays above the rim.
Best Practices for Officiating the Trail Position

• Officiate where the action is.
• When the ball leaves your half of the court, you must get closer.
• Don’t move your head, move your body.
• Avoid Long Distance Officiating.
• Take ownership of your call. After blowing your whistle, move towards players and into the area of action.
Best Practices for Officiating the Trail Position

• Think that every shot will be missed.
• Close down on every shot attempt.
• Outside officials have primary rebounding responsibilities.
• We should officiate the current play to completion before worrying about the next play.
Questions ????