

# POSITIONING IS THE KEY TO GOOD CONTACT JUDGMENT

## THE LEAD IN THE FRONT COURT

- KNOW YOUR PAC AND SECONDARY. KEEP YOUR ATTENTION ON THE ACTIVITY IN YOUR PAC. FOUR EYES DO NOT FOLLOW THE “ON BALL” ACTIVITY.
- TRUST YOUR PARTNER TO OFFICIATE THEIR AREA EFFICIENTLY. A GOOD PREGAME BOOSTS THE CONFIDENCE OF THE CREW AND GIVES THEM POINTS OF REFERENCE FOR DISCUSSIONS DURING AND AFTER THE CONTEST.
- APPLY THE TOWER PRINCIPLE (ADVANTAGE / DISADVANTAGE) SO YOU CAN AVOID CALLING SOFT FOULS.
- GET TO A POSITION TO REFEREE THE “SPACE” BETWEEN THE OFFENSE AND THE DEFENSE (MOVE TO IMPROVE)
- GET AMPLE DEPTH ON THE ENDLINE TO IMPROVE YOUR VISION OF THE PLAY.
- SQUARE YOUR SHOULDERS TO THE ACTIVITY OCCURING IN YOUR PAC.

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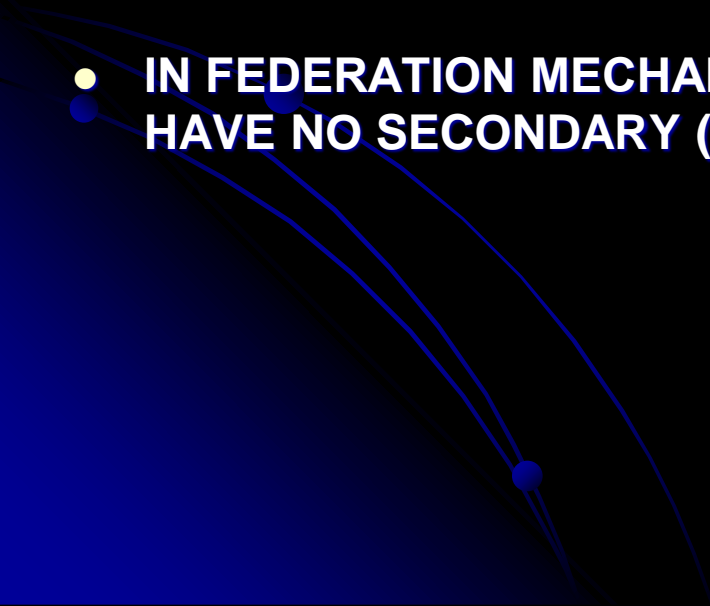
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- **QUICKLY RECOGNIZE THE OFFENSIVE PATTERNS SO YOU CAN EVALUATE OFF BALL CONTACT. IE. A FLEX OFFENCE / SIMPLE OFF BALL SCREENS/ THE TWO PERSON GAME OF SCREEN AND ROLL.**
- **REVIEW THE RULES FOR “ON” AND “OFF BALL” SCREENS. THEY ARE VERY DIFFERENT. COACHES TEACH “SMASH THE CUTTER”...DO WE KNOW HOW TO INTERPRET THIS ACTION WITHIN THE RULES?**
- **ANTICIPATE THE NEXT COMPETITIVE MATCH UP. IE. SKIP PASSES**
  - **OR SWINGING THE BALL. TRY TO BE THERE WHEN THE BALL ARRIVES.**
- **IF ON BALL ....STAY WITH THE PLAY UNTIL COMPLETE.**

- **REFEREE THE DEFENSE. (REVIEW THE RULES FOR DEFENDING A PLAYER WITH THE AND WITHOUT THE BALL)**
  - **PRE GAME THE PASS AND CRASH SCENARIOS. (BALL PASSED INTO LEAD'S PAC LEAD TAKE THE PASS ....TRAIL TAKE THE CRASH. BALL PASSED INTO THE TRAILS PAC (KICK OUT PASS) ...TRAIL TAKES THE PASS .....LEAD TAKES THE CRASH.)**
  - **THE CADILLAC POSITION DOES NOT EXIST FOR THE LEAD. THE POSITION OF THE BALL DICTATES WHERE YOU START YOUR COVERAGE.**
  - **IN FEDERATION MECHANICS TRY NOT TO LOOK INSIDE OUT. YOU'LL HAVE NO SECONDARY (MOST PLAYS DEVELOP OFF BALL)**
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# THE TRAIL POSITION IN THE FRONT COURT

## (ACTIVE MOVEMENT ALONG THE ARC)

- **KNOW WHEN TO START YOUR CLOSLEY GUARDED COUNTS (FIBA AND FED. ARE DIFFERENT)**
- **KEEP YOUR VISION IN YOUR PAC (DON'T ALLOW YOUR EYES TO WANDER). TRUST YOUR PARTNER.**
- **ON A FAST BREAK DON'T SLOW DOWN AT THE DIVISION LINE KEEP MOVING FOR OPTIMUM REBOUND ACTIVITY COVERAGE**
- **WHEN THE BALL SETTLES IN THE FRONT COURT ...MOVE TO IMPROVE...RARELY SHOULD YOU FIND YOURSELF ROOTED IN ONE SPOT. REFEREE THE "SPACE".**
- **DURING THE PRE GAME, DISCUSS FRONT COURT PRESSURE SCENARIOS WITH YOUR PARTNER. IE. A WEAK SIDE TRAP IN THE TRAIL'S PAC ...HOW WILL OUR COVERAGE BE AFFECTED?**

- **KNOW THE PASS AND CRASH RESPONSIBILITIES**
- **WORK A LOWER ARC WHEN THE BALL IS BELOW THE FOUL LINE EXTENDED (A STEAL MIGHT OCCUR AND YOU MAY GET CAUGHT BUT COVERING YOUR PRIMARY CORRECTLY IS THE FIRST RULE)**
- **STEP DOWN ON SHOTS FROM THE WEAKSIDE IF YOU NEED TO IMPROVE YOUR OFF BALL REBOUND COVERAGE**
- **IF ON BALL.... STAY WITH THE PLAY UNTIL COMPLETED**
- **ANTICIPATE THE NEXT COMPETITIVE MATCHUP**
- **DISCUSS THE CREWS MOVEMENT TO COVER A DELAY OFFENSE. (THIS IS COVERED IN THE OFFICIALS MANUAL)**
- **IF YOU FIND YOURSELF COVERING A PLAY ON YOUR WEAKSIDE AND THE PASS GETS SKIPPED OVER YOU TO YOUR STRONG SIDE DON'T ATTEMPT TO CIRCLE THE PLAY. (YOU'LL GET STRAIGHT LINED) ADJUST AS THE PLAY DICTATES.**
- **IN A NOISY GAME LISTEN FOR THE HEAD COACHES VOICE FOR A TIMEOUT**