



# Positioning and Coverage Checklist – Crew of 2



Lead	Trail
<p><b>Frontcourt:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Initial starting position – based on ball/player location; should be 3-4 ft. off end line.</li> <li>❑ “Mirror” ball with A (wide), B (closed down), and C (ballside) positions, as coverage dictates.</li> <li>❑ As ball moves toward basketline, position-adjust (close down) toward free throw lane line extended (B position) as coverage dictates.</li> <li>❑ If in closed-down (B position) when a try is attempted or drive to basket takes place on Lead’s side of basketline, position-adjust toward sideline to increase field of vision (FoV).</li> <li>❑ Primary responsibility for monitoring post play and expanding coverage as needed to observe competitive match-ups.</li> <li>❑ If screening and/or low post play develops while ball is in Trail’s PCA, move across lane to “ballside” (C position) to assist with competitive match-ups away from ball.</li> <li>❑ Do not move ballside on imminent tries, passes, or drives to basket. If not completely across lane area when try occurs, position-adjust back to B position.</li> <li>❑ Responsible for rulings in primary coverage area (PCA), nearest end line, and nearest sideline to free throw line extended.</li> <li>❑ After going ballside, (C position) maintain end line responsibilities and sideline responsibilities on other side of court. (Trail can assist with coverage)</li> <li>❑ Identify and provide coverage of secondary defenders in anticipation of potential block/charge plays in lane.</li> <li>❑ Pass/crash – if pass is toward Lead’s PCA, take pass. If pass is away from Lead, take crash.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Frontcourt:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Initial starting position – approximately 28 feet from end line and sideline-oriented.</li> <li>❑ Responsible for rulings in PCA, nearer sideline, division line, backcourt, farther end line and farther sideline above free throw line extended.</li> <li>❑ Only position-adjust into area between coaching box and division line (“Penalty box”) if necessary to get an open look at a competitive match-up that has moved into that area.</li> <li>❑ “Work the arc” as ball moves across basketline toward far side of court to maintain/optimize coverage of play in PCA.</li> <li>❑ May stay with ball outside PCA if Lead is officiating a competitive matchup off-ball in low post.</li> <li>❑ “Wrap back” toward sideline when ball leaves PCA and on tries for goal to optimize rebounding positioning and coverage.</li> <li>❑ Position-adjust on all shot attempts within PCA to get an open look between shooter and defender(s). (Get “under” shooters as much as possible.)</li> <li>❑ Visually stay with shooters! Position-adjust (step down) toward end line on tries to monitor rebounding activity.</li> <li>❑ Don’t retreat in anticipation of transition.</li> <li>❑ Responsible for flight of ball on tries for goal.</li> <li>❑ Primary responsibility for basket interference, goaltending and backboard rulings.</li> <li>❑ Primary responsibility for last second tries.</li> <li>❑ Pass/crash – if pass is toward Trail’s PCA, take pass. If pass is away from Trail, take crash.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Transition:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Ideally, stay ahead of ball, keeping players and court in view, looking over inside shoulder while advancing toward end line.</li> <li>❑ Recognize pressing situations; move and position-adjust as appropriate to provide proper coverage (responsible for play and match-ups ahead of ball).</li> <li>❑ Initial starting position – between division line and frontcourt free throw line extended, depending on location of players/ball.</li> <li>❑ Cover long passes into frontcourt.</li> <li>❑ Assist in signaling three-point try, if needed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Transition:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ If ball advances from backcourt to frontcourt on other side of basketline, remain one-two steps behind ball to maintain open look between dribbler and primary defender.</li> <li>❑ If ball advances from backcourt to frontcourt on Trail’s side of basketline, remain sideline-oriented and maintain open look between dribbler and primary defender.</li> <li>❑ If ball advances in transition well ahead of Trail, hustle into frontcourt to be in proper position to monitor activity in PCA.</li> <li>❑ If positioned on ball side as Lead when transition occurs, should position-adjust back to original sideline coverage as new Trail.</li> </ul>



# Positioning and Coverage Checklist – Crew of 3



Lead	Center	Trail
<b>Frontcourt:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Initial starting position – based on ball/player location; should be 3-4 ft. off end line.</li> <li>❑ “Mirror” ball with A (wide), B (closed down), and C (ballside) positions, as coverage dictates.</li> <li>❑ If screening or low post play develops when ball is in Center’s PCA, rotate ballside to assist with off-ball competitive match-ups.</li> <li>❑ Identify and provide coverage of secondary defenders in anticipation of potential block/charge and pass/crash plays in lane.</li> <li>❑ Do not move ballside on imminent tries, passes, or drives to basket. If not completely across lane area when try occurs, position-adjust back to B position.</li> <li>❑ Pass/crash – if pass is toward Lead’s PCA, take pass. If pass is away from Lead, take crash</li> </ul>	<b>Frontcourt:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Initial starting position – free throw line extended at sideline.</li> <li>❑ Maintain open view of active or potential match-ups in PCA, even if Lead rotates.</li> <li>❑ Primary responsibility for block/charge on own side of basketline.</li> <li>❑ Pass/crash – if pass is toward Center’s PCA, take pass. If pass is away from Center, take crash.</li> <li>❑ Stay with shooters in PCA – up and down.</li> <li>❑ Close down toward end line on tries for goal.</li> <li>❑ Position-adjust to get open view between shooter and defender(s) on all perimeter tries within PCA. (Get “under” shooters as much as possible.)</li> <li>❑ Responsible for flight of ball on tries for goal from Trail’s PCA.</li> <li>❑ Primary responsibility for last-second tries when opposite table.</li> </ul>	<b>Frontcourt:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Initial starting position – sideline-oriented, approximately 28 feet from end line.</li> <li>❑ Avoid area between top of coaching box and division line – unless seeking open look at competitive match-up in PCA.</li> <li>❑ Pass/crash – if pass is toward Trail’s PCA, take pass. If pass is away from Trail, take crash.</li> <li>❑ Stay with shooters in PCA – up and down.</li> <li>❑ Close down toward end line on tries for goal.</li> <li>❑ Position-adjust to obtain open look between shooter and defender(s) on all perimeter tries in PCA. (Get “under” shooters as much as possible.)</li> <li>❑ Responsible for flight of ball on tries for goal from Center’s PCA.</li> <li>❑ Primary responsibility for last-second tries when opposite table.</li> </ul>
<b>Screening above three-point arc:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Primary responsibility for post play and expanding coverage as needed to monitor screening activity.</li> </ul> <b>Screening at free throw line extended:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Primary responsibility for screener and screener’s defender when ball is near lane in Trail’s PCA.</li> </ul>	<b>Screening above three-point arc:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ When ball is outside PCA, primary responsibility for screener and screener’s defender.</li> </ul> <b>Screening at free throw line extended:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Expand coverage to include competitive matchups in lane and assist with screening action.</li> </ul>	<b>Screening above three-point arc:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ When ball is outside PCA, primary responsibility for screener and screener’s defender.</li> </ul> <b>Screening at free throw line extended:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Primary responsibility for ball handler and ball handler’s defender. Secondary responsibility for screener and screener’s defender.</li> </ul>
<b>Transition:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Ideally, stay ahead of ball, keeping players and court in view by looking over inside shoulder, while advancing toward end line.</li> <li>❑ In press coverage, positioned one-two steps closer to end line than deepest player(s), keeping all players within triangle.</li> <li>❑ Responsible for covering long passes into frontcourt.</li> <li>❑ Assist in signalling three-point try, if needed.</li> </ul>	<b>Transition:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Remain and read activity in backcourt (at free throw line extended) before moving in transition.</li> <li>❑ Observe second wave of players.</li> <li>❑ Provide coverage across court.</li> </ul>	<b>Transition:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ In transition, work to keep pace with ball and maintain open look as ball advances. If ball advances into frontcourt well ahead, show urgency and hustle into frontcourt.</li> <li>❑ When defense is pressuring, stay behind ball to maintain open look between ball handler and primary defender.</li> </ul>