There is one game, three referees, but still only one officiating team.
1. Terminology
2. Lead – Trail – Center
3. Strong / Weak side coverage
4. Lead
   1. Transition
   2. Working on baseline
   3. Primary
   4. Cross step
5. Trail
   1. Transition
   2. Working on frontcourt
   3. Primary
   4. Cross step
   5. Referee 2-3 point shots
6. Center
   1. Transition
   2. Working on frontcourt
   3. Primary
   4. Cross step
   5. Referee 2-3 point shots

7. Rotation

8. Jump ball – position of U1

9. Fouls (switches) backcourt / double whistle

10. Throw-in front court endline
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<td>Individual Officiating Techniques</td>
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<td>Play that has to be covered correct in all cases (no excuses)</td>
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<td>Primary coverage (PC)</td>
<td>Area of responsibility and actions that referee has to be able to cover always</td>
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<td>Area of responsibility and actions that two referees have overlapping primaries on same area or play.</td>
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<td>Clear view of the action in a referee’s primary / secondary coverage area. Never leave an open look.</td>
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<td>A stacked or straight-lined view of the action area in a referee’s primary / secondary coverage area.</td>
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<td>The position of the Lead where he should move before actual rotation starts.</td>
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STRONG & WEAK SIDE / BALL & OPPOSITE SIDE

- Strong side
- Weak side
- Ball side
- Opposite side
1. Two referees on the ball-side as much as possible.
2. You will have secondary coverage when necessary.
3. Best angle for L&T to referee the play
4. Primary action area (bus station) will be on ball-side
3PO / PRINCIPLE COVERAGE
3PO / FUNCTIONAL COVERAGE
**In transition from T to L**

- Turn quickly and start sprinting with power step.
- Run as fast as possible in straight line to set-up position (middle of restricted area & three points line)
- Facing the court all the time
- More time you have on the baseline, more time you have to identify the progress of the play *(link with Rotation)*.
- Don’t curve or run under the basket or closer to the play – **keep same distance** (outside-outside angle).
**In transition from T to L**

- **No rotation in transition** – wait until whole crew is on the frontcourt.
- If quick first rotation, T needs to be in position on the frontcourt in order to fill up new C position asap, **can’t leave an empty space in new C position.**
In transition from T to L

- Ball is advancing on weak side to the front court
- L can sprint directly to “Close Down” position to anticipate rotation.
TRANSITION TRAIL -> LEAD SLIDE

Correct
4 seconds

Stay outside of the play, same distance/angle from the play

Outside
same distance
same wide angle, same speed & size

Outside

Stay outside of the play, same distance/angle from the play
TRANSITION TRAIL -> LEAD SLIDE

Incorrect

Stay outside of the play, same distance/angle from the play

Outside

Inside
shorter distance narrow angle, looks faster-bigger
Working on the baseline

- Lead works outside the court
- Keep torso toward front of rim (45°)
- Adjust position with ball to maintain open (wide, outside-in) angle
- Field of vision should enable you to see horizontally and vertically as clearly as possible (keep distance from play)
- Find the initial position where you are able to cover the next play situation (anticipate the next play)
- Control of the Game & Shot Clock
- “Close Down” position is for rotation.
LEAD – OPEN ANGLE & 45°
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**Phases of Rotation**

1. Be in time on baseline (T-L)
2. Close Down (ball in the middle)
3. Rotation early
4. Walk & Referee
5. Scan the Paint & Play
6. T rotates with L
7. T picks-up the new play on his side (high post).
8. C keeps refereeing until L finished rotation.
9. No rotation with quick shot/penetration on the weak side.
L dictates the rotation according to position of the ball.

- Rotate early / often.
- Be quick but don’t hurry.
- No need to rush (sharp walking) and keep refereeing during entire rotation.
- Scan the paint or next play as rotating.
- When L starts rotation,
  - **C needs to stay** in his position to cover the play
  - until L has arrived to new position on ball side and **is ready to referee the play (45°)**
ROTATION / LEAD & CENTER
Open Angle / Cross Step

- Play in low post
- Find the initial position where you are able to cover the next play situation (anticipate the next play)

- Players move to the basket - step wide (Cross Step).
✓ Lead keeps outside-outside angle when drive on strong side.
✓ Lead has the best angle to referee defense high & low.
✓ Trail will follow the drive and make a cross step.
 ✓ Lead keeps outside-outside angle when drive through the key (strong side)

 ✓ Can adjust one step towards basket but normally not in the key area.

 ✓ Center has to be ready to referee if there is a contact from his side.
BASIC COVERAGE
DRIVE TO THE KEY / STRONG SIDE

✓ Lead keeps outside-outside angle when drive through the key (strong side)
✓ Can adjust one step towards basket but normally not in the key area.
✓ Center has to be ready to referee if there is a contact from his side.
In transition from L to T

1. **Stay behind the baseline** (back court) until the ball has been passed from throw-in
2. Trail the play all the time, 2-3 steps (no overrunning)
3. Find the initial position where you are able to cover the ball and see possible next play in progress (45°).
4. Keep distance from the play
5. 2/3 point shots (read the play)
6. Control of the game & shot clock
**Half-court coverage**

1. Find the initial position where you are able to see the defensive player when refereeing on ball
2. When the ball is near the sideline, **move onto the court to maintain open look**
3. Find the initial position where you are able to see as many players as possible when refereeing off ball
4. Keep distance from the play
5. Adjust your position according the play, read the play and react in time (one step ahead of the play)
TRAIL – OPEN ANGLE & 45°
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In transition from C to C

1. Facing the court all the time.
2. Be ready to referee any play on weak side (help the T to have full coverage in transition)
3. Control the game & shot clock (8” violation)
4. C must adjust position at free throw line extended to create “open looks” based on the position of the players in the half court set
5. Run, stop & referee the play
**Half court coverage**

1. **Working area:**
   - A. set-up point Free Throw line extended
   - B. Top of the free throw circle / bottom of the imaginary free throw circle.

2. Find initial position where you are able to see the defensive player when refereeing on ball

3. Find the initial position where you are able to see as many players as possible when officiating off ball

4. Keep distance from the play

5. Stay inside the court
**INDIVIDUAL / CENTER**

**Half court coverage**

1. Adjust your position according to the play - read the play and react in time (one step ahead of the play)

2. Be ready to referee on ball when ball is in C primary (weakside).

3. Play starts in the C’s primary or goes to the basket from C’s side
   1. Weak side drive
   2. Strong-Weak side drive

4. C stays engaged with the play until the end of action (eg. Block / Charge on weak side – not L’s primary call across paint).
Weak side is always C’s primary
CENTER & TRAIL – DUAL COVERAGE
CENTER – OPEN ANGLE & 45°
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If drives comes through the key from weak side, Center has the primary.

He needs to adjust position (before drive – read the play) one-two steps to the court.

Normally this play is not for the Lead (no cross call), only if contact is low (hacking) and from Lead side.
Cross Step

- Find initial position where you are able to see the defensive player when refereeing on ball
- Find the initial position where you are able to cover the ball and see possible next play in progress
- Players start to move towards the basket
- Center should step in opposite direction (Cross Step) of the players in order to maintain the open look (angle) on the play.
JUMPBALL / U1 POSITION
FOULS / SWITCH - FOUL ON THE BACKCOURT

NO LONG SWITCHES!
FOUL ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE BY LEAD
FOULS / SWITCH - FOUL ON THE BACKCOURT

NO LONG SWITCHES!
FOUL ON THE TABLE SIDE BY CENTER
NO LONG SWITCHES!
FOUL ON THE TABLE SIDE BY LEAD
NO LONG SWITCHES!
FOUL ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE BY CENTER
FOULS / SWITCH - FOUL ON THE FRONTCOURT

DOUBLE WHISTLE BY CENTER & TRAIL
FOULS / SWITCH - FOUL ON THE FRONT COURT

DOUBLE WHISTLE BY TRAIL & CENTER
FREE THROWS – PASSIVE OFFICIAL

Administering Free Throws – Passive Official (Trail & Centre)

1 FREE THROW
Index finger

2 FREE THROWS
Fingers together on both hands

3 FREE THROWS
3 fingers extended on both hands

2PO 3PO
3PO: FREE THROWS – PASSIVE OFFICIAL

Signals – Center only indicates number of free throws
A) Lead (active referee) outside (basket-ball-referee)
B) Trail mirrors the time-in signal from lead
A) When throw-in in the corner
B) Lead (active referee) inside (basket-referee-ball)
C) Trail mirrors the time-in signal from lead