

COURT CLUB *Elite*

Basketball Officiating Success System

Refereeing with a “PLAN”

Relax (Trust Your Plan & Training)

Know Mechanics & Rules

Develop & Maintain Good Habits (Positioning/Play-Calling/Game Management)

Positioning

If you can't see it, don't guess

Know trouble spots (Elbow, transition between trail/center, etc.)

Referee where your partner cannot

There is no magic spot in regard to getting an open look

Always maintain an open look

Do your work early, use urgency as it relates to position adjustments

1/3, 1/3, 1/3 and everyone in the painted area

Referee the defense, See the point of contact

Look for a reason to rotate, know the 3 immediate times we don't

Mirror the ball in the lead position

Be slow in the lead, were wired to be fast

Find secondary defenders immediately

Obtain a starting position free-throw line extended in center position

Know my curls, spins, pivots (Heartbeat of the center position)

Body position parallel to sideline

Trail the play and remain behind the ball in trail

See all 10 players with big picture mentality

Stay engaged to plays going to the rim

Play-Calling

Without a Play-Calling plan there is no consistency

I'm never going to blow out of primary with a closed look (Trust your partner)

When I blow in secondary coverage area, it will be a STRIKE with an open look

Low secondary whistle count = High total accuracy

High secondary whistle count = Low total accuracy

Take care of true and false plays to avoid multiple choice (Grey area)

Be aware of the following four LANDMINES

Marginal plays on impact players

Marginal plays at key points in games

Marginal plays in lopsided scenarios

Marginal plays coming out of my primary

Marginal POE's with high impact will always have push-back, be ready

If your consistently catching crap from what your calling, stop calling it

Understand your “Weapons” = whistles that do not lead to bonus free-throws

Use these “Weapons” to effectively referee POE's and Guideline plays

Marginal plays are not effective use of our “Weapons”

Avoid wasting your “Weapons” and instead use them to help your game

Have a more immediate whistle above free-throw line

More processed, slow whistle below free-throw line

Be slow on rebounding plays, possession consequence and/or clean-up

Be slow around boundary lines, foul vs. marginal vs. out of bounds

Stay calm and processed on baseline drive, lots of outs

Off ball = zero tolerance, clean up freedom of movement Off ball & unsure = Blow,

On ball & unsure = Hold

Know responsibility on drives to the basket, mechanics on diagonal drives

Always referee defender in 1 on 1 match-up (Must be able to do this)

Screens (Two teammates in motion, awareness goes up)

Travel (Always find pivot foot early, player in space = warning lights)

Jump-Shooters (There is NO marginal contact, it's a foul, identify first jumper)

Take care of perimeter and off ball, while eliminating cheap and 1's

Have the will not to give into the pressure of reacting to the offensive players actions

Restricted Area Plays (Always referee RA & feet up)

Be ready from the tip-off, know your match-ups

Referee ball/body vs. body/ball in post entry

Never allow lower body re-routes & swims in post

Post/Re-Post, the re-post is always more aggressive...who initiates?

See all 5 frames of the play

Don't allow the offense or defense a second body blow in post

Recognize big/small so you are not surprised

Clock Management

Know the clock, and know its status throughout each possession

Always have an opinion on clock plays, this will separate you

Every time you cross a line on the floor, sneak a peak

Use your voice to reset, show strength, everyone is responsible for the clocks

Under 8 = nothing cheap off-ball

Under 4 = nothing cheap anywhere on the floor

Understand the consequence of whistle late in shot-clocks

Continually self-talk in regard to the status of shot-clock

The shot clock tells us what to expect by knowing it's status

Referee shot clock as if there is no horn, your whistle should be the horn

During time outs, know the shot clock and how the teams are preparing

Game Management

When someone breaks your concentration, it must be addressed right away

Be consistent on Respect for the Game

Overt reactions towards officials cannot be ignored

Always know how to penalize by rule, so you can penalize

Run the game, impose your will, be a leader

Communication with partners, players, coaches is crucial

If you have information, bring it immediately and with confidence

With players and coaches, you don't have to win, or have the last word

In communication with coaches, you may selectively hear, but not selectively see

Understand game situations to avoid flash points

Nonverbally, use clear and concise mechanics always

Mental Approach

“Referee Forward” Get to the next play

Don't be bitter, be better

Know your level of experience

It's not where you start, but where you finish

Take your video and be your own worst critic, try to beat the tape