



Special Plays for Game Situations

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Introduction

In this segment we will discuss and display the importance of execution on offense during different time and score scenarios. Are we spending appropriate time in our training sessions on -10 second situations dead ball SLOB, BLOB and last possession?

Basic Philosophy

During these situations that will surely arise during a course of a game your team will need to be able to react with purpose and confidence. Players don't need 10 things to memorize but they simply need a few actions and plays that they can perform well under the pressure of game scenario. **KEEP IT SIMPLE!** Your players will need to be able to execute these plays without the availability of Time Out...therefore, these situations have to be scripted and practiced with game and shot clock.

3 Most Important Teaching Points

1. **Deployment:** teach your players to get to their spots on floor quickly...don't float around in a fog! Players should be listening to only 2 voices: Head Coach and floor leader(normally pg)for organization.
2. **Spacing and Timing:** Timing and spacing is crucial to open up the most effective operational areas for your skilled players to execute and make the play
3. **Read, React and Attack:** teach your players(Team)how to read, react and attack vs different defensive deployments and disruptions.

When Do We Practice These Specials?

Its best to practice these scenarios during the last block of practice. So, normally 10-12 minutes at the end of your practice. We also perform these situations during 5 minute games using game and shot clock.

Today's Offensive Specials are:

- **Dead Ball Defensive Backcourt SLOB vs high defensive pressure : -10 seconds "QUICK"**

- **Last Possession vs Man to Man Def: 1-4 high action**
- **Last Possession vs Zone Def: Horns action**
- **SLOB: Special 3pt, Special lob**
- **BLOB: -2sec shot clock(Line or Flat), Vs Zone Def "Gaps"**

Practice Well! Great teams execute and perform well with all facets of the game. Time and score scenarios must be focused on and taught well by coaches in order to give your players and team confidence and belief in winning result.

Best of Luck,

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