

ON COURT POSITION – Transition and Lead Mechanics

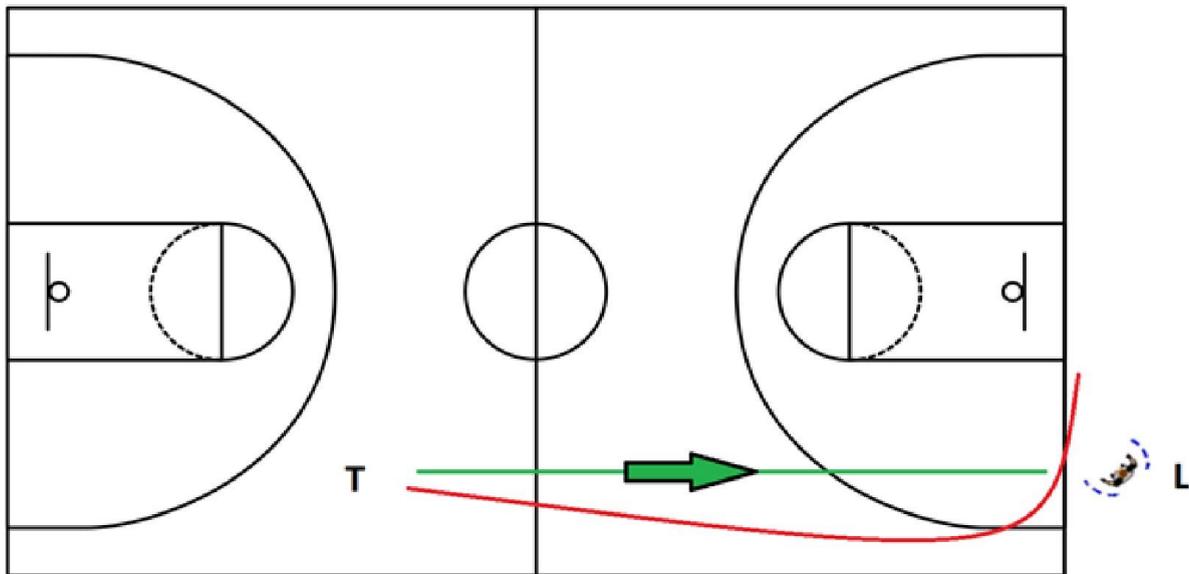
As we know, we have two positions as a referee that we stand on court **Lead and Trail**.

When we are running from one position to another we are in **Transition**.

Another word for positioning is **mechanics**. This section is designed to improve our coverage of the play in transition and lead mechanics.

If the ball changes possession while we are standing in trail, we are now in **new lead**, and we are transitioning to baseline. We need to do this in a **straight line** and get a good **starting position** on the baseline as is shown by the GREEN line, as opposed to cutting the corner and running to under the ring as shown by the RED line

You need to aim to beat the play down the court. If the defence attempt to trap, this is ok, you need to stay back and assist the Trail referee, but any fast break or general play you need to get to the baseline quickly.



At all times, face the court and watch the play, but run with your body facing the baseline. Don't run backwards and don't forget to watch the game!

GETTING THE ANGLE

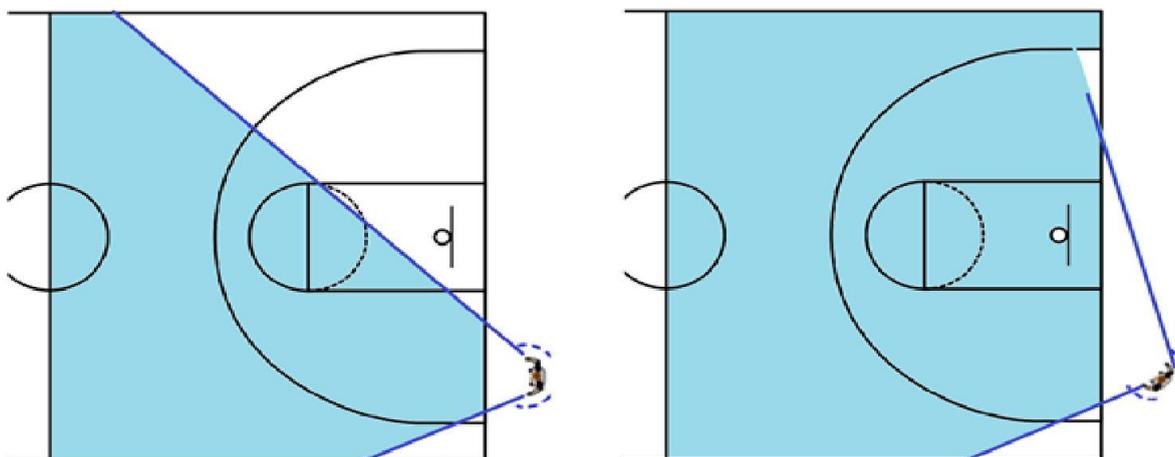
Lead mechanics are a lot simpler now. The hard part is getting to the baseline. Once we are here we can basically stay **stationary** unless we see a reason to move closer to the ring to get a better angle.

We want to be calm, controlled and **stationary** when we make any calls from lead, rather than still trying to catch up to the play, or on the run, or in line with the play.

This is not to say that we won't need to move at all, but for the majority of the play you will need to stay out wide.

Our **stationary** position needs to be on a **45 degree angle** facing towards the court so we see as much of the court as possible.

From our **starting position**, if you need to move closer to **see the gaps** between the players and to better officiate the play, you can **close down** towards the ring, but under no circumstance will you need to step pass the edge of the key.



By standing (1) metre behind the baseline on a 45 degree angle, in comparison to a flat angle, you will open up your peripheral vision and court coverage. Remember: Stay wide! Don't stand near the ring.

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