

Good morning!

Positioning...THIS is what allows us to get good looks and make good decisions – with GOOD positioning.

Take a look at a brief clip and focus on positioning [HERE](#).

The T in this clip is active and ‘works an arc’ to move with the ball across the midline. When the ball comes back then to the corner, the T *could* have taken a step towards the corner (towards the baseline). The L in this play was probably a little wide even when the ball was on L’s strong side. When the ball is on the opposite side of the paint, L really needs to ‘close down’ which means get right to L’s side of the paint when the lane line would extend OOB.

Good positioning is usually the reason we make GOOD calls because we have the correct angle to see the whole play and bad positioning causes us to not see the whole play and then we sometimes guess or plain miss calls.

When you look at clips or games of yourself, *always* look at positioning and see if the official was in a good position to see the whole play and make a good decision. Positioning is an area that *all* of us can work on each game. It is an area where the excellent officials excel and always seem to ‘be there’ to make a call. It does not matter if you are working 3-person state final or an elementary game on a Saturday morning, positioning matters!

Friday extra: Now is a good time to reach out to young people (players on teams you are officiating) to recruit them to become a new or Jr official! Invite them to a meeting with you!

Have a great game tonight and a great weekend!

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