

Good morning!

Do you talk in every pregame conference with your partners about making sure to officiate jump shooters up and all the way to the floor? What does that really mean? First, let's take a look at a few clips (thanks Scott Walters) of jump shooters and how they were defended.

[Jump shooter 1](#)

[Jump shooter 2](#)

[Jump shooter 3](#)

In each of these jump shots, the jump shooter was not given a spot to land. What we must do in any jump shot is get into a position to see *between* the shooter and defender, just as we do between a ball handler and dribbler.

In the first clip, the shot happens on C's side and we have a rotation happening. C stayed where he was before rotating after the shot went in. ON the shot, since the shooter was above C, we should go *low* to see between them. 'When the ball goes high, we go low and when the ball goes low, we go high.' That means that when the ball goes towards midcourt and defended, we should move towards the baseline enough to see between the opponents. So if C here had moved towards the baseline a step, seeing between the shooter and defender would have been easier and then would have seen the defender invade the space of the landing for the sooter and had a foul.

In the second clip, the shooter is on C's side also and there is no rotation. C is starting fairly high to begin with. If the C had been at free throw line extended, he would have been in a great position (or taking one step down) to see the lack of a landing by the shooter and hence a foul.

In the third clip, the shot is in T's primary. He appears to be in pretty good position to see the defender not give the shooter space to land.

In a two-person game or three-person game, whether C or T, we need to focus on '*move to improve*' our angles to see *between* jump shooters and defenders. We need to work hard to see between them. Maybe that is something to work on the next couple games just to revive it in our games!

Remember, jump shooters must be given a spot to land! See those jump shooters up and all the way back to the floor!

Thursday extra: Going early as varsity officials to watch the JV officials and staying ate as the JV officials to watch the varsity officials helps! Share the locker room! Share conversation! Ask questions! Be cordial, constructive and complimentary!

Have a great game today!

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