

NCAA Crew of Three Mechanics Manual

Points of Emphasis 2004–05



The Committee has decided to maintain the three-person system with no major changes. However, the manual will include these points of emphasis which will make the system more efficient.

1. DOUBLING LINES—When the new trail is inbounding the ball in the backcourt, the new lead should stop near the free throw line in the frontcourt and double the sideline until the throw-in is completed. Far too many officials are moving from the old trail to new lead position while running with their backs to the ball and never doubling the lines.

2. STEPPING DOWN—On a try for goal, the trail and center officials should be in a position with their weight forward. Many officials continue to “bail out” during a try for goal or final free throw is in flight. “Bailing out” provides very little assistance to the lead official in all potential rebounding circumstances.

3. ROTATION—The lead official must constantly mirror the ball and **close down** or **shorten up** in anticipation of a potential rotation. This will put the center and trail officials on notice that a rotation is imminent.

4. FREE THROWS—On multiple free throws, the trail official should maintain a position near the division line to observe and address any possible substitution or table issues. On the final free throw, the trail official should maintain a position at or near the 28-foot line. When the final free throw is released, the center and trail officials should step down toward the endl ine. Officials should make a conscious effort to avoid bailing out on the release of the ball.