

# Taking Crew of Three Officiating From the “Book” to the “Court”

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If indeed crew of three coverage is going to service the game better, then officials must consider the following:

## Terminology That Is an Absolute Must

- PCA
- A–B–C
- Close down
- Move to improve
- S & R in transition coverage
- Trust your partner
- Ballside
- Basket line
- Field of vision cones
- Rotation
- Ball keys
- Lead initiates
- Coverage—accept or give up

## Things To Know

- Know—understand—master the three PCA’s
- Understand the “field of vision cones” concept—know when to expand it and when to narrow it
- Understand the value of a disciplined PCA coverage yet, not restrict the coverage. May and shall, at times, make ruling beyond the individual PCA coverage
- Know and recognize when to accept the ball and the players in the ball’s immediate area
- Know and recognize when to give up the ball, when the ball moves to the partner’s PCA
- When in any of the three coverage areas (L, C, T), we must learn to stay and read prior to any transition movement and or coverage
- We must understand that the move to improve concept means move only to improve the individual’s or crew’s coverage
- Understand that when the ball is not in your PCA , you should first check your PCA coverage and demands, then if possible improve the crew’s coverage by expanding your field of vision cone
- The lead official should very seldom make rebound rulings when the play is across or beyond the basket line
- The lead official must master the A–B–C coverage technique, understanding that his/her applying of this A–B–C technique may affect the coverage of the center and trail
- Understand the value of a completed rotation to improve coverage—instead of just moving for the purpose of rotation only
- Must have total awareness of ball location, players and partners
- In transition coverage the center official is very responsible for coverage and for making rulings on plays across the court, trapping, guarding, block/charge, pass/crash and over and back
- Officials must maintain the demands of our present coverage regardless of your partners’ movements for improved coverage until, the situation dictates that you can release to improve the crew’s coverage