

# TEAMWORK FOR THE SHOOTER

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To get the benefit of a great shooter is not easy. Sometimes these players are not as creative or not great defensive players. When we have a specific player, it will be demanding and challenging for the coach. Coaches have to put up good teamwork around to get the full advantage of this player, because the opponent will find a way to slow the shooter down. A team must be ready to calibrate the defensive strategies what the opponent will put in place to try to make the shooter less effective and react in the desired way. If the opponent's defense wants to concentrate, force their energies, their strength, and their activity, to prevent him or her from taking the best shot, they will miss something on other parts of the floor or other players. That has to be recognisable and our team has to be ready for that. Therefore our shooter has to be ready to become a passer in a hard stunt, a step up situation or when a switching takes place. A lot of times taking the shot is not the best situation for the team but we still make opportunities for the others to play the shooter.

A transition three-point shot is a great shot for a shooter because maybe the team will not find a similar open shot for our player later on in the game. Another option is to give well planned off ball screens. In these situations separation is the key. The shooter has to run into the defense and not toward the screen. It has to be sure that the defensive player is on the screen. That allows reading the defense and reacting well. The passer's responsibility is also huge who has to be ready for a curl, a fade away or a slip out at a switching situation.

It is also important and is a possibility to create a distraction earlier. That means the team has to sell a fake action to get attention on that part of the play like a pick and roll or a post play before we want to play the shooter.

The main principle is to prepare the team for the most common defenses. For that coaches have to work on this

during practices and create game situations we may face during a match. The priority is to work a lot without the ball, with the right passes, with the right moves. Players need to understand that we work on that as a team to support the shooters.

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