

Keys to successfully inbound the ball in a Sideline Out of Bounds Situation

- 1. Teach your players to get the ball across the half-line and call time out at the coaches' box.**
 - a. I prefer having a sideline out of bounds play versus having to go the full length of the floor.
 - b. You minimize what the opposing coach can do coming out of the timeout

- 2. Set a *good* screen for your best handler.**
 - a. In late game situations, defenders turn up the pressure. Even the best players have trouble getting open in a denial situation.
 - b. Setting a stack screen is not always a good option.

- 3. Inbound the ball in an area away from the half-line.**
 - a. Do not give your kids an opportunity to get an "over and back."
 - b. This is why I prefer the box set instead of a line or stack formation – it gives you more space.

- 4. Set up your cut, wait on the screen**
 - a. Even if the defense anticipates the screen, you can get open by being deceptive.
 - b. Tell your screener to stay still, do not lean in and get an unnecessary offensive foul (I know this from experience.)

- 5. Once the ball is inbounded, create another action.**
 - a. Ball Screen, Down Screen, Back Screen, etc.
 - b. Do not allow the defense to get set

- 6. Put your players in spots where they can score**
 - a. This is where you have to know your team and their strengths.
 - b. Put your post player on the block or set a flare screen for a shooter

- 7. Prepare your players to make reads and to make plays.**
 - a. Rarely what we draw up happens on the court.
 - b. Making sure that your players understand that there are options for each action allows them to become smarter players