

The Coaches Corner - Coaching Development

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Coaching Quote

"What to do with a mistake; • Recognize It • Admit It • Learn from It • Forget It" Dean Smith

Coaching Strategy

Timeouts

Most AAU tournaments allow only 3 timeouts per game, so use them wisely. Avoid using them in the 1st half unless the game is starting to slip away. If the opponent isn't pressing, consider calling a timeout at half court after advancing the ball. This lets you set up a (SLOB) sideline out-of-bounds play or half-court offense without giving the defense time to organize a full-court press. Don't save all your timeouts for the end of the game, an earlier timeout can often be the difference between winning and losing.

Key Points

Opposing Team makes a run

- Calm your team, give one or two simple adjustments.
- Reinforce confidence rather than overloading them with information.

Your Team makes a run, other team calls timeout

- Good chance the other team will now press and/or change up their defense
- Would recommend drawing up your press offense on your board as a quick reminder

Protecting a Lead Late

- Remind your team there is no shot clock, no quick shots, unless high percentage at the rim. Want use the clock each possession, running your motion offense is a good way to stall while still looking to get good scoring opportunities.
- Remind your team know if you have fouls to give, another good way to eat up the clock.
- Remind your team how many timeouts you have left if they get in trouble along with who has possession on the next jump ball.

Article

[Tommy Amaker: Practice Planning and Teaching Methodology](#)

Video

[3 Easy Transition Shooting Drills for Your Basketball Team](#)

Coaching Resources

Instagram

True Ball Training

<https://www.instagram.com/trueballtraining/> @trueballtraining

Twitter (Now known as X)

Matt Hackenberg

<https://x.com/CoachHackGO> @CoachHackGO

Mainly offensive sets with video clips showing breakdowns; motion, quick hitters, BLOB's, SLOB's you can use against many defenses. Different types of defenses shown as well in video clips. Coaching insight as well on different topics.

Website

The Coaching Toolbox

<https://coachingtoolbox.net>

This website has many free drills, plays, workouts for players and coaches to help them develop.

Book

[Never Stop: Life, Leadership, and What It Takes to Be Great](#)

[By Dan Hurley](#) Just finished reading this book, love him or hate him he is an incredible coach. This book takes an in depth look at his life, playing and coaching career, sharing his ups and downs along with the challenges he has faced dealing with mental health.

Podcast – Great to listen to while driving or any time

[A Quick Timeout:](#) This podcast offers brief, highly specific episodes that covers a wide range of topics; game management, building defensive identities, creating competitive team cultures and so much more!