

# Jump Ball

The Basketball Jump Ball only occurs one time in a game.

Our team is going to have a structured tip off play to start the game. The goal on the jump ball is to score, NOT just gain possession of the ball. A jump ball at center court usually means there are NO defenders at the basket you plan to score at in a few seconds. Let's take advantage of this and get a lay-up in the first few seconds of the game!

We will use a line up called

## 10 -2 - 6 - Back

Imagine you are looking at a WATCH.

Players line up at

- 10 o'clock

- 2 o'clock

- 6 o'clock

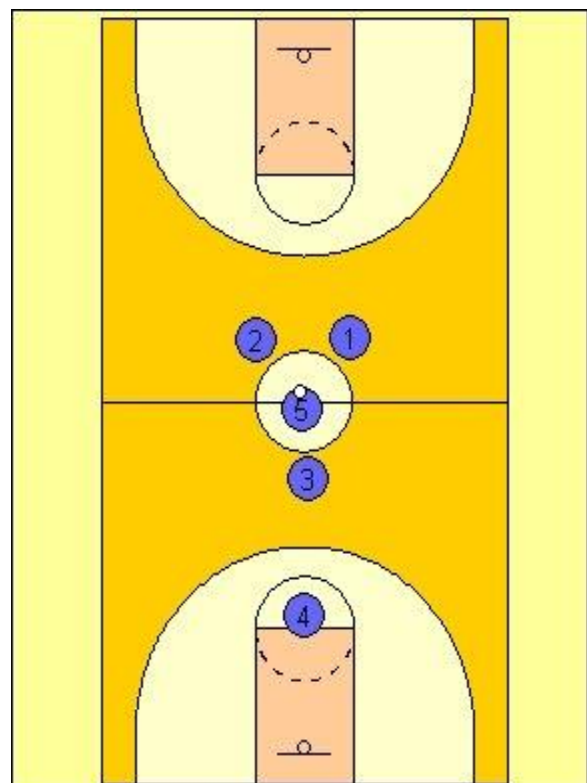
and Back (our defensive side)

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We call either 10 or 2.

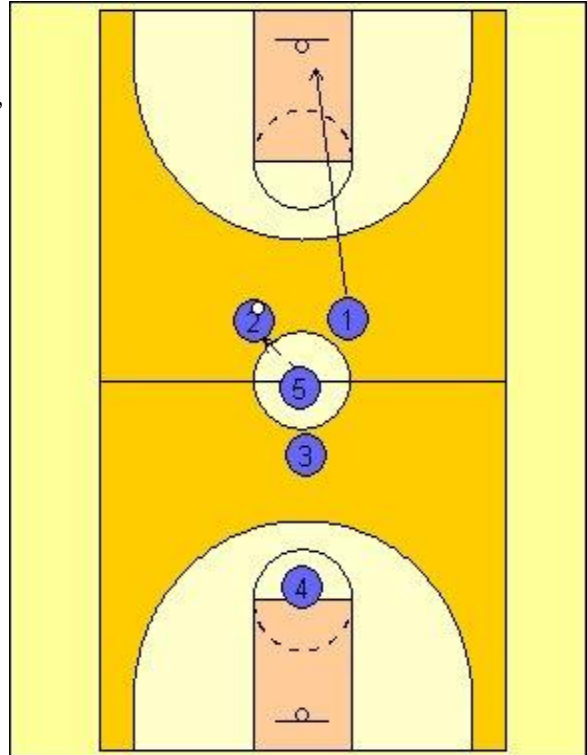
In this diagram we have called 10, so we tip to 10 o'clock (Player 2).

As soon as the ball is out of the referee's hand, the player at 2 o'clock (Player 1), sprints to the basket.



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The player at 10 o'clock (Player 2) catches, squares, and passes the ball to the basket (Player 1) for the open lay-up.



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SIMPLE - yes - but it does work most of the time.

We can also call 2 and tip to the 2 o'clock spot, if the defense is favoring the 10 o'clock spot on the tip off.

Right handers jumping on the tip off will tip to the 10 o'clock spot easier.

Left handers will prefer to tip to the 2 o'clock spot.

