



Terminology

5 Out - the ball is centered in the middle of the floor with the 5 man at the top of the key. He has the option to dribble at either wing (which triggers a backdoor cut and a flare from the 5 man)

Backcut - when a player on the perimeter cuts behind the head of the defender to the rim

BS - ball screen

Cluster Screen - when two perimeter players come together in a screening action before they “split”. One of them cuts away to the rim and the other pops back to the ball

DHO - dribble handoff

Elbow Splits - ball is entered to the post and the guard who entered the ball and the next closest guard on the perimeter screen for each other around the elbow

Flip - when the two players in the top spot exchange with the two players in the corners by dribbling to the wing and inverting the wings to the two top spots

HPR - high pick and roll

Laser Cut - a straight horizontal cut in front of the ball to open up a driving lane for the player with the ball

REEL - when the top man dribbles at the wing away from the 5 man. This triggers a backdoor cut, a postup, and a flare from the 5 man

ROD 1 - the ball is entered to the 5 man at the elbow, then the player who threw him the ball cuts to the strongside corner to cluster screen with the guard waiting in the corner

Rod 2 - the ball is entered to the 5 man at the elbow and the man who entered the ball screens around the opposite elbow area with the other guard on the wing

RIP Screen - when a guard sets a back screen for someone on the perimeter to go down into the post

SBS - sideline ball screen where 5 usually sets a wing ball screen for a perimeter player



SMASH - when two players go and screen + dribble handoff for another player at the same time (i.e. 2 screens for 3 in the corner with 5 dribbling behind the 2 as he hands it off to the 3)

Split Action - when the ball is thrown into the post, that player will go cluster screen at the elbow with the next closest perimeter player

STAB - a guard who is cutting through the paint to the rim and then stops to post up

Tight Curl - when the man receiving the screen curls around the screener in order to brush his man off and allow the screener to pop back to the ball

UCLA Screen - a back screen on the perimeter usually occurring at the elbow

Wave Through - the player in the other top spot without the ball cuts through the lane to the opposite corner and the 5 man runs right behind him to the elbow and receives the ball

WEDGE - this action is initiated when horizontal dribble across the court is made at the single player in the top spot that ends in a SMASH action for the man in the corner

WP - wide pin down screen usually from a 5 man for another perimeter player

Court Diagrams

