



Princeton Offense



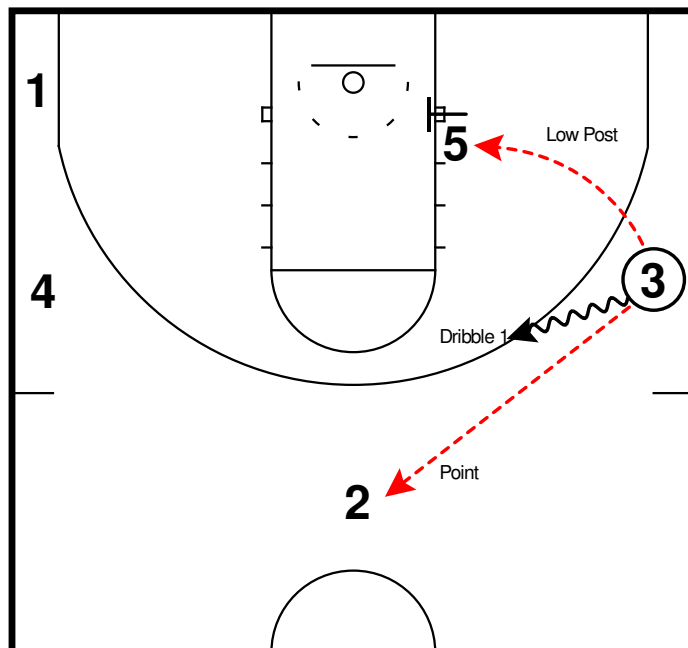
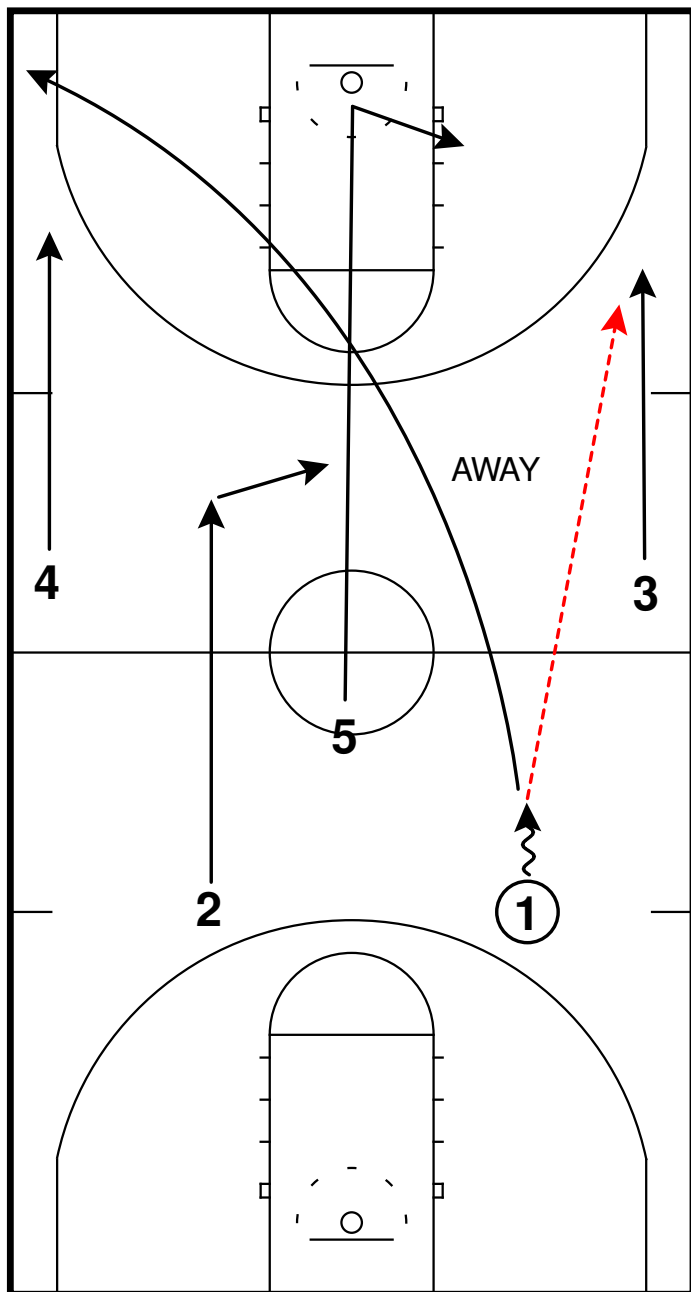
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Transition Entries

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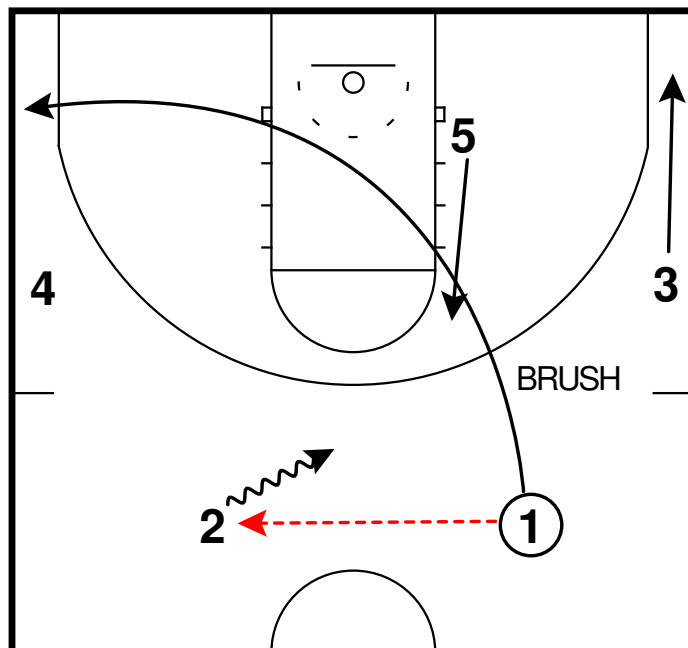
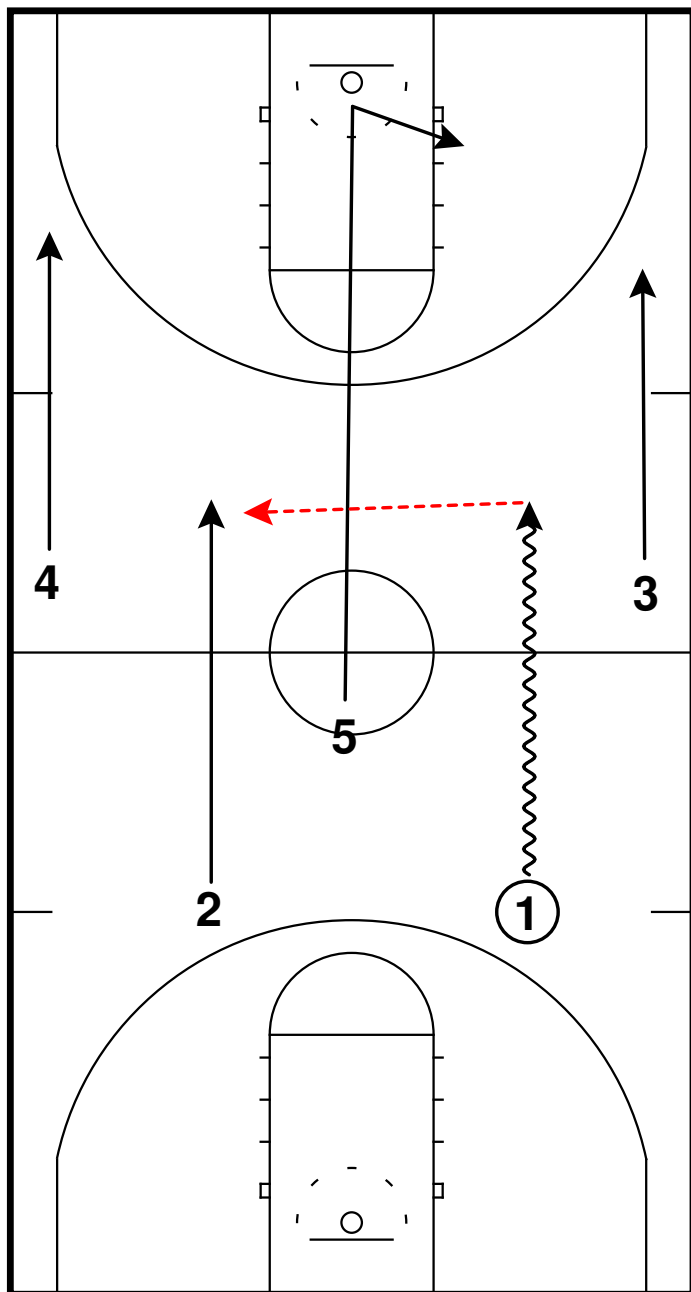
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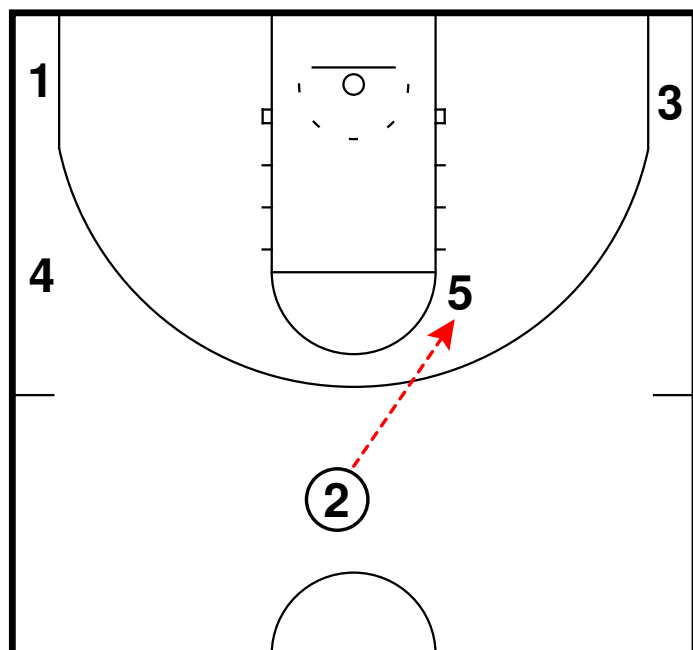
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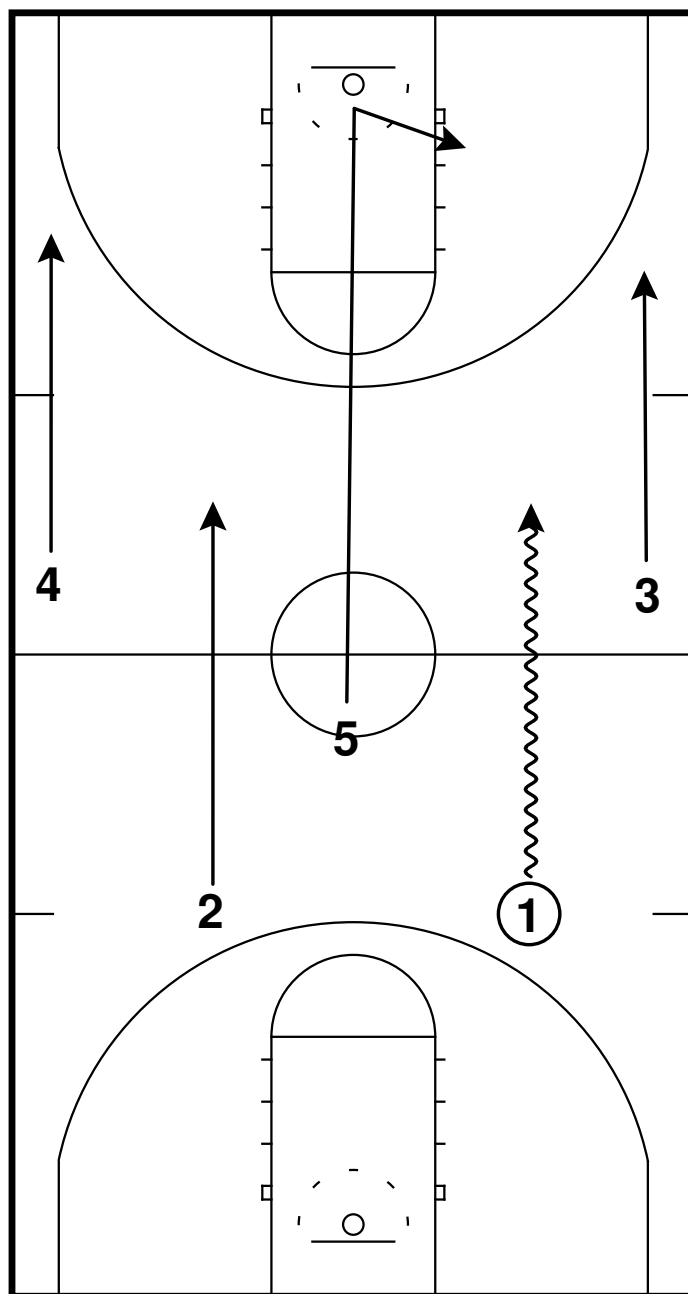
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Point Phase

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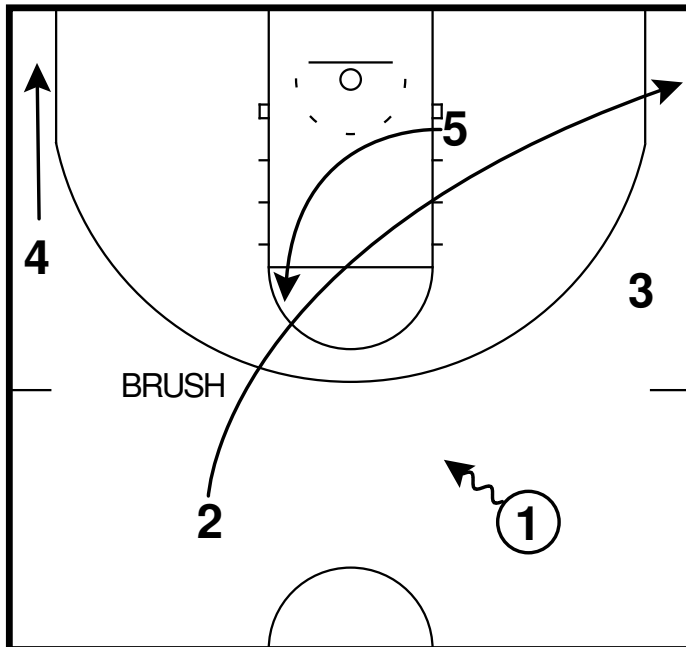
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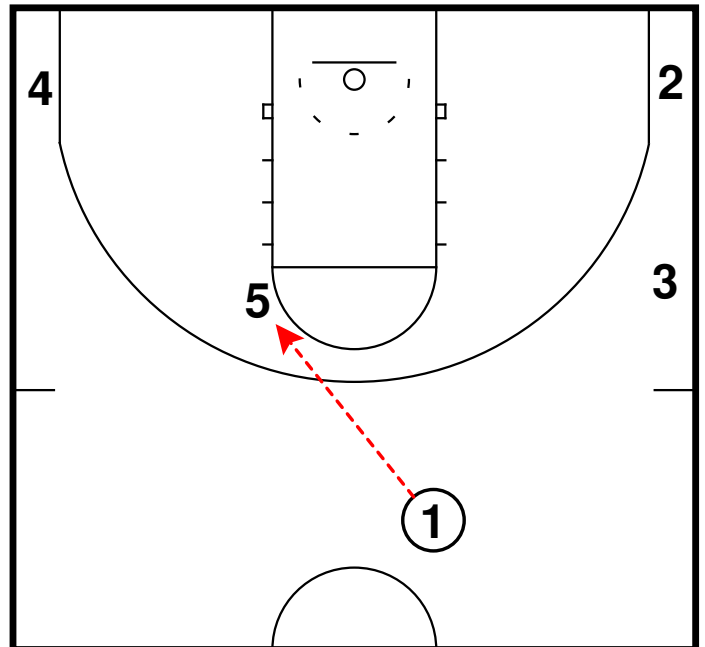
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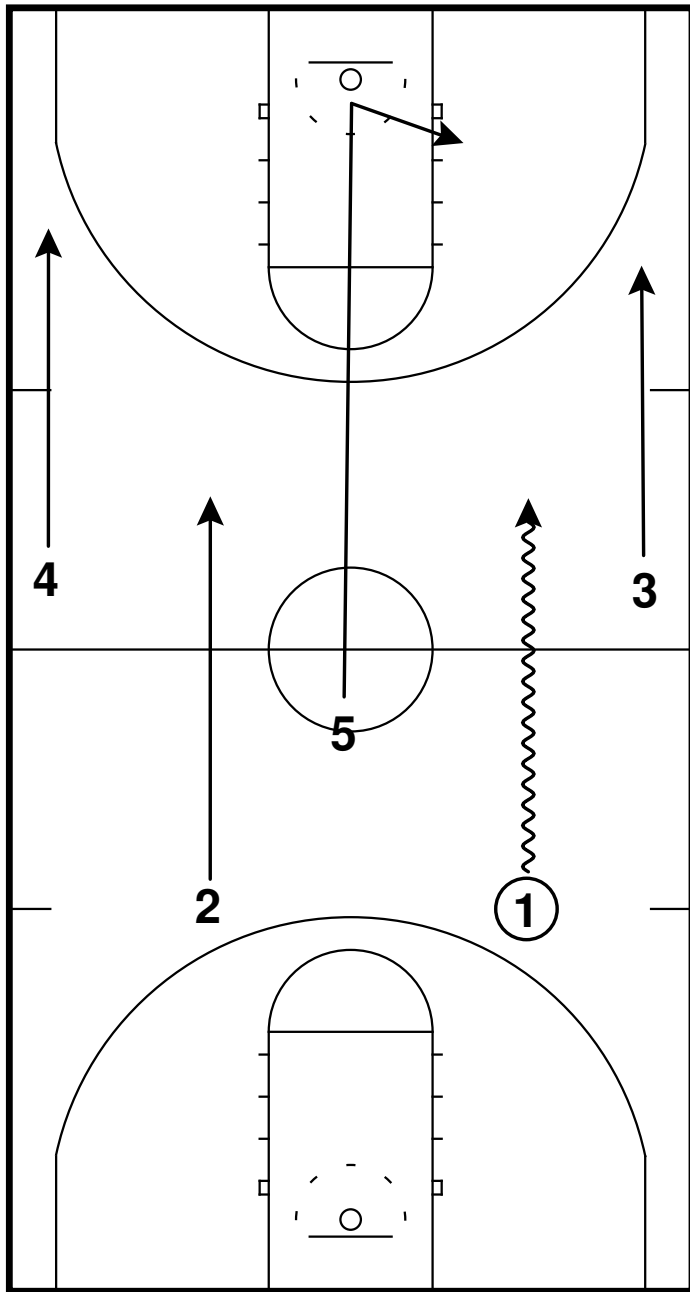
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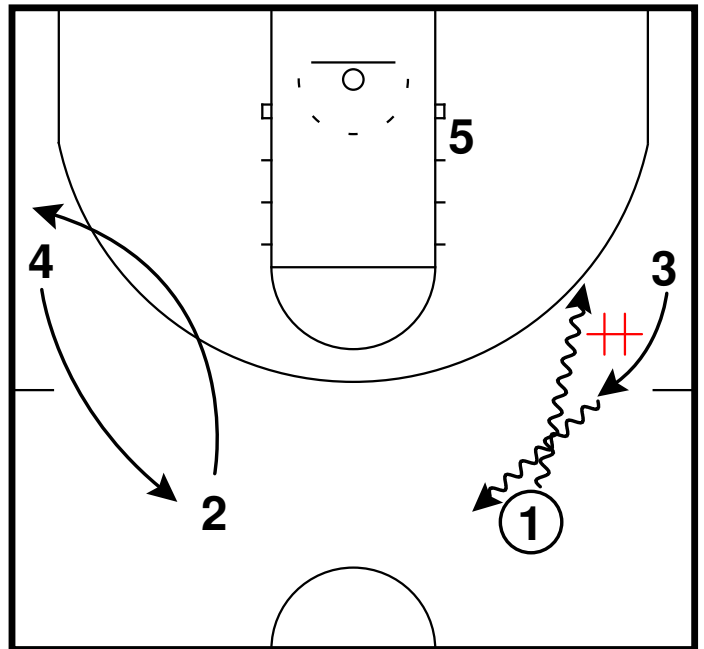
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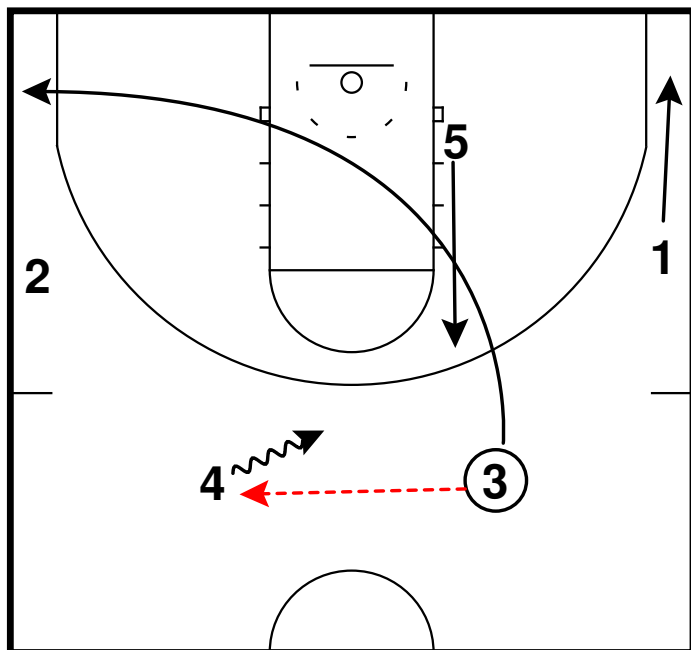


Forwards Out

In the frame above there is a dribble handoff from Player 1 to Player 3. Meanwhile, Players 2 & 4 exchange.

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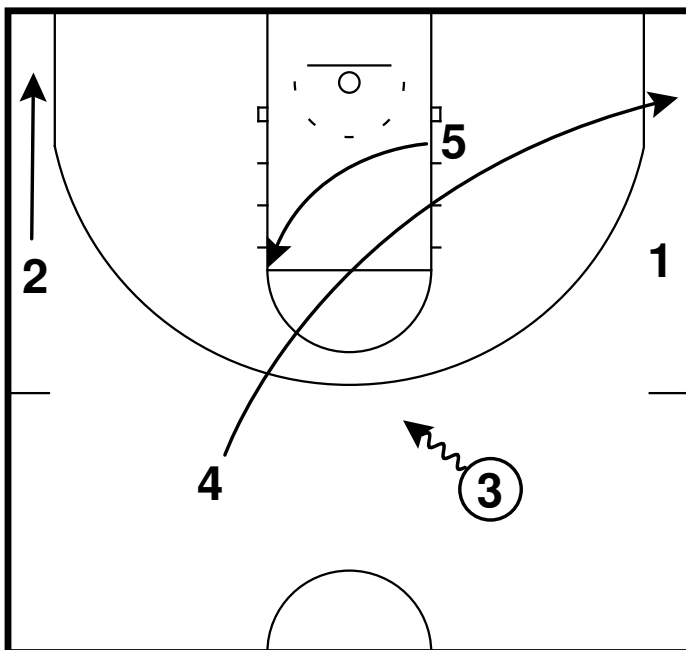
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Point Phase

Coming out of the DHO, if Player 3 passes guard to guard they brush cut behind their man and in front of the post to run interference for Player 5 rising to the elbow. Player 4 dribbles centers with the inside hand.

Guard-To-Guard Pass = Brush Cut into Point Phase

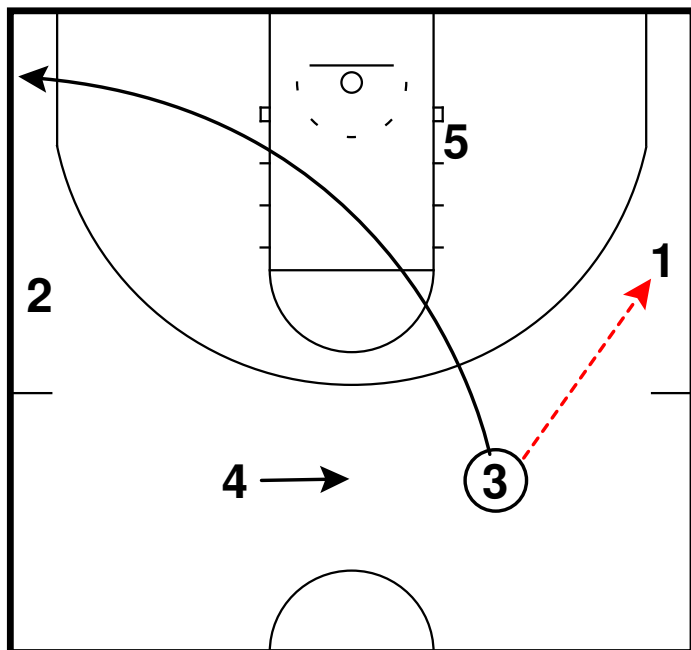


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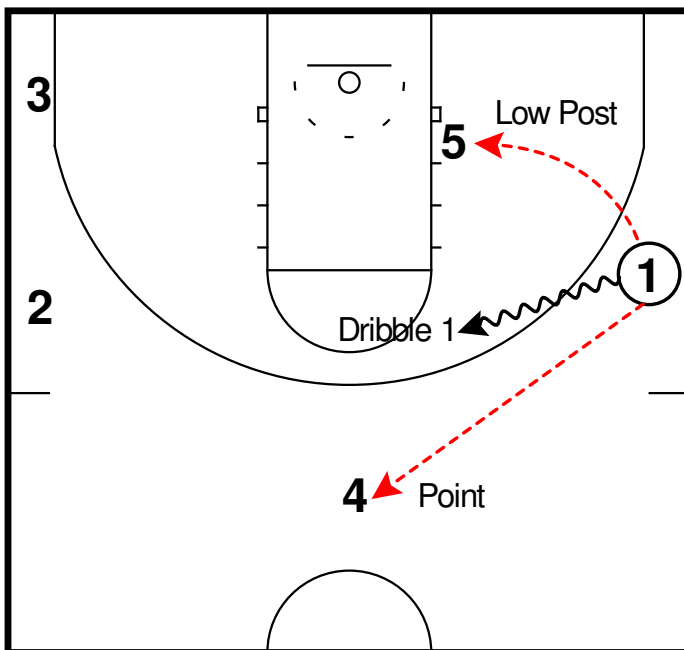
FORWARDS OUT



Throwback = Low Post Phase

Player 3 may come out of the handoff and throw back to Player 1. After the pass Player 3 cuts away to far corner. Player 4 centers up beyond the four point line.

Guard to Forward Pass = Low Post Phase

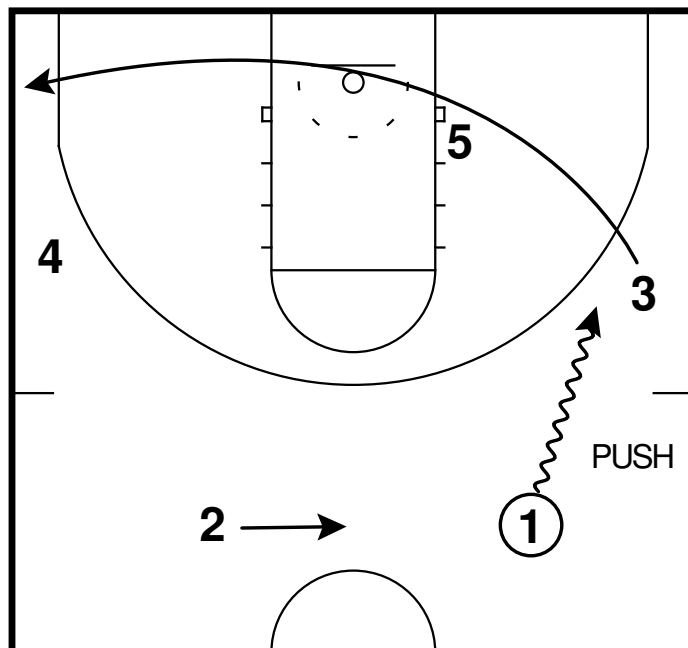
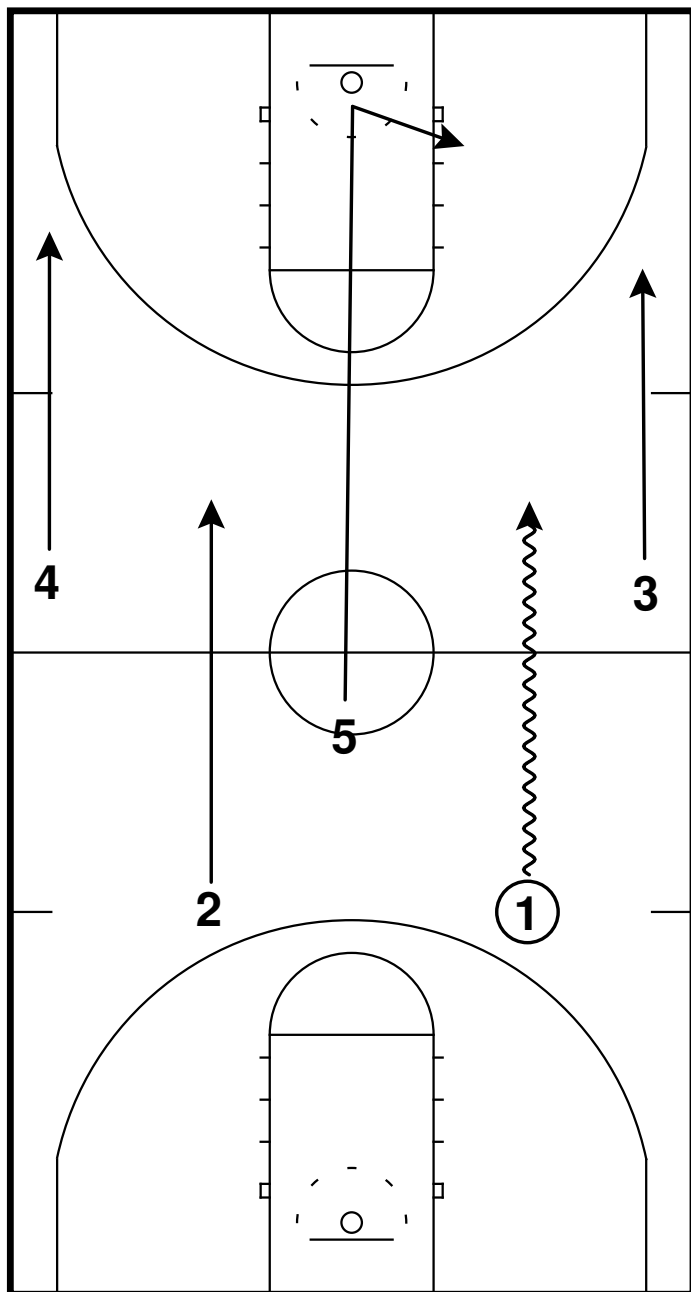


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PUSH



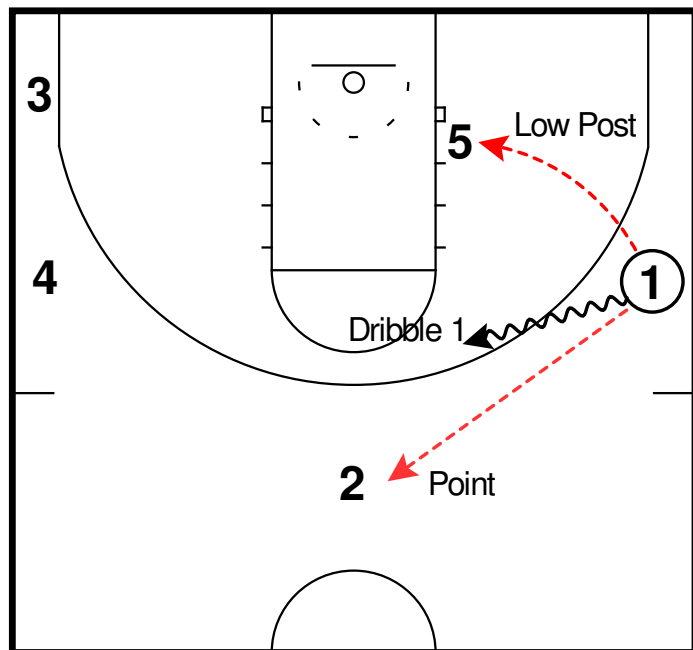
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Player 2 centers up

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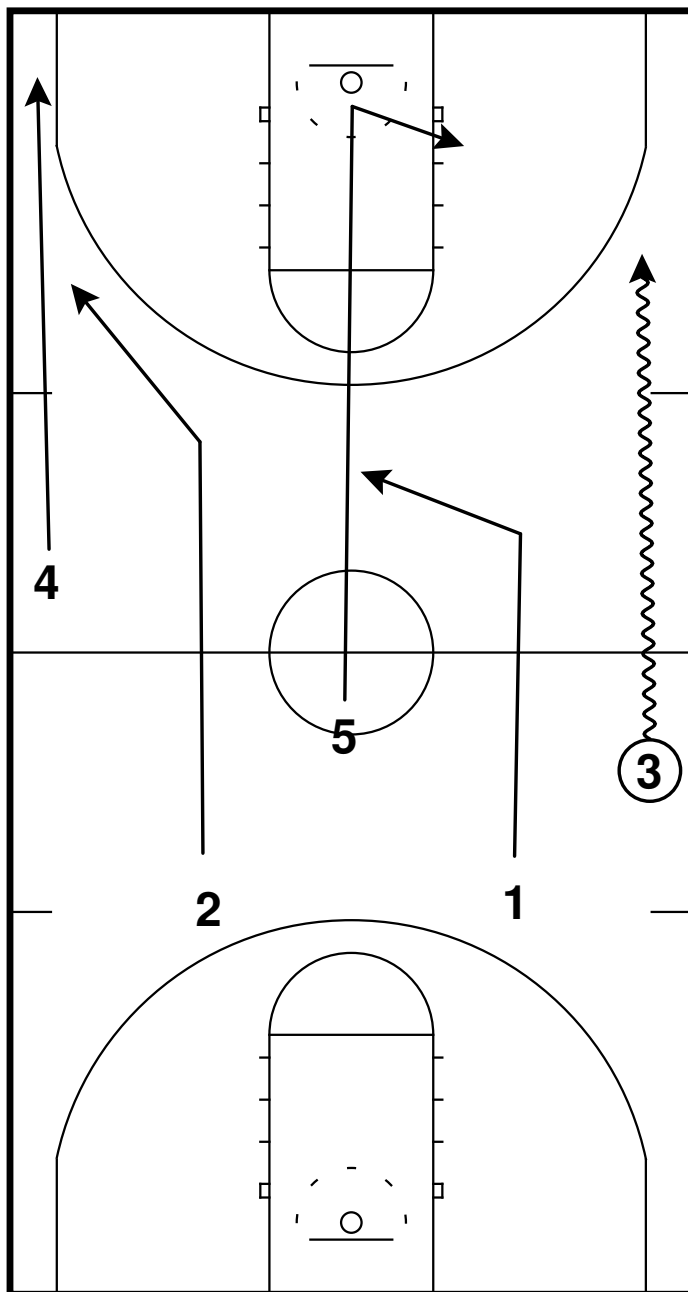


This puts the offense in **Low Post Phase**

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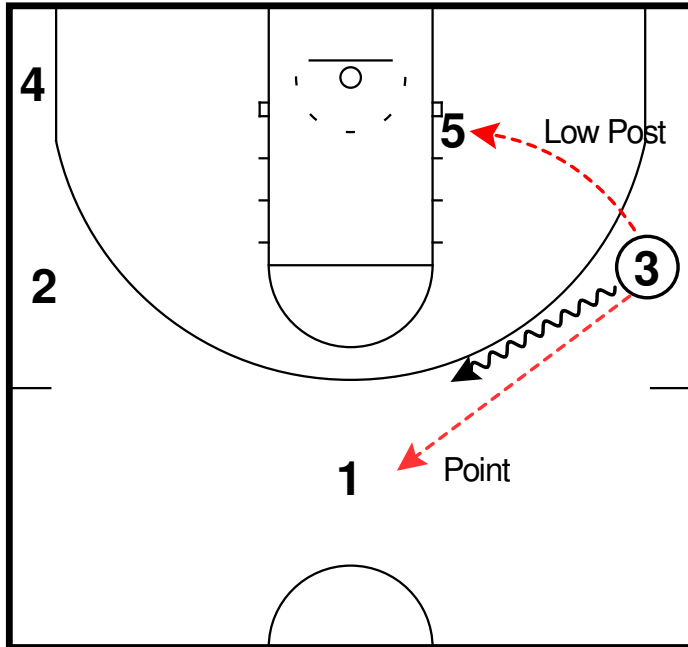
Player 1 may pass to Player 2 = Point Phase



There may be times where the player advancing the ball via the dribble has no player in front of them, that's ok! Dribble to the forward spot as Player 3 does above. Player 5 rim runs. Players 1, 2 and 4 adjust spacing.

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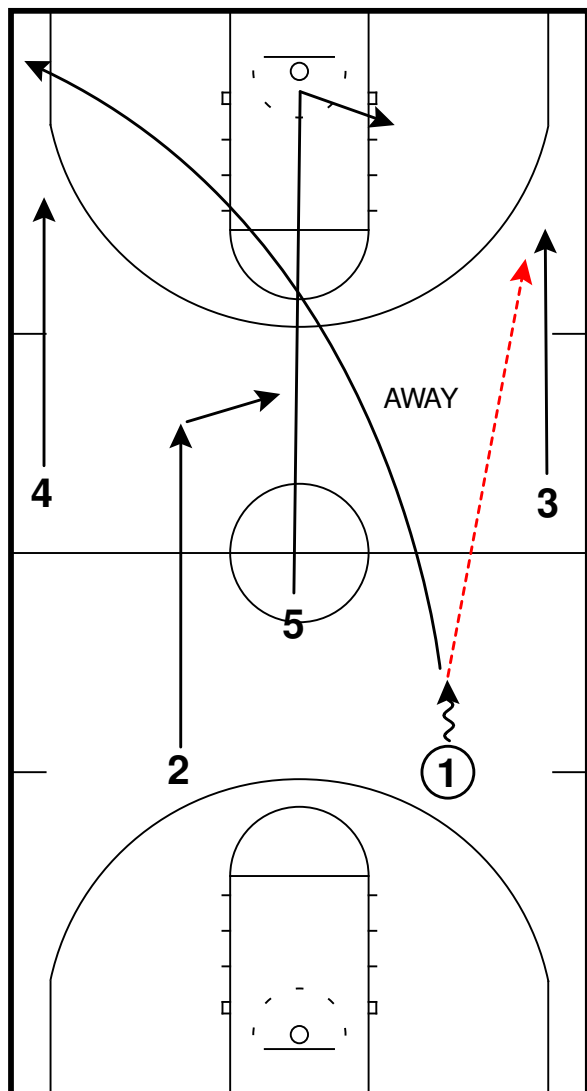
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Low Post Phase

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Low Post - Entry



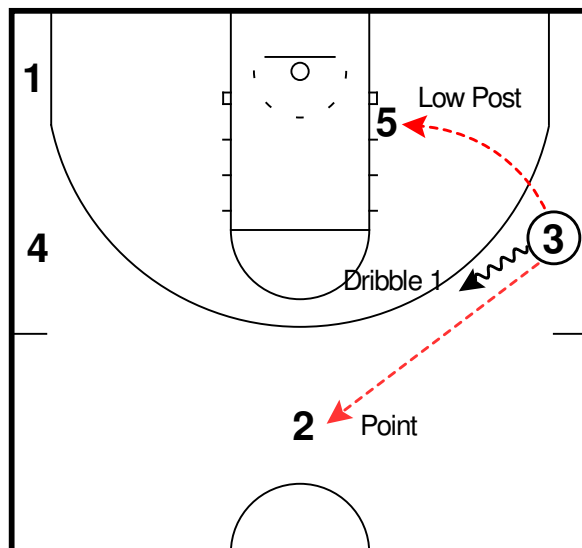
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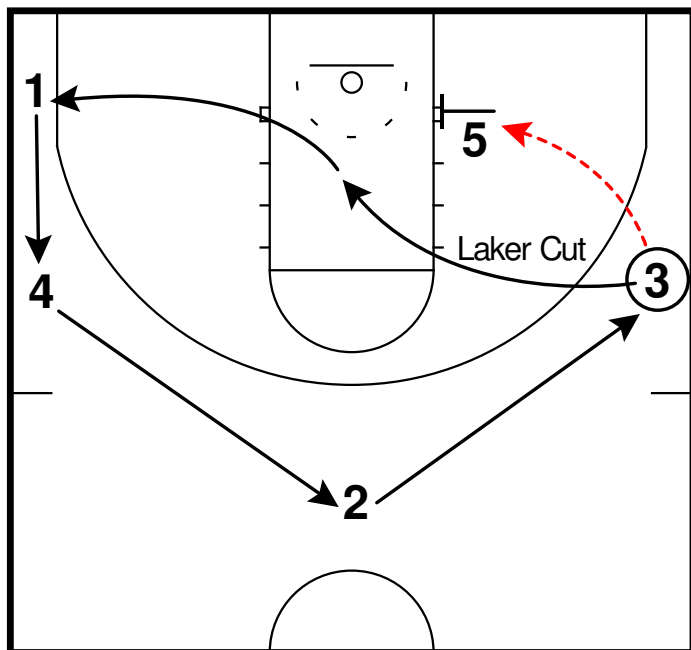
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In the next frames you will see options for when the wing enters the ball to the post.

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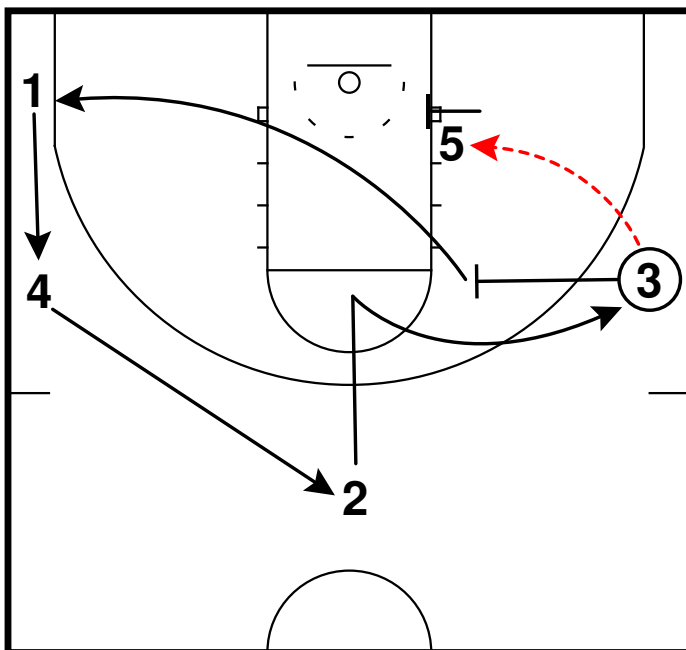


Laker Cut

First, we want the post (Player 5 above) to use the T-Post technique rather than a traditional post up. Use strong arm to hold off defender and post perpendicular to the defender. Player 5 is facing the halfcourt line. Reach out and ask for ball with long arm.

Player 3 Laker Cuts after entering the post. Look for return pass, if it does not come continue to fill to far corner.

Other players fill spots as shown



Spilt Screen

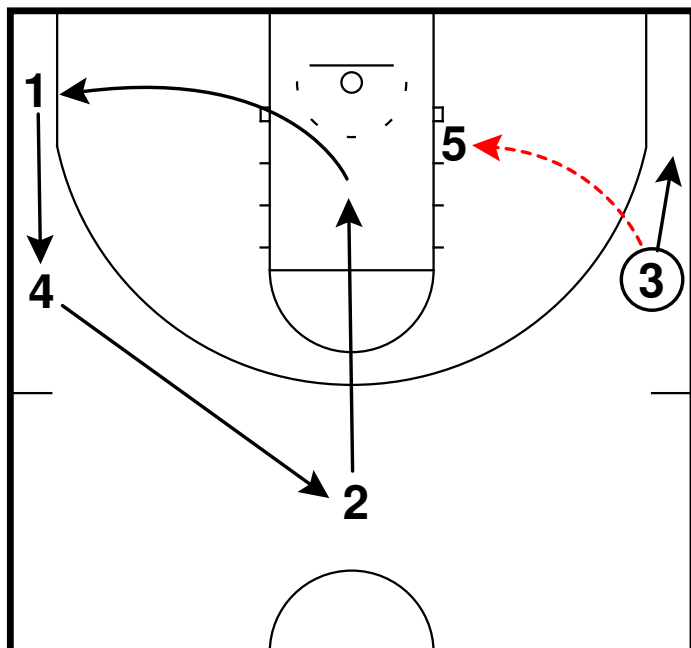
Player 3 may Split Screen after entering the post.

"Screen the Elbow" - In the diagram above, Player 3 enters post then screens near the elbow. Player 2 has set up the cut and accepts the screen. After screening, Player 3 slips off and continues to far corner.

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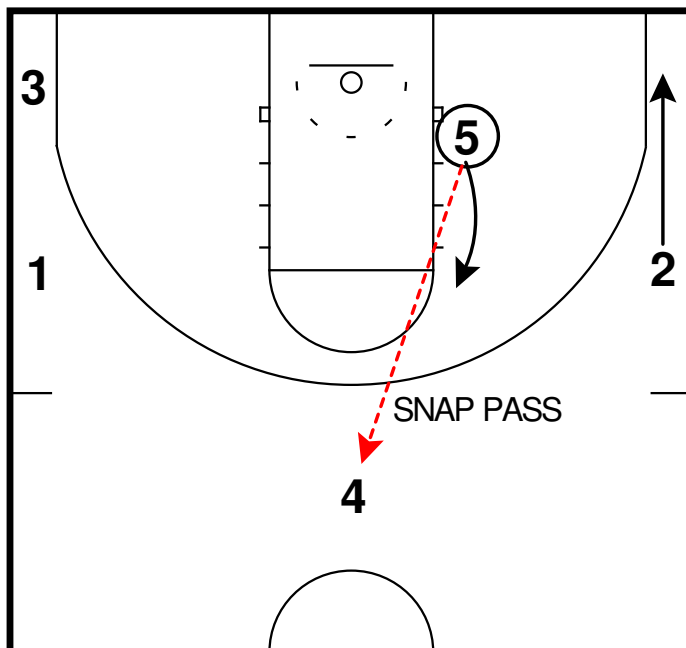
Low Post - Entry



No Cut

Player 3 may enter the post and make no cut at all or slightly relocate.

Player 2 then basket cuts.
Other players fill spots as shown.

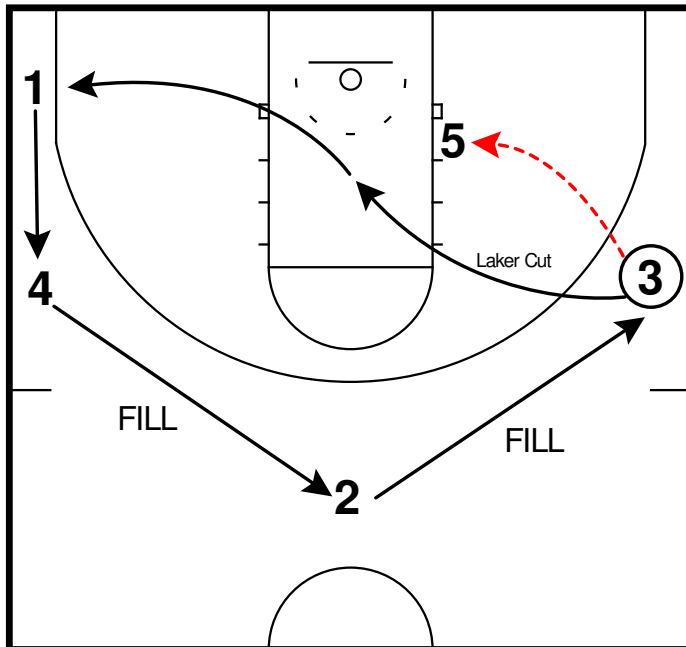


Link: pass out to Point Phase

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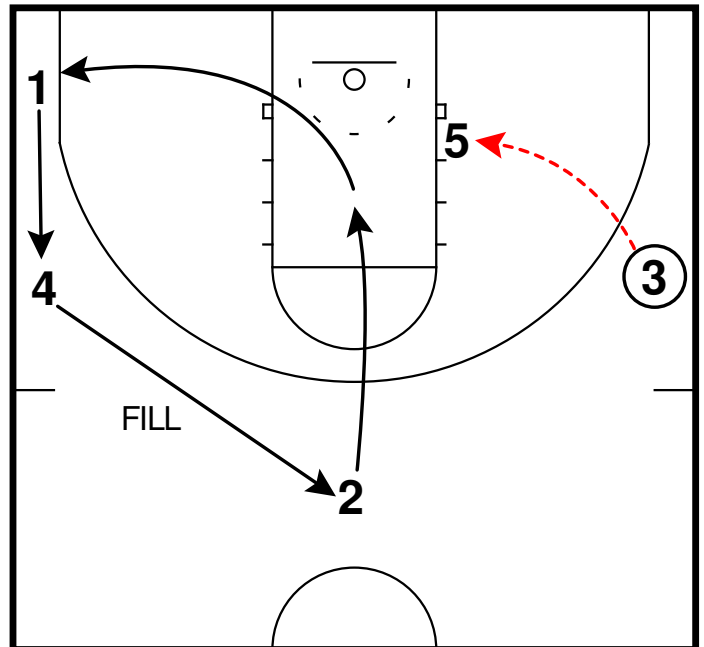
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Low Post - Laker Cut



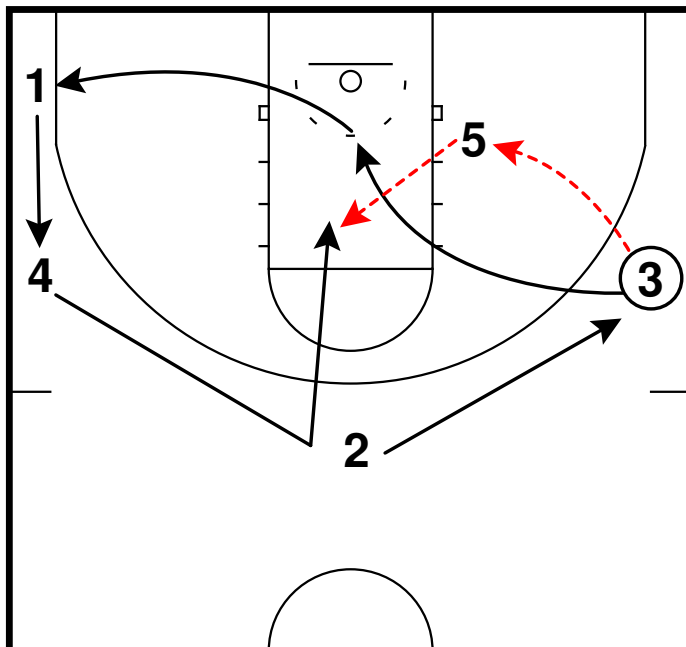
Low Post Phase

3 enters to 5 and laker cuts over the top, look for give and go! Exit to far corner

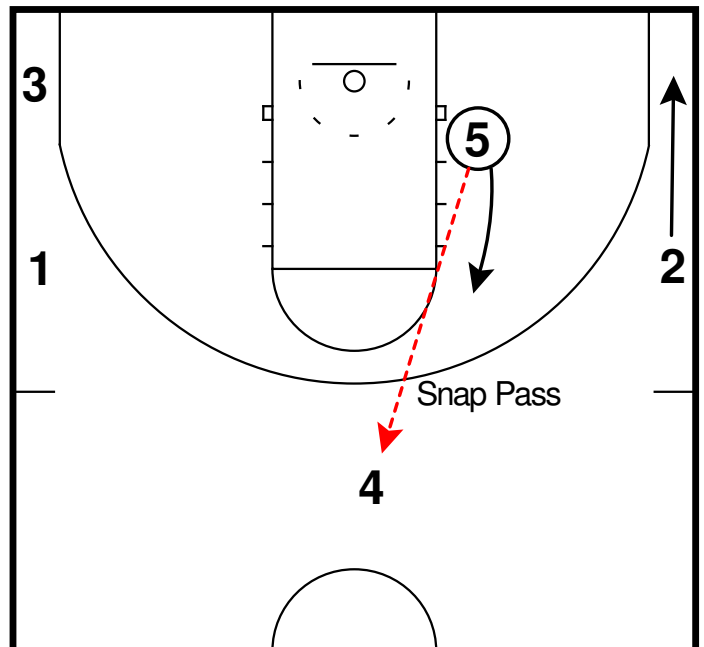


Low Post Phase

3 enters to 5 and makes no cut. 2 basket cuts looking for backdoor then exits to far corner.



When making Fill Cuts look for opportunities to back cut your man. Oftentimes defensive players lose sight of their man when the ball goes into the post. While filling there may be an opportunity to cut behind your defender's head for an easy layup.

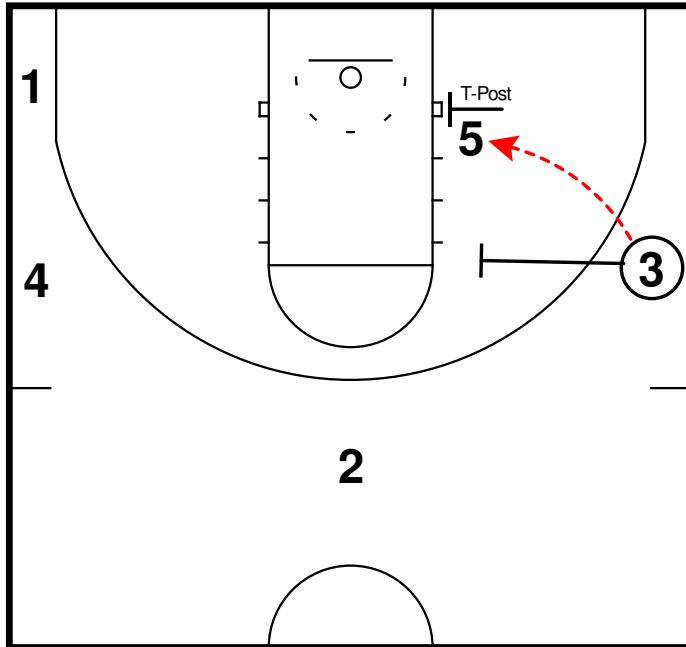


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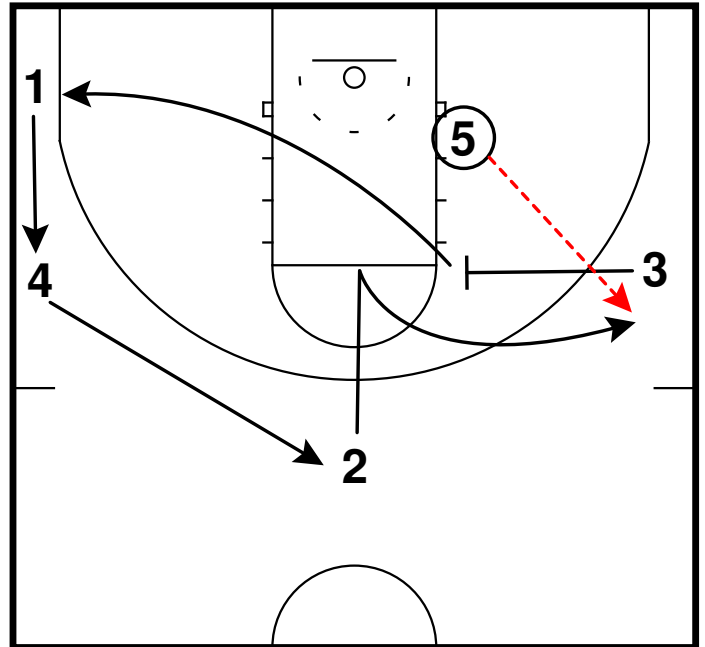
Low Post - Split Screen



Split Screen

When entering the post as Player 3 does above, the feeder may Split Screen. This is a screen set for the player at the top. The location of the screen is at or near the elbow. ("Screen The Elbow")

In the next three frames are the spilt screen options



Accept the Screen

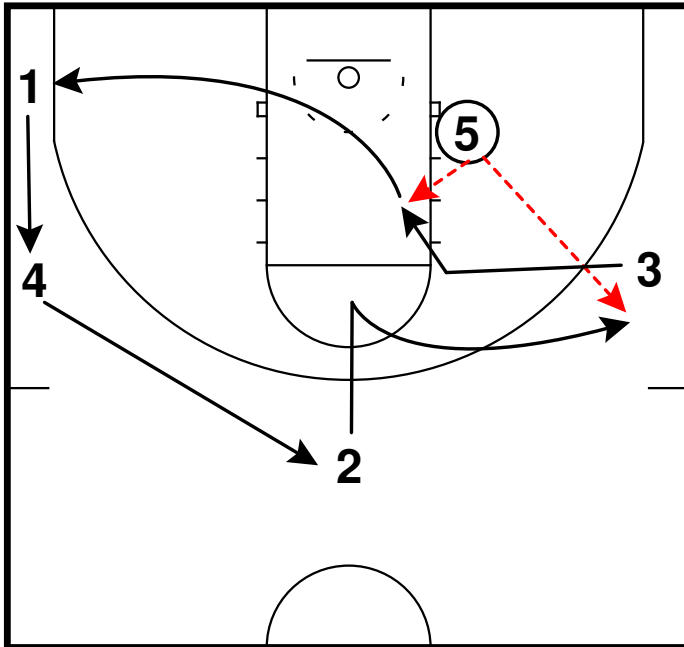
The Cutter may accept the screen.

After enter the post, Player 3 screens at the elbow for Player 2 who has setup their cut.

Player 2 accepts the screen, Player 3 slips after screening and fills to far corner. Player 2 looks to shoot, reenter the post or pass to point.

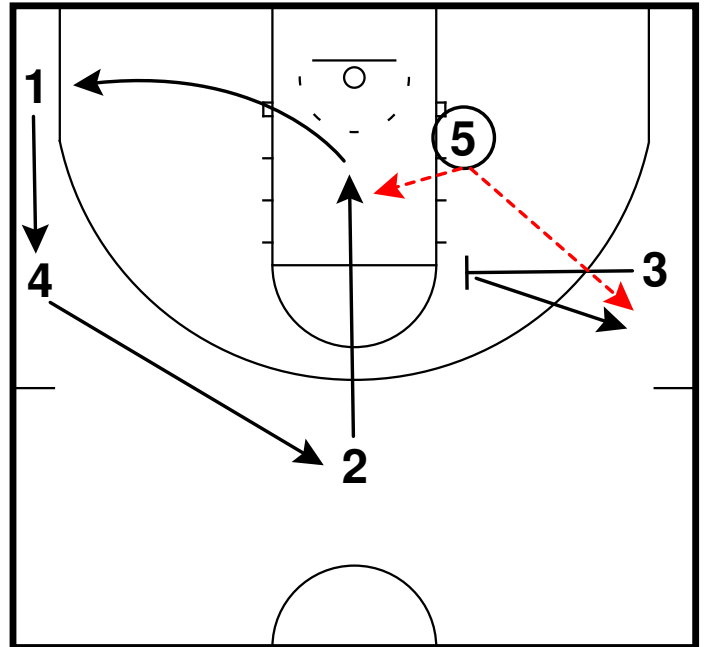
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Screener Slips

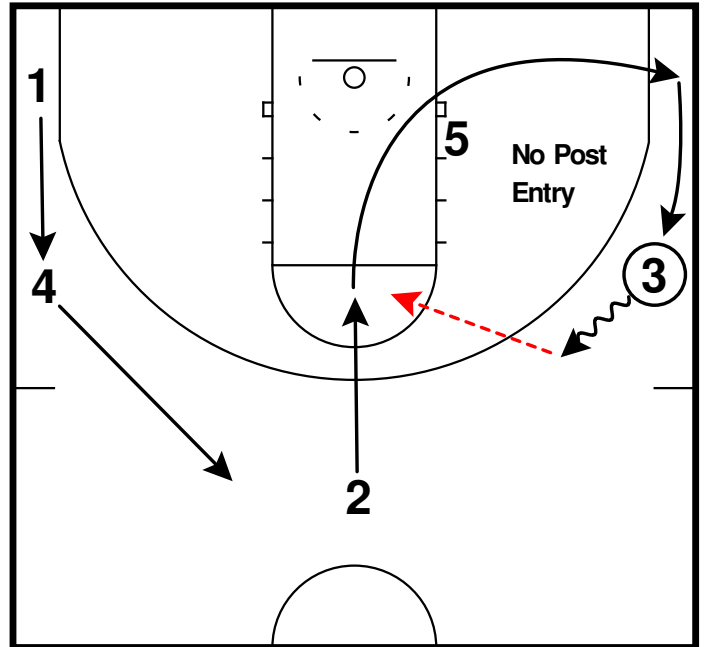
After entering the post, Player 3 slips the screen. Player 2 replaces Player 3



Reject the Screen

After entering the post, Player 3 goes to screen at the elbow, Player 2 rejects the screen, Player 3 pops back

Low Post - Dribble 1



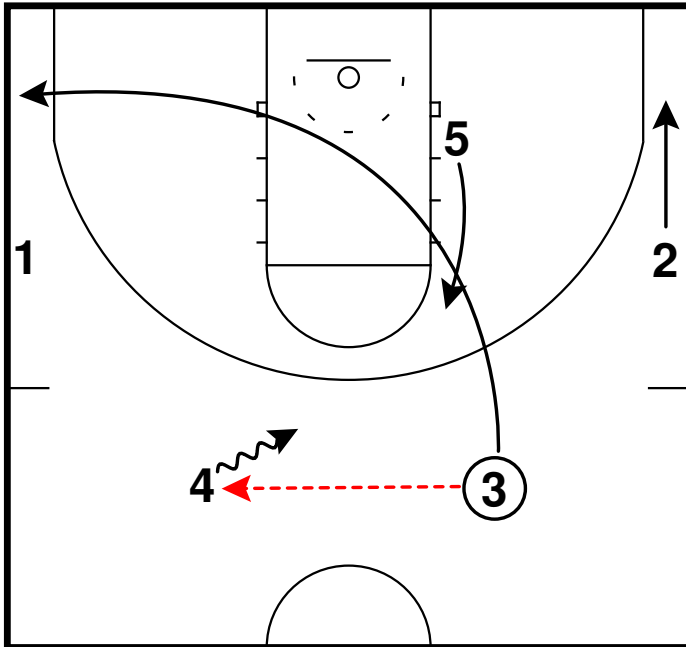
Low Post Phase - Dribble 1

Player 3 may also get into a dribble-at with Player 2. 2 cuts backdoor for a possible layup. If the cutter does not receive the pass continue under the post and out.

Players 1 and 4 fill as shown

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Low Post - Dribble 1



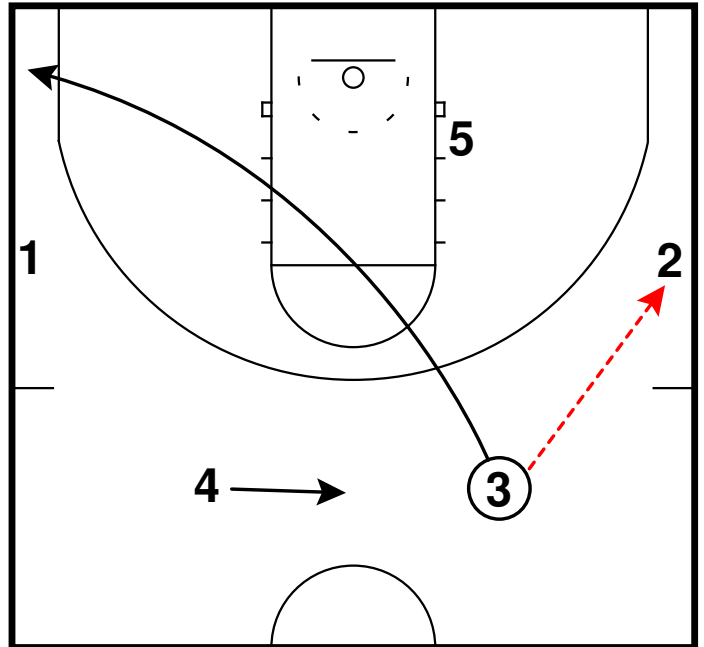
LINK: to POINT Phase

From Dribble 1 if Player 3 passes guard-to-guard to Player 4 we flow into Point Phase.

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4 dribble centers with inside hand

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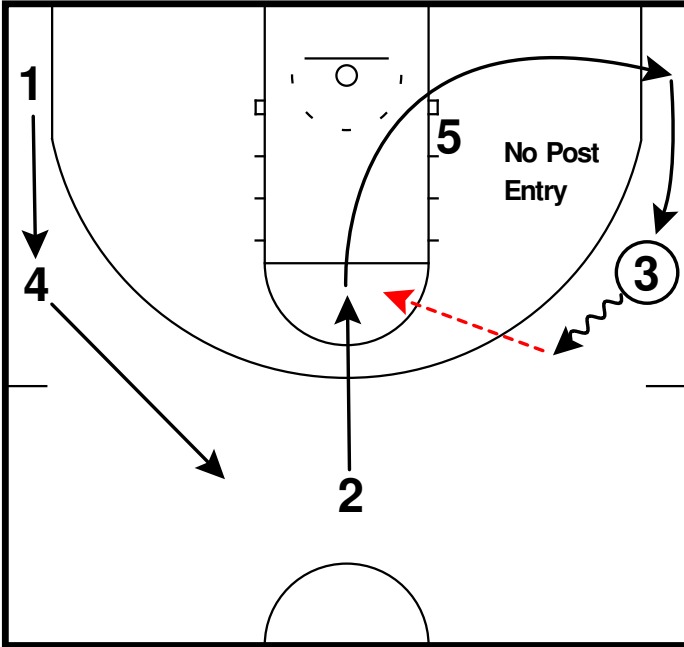


If 3 threw back to 2, they'd cut away. Offense remains in Low Post

Guard-To-Forward Pass = Low Post Phase

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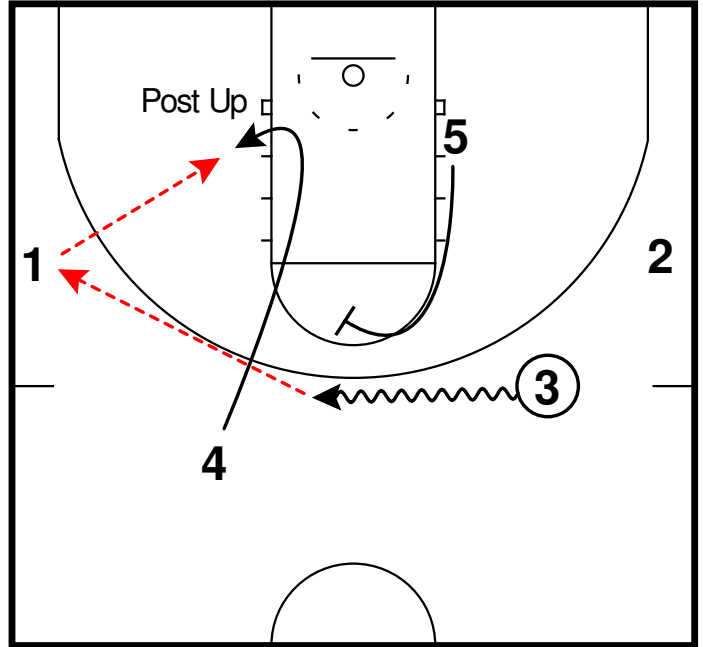
Low Post - Dribble 2



Low Post Phase - Dribble 2

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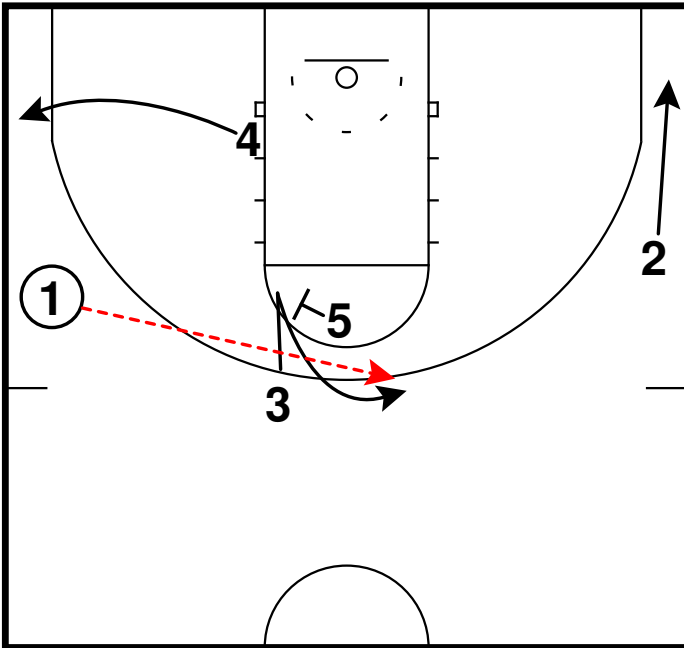
Instead of enter post or passing to the point, Player 3 dribbles at Player 2. Player 2 back cuts for a possible backdoor; if they don't receive the ball continue under the post and out.



Double Backdoor

Perhaps Player 3 cannot pass to Player 4 as in Dribble 1, keep your dribble and dribble at with Player 4.

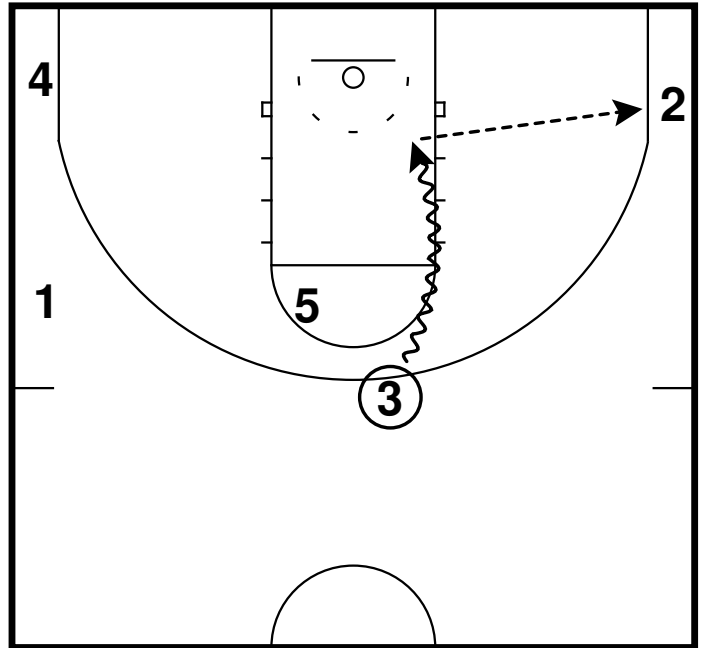
4 back cuts (another backdoor opportunity) into a post up.
3 passes to 1 at wing as 5 moves into position to screen. 1
may enter to 4 on post up.



Link to CHIN Drift

After passing, Player 3 sets up for the drift screen from 5.

4 pops to corner



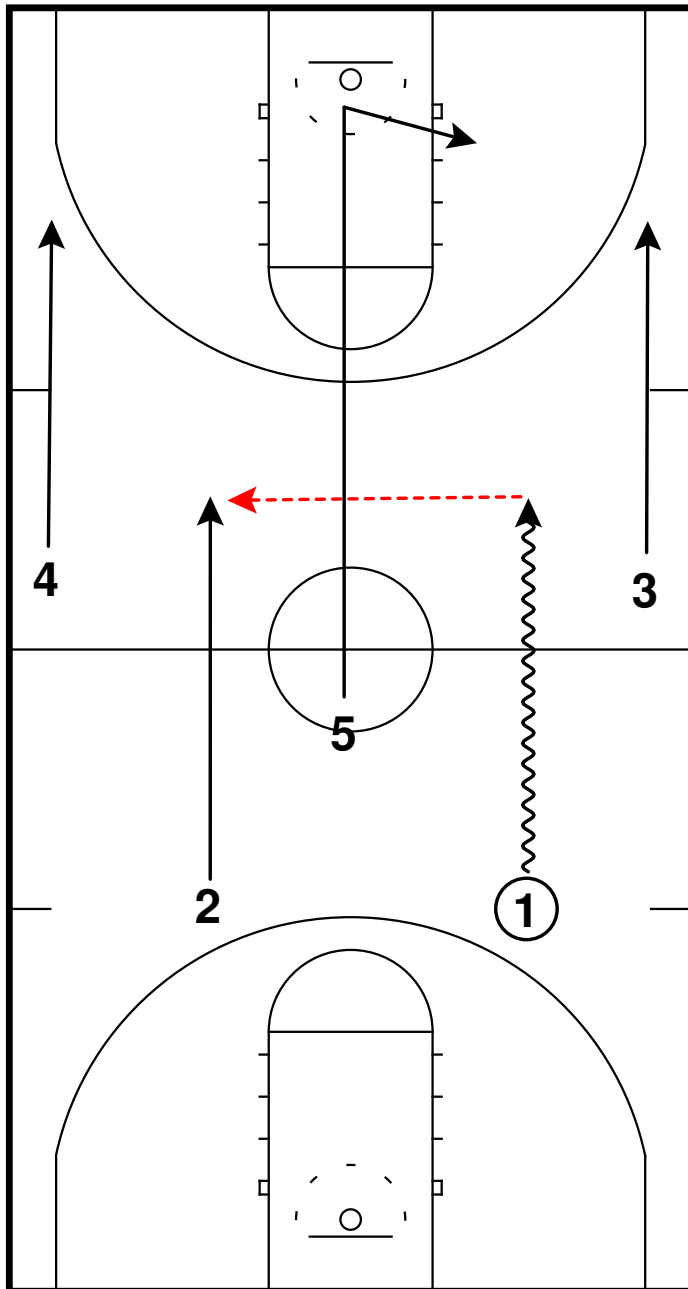
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3 uses the Drift Screen, Drives the double gap and Kicks to 2 if help comes off the corner

Point Phase

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Point - Entry

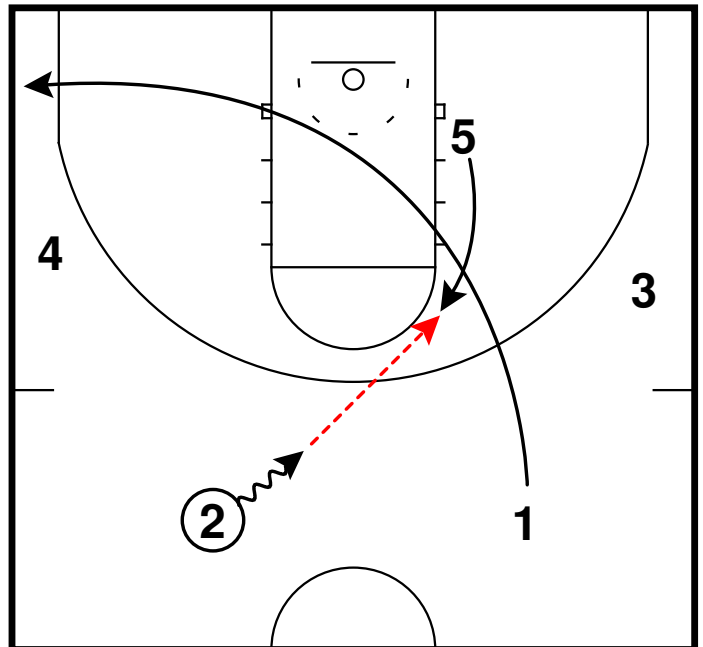


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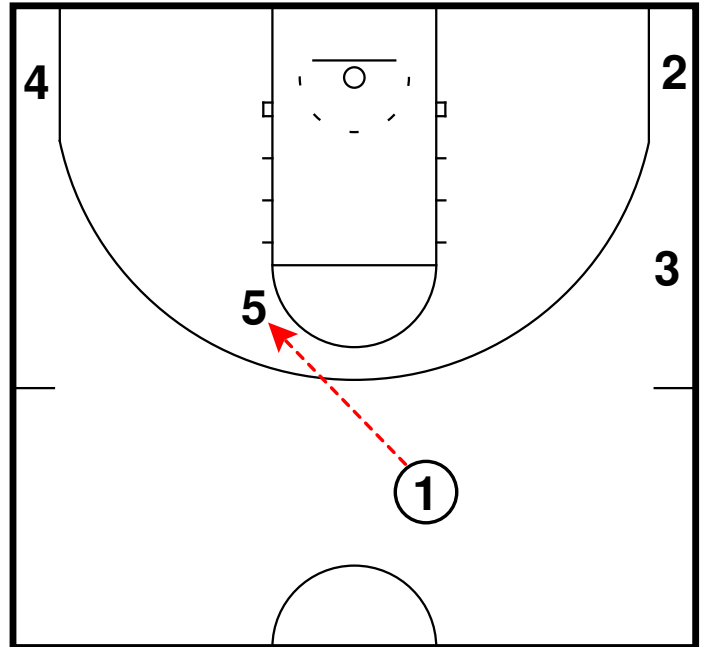
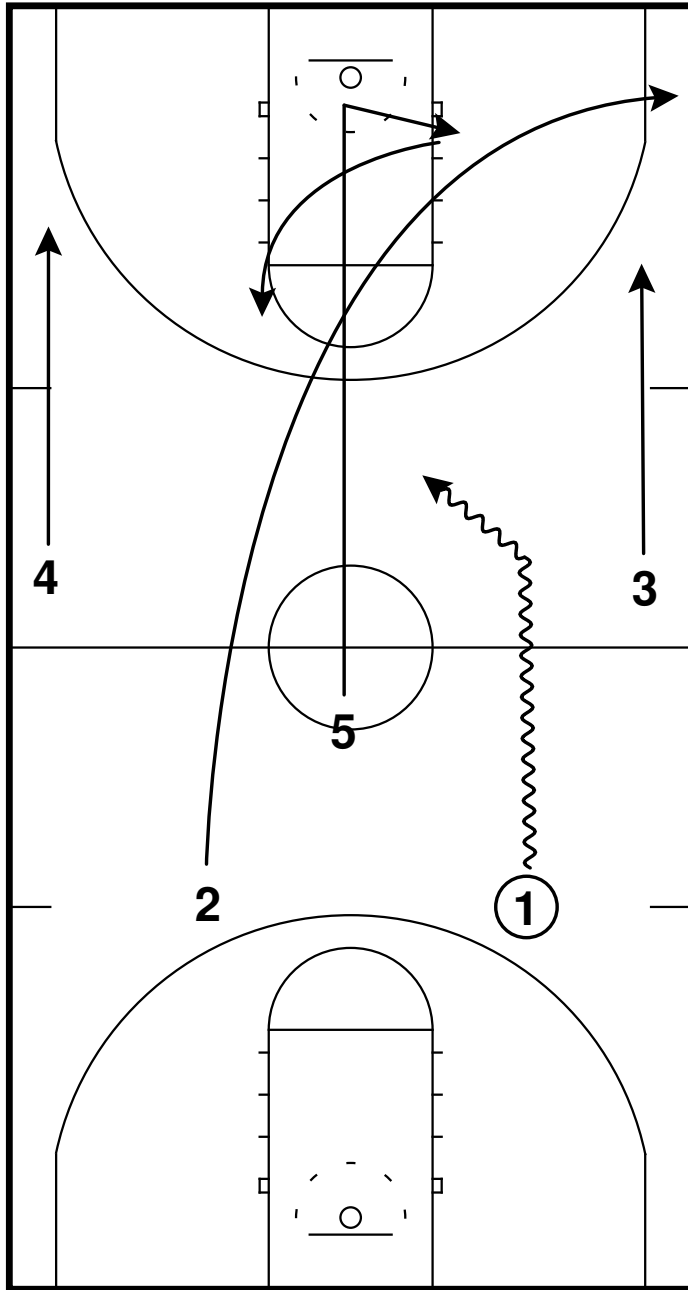
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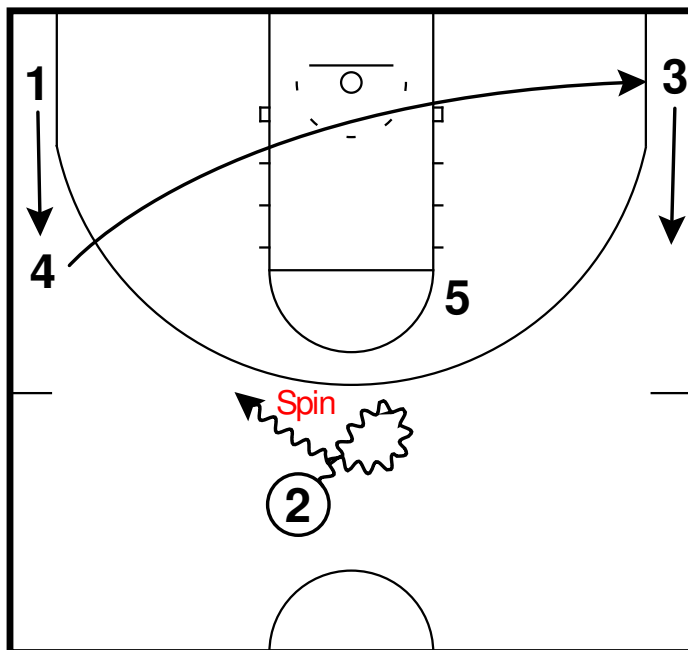
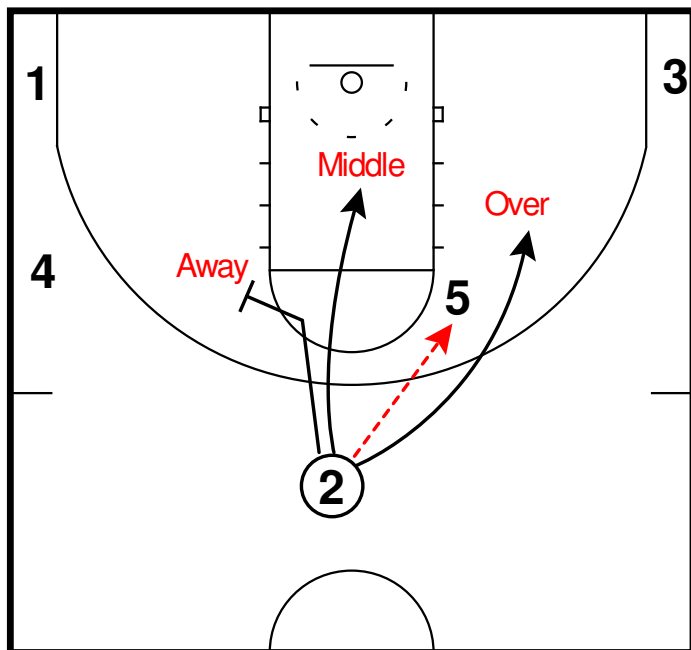
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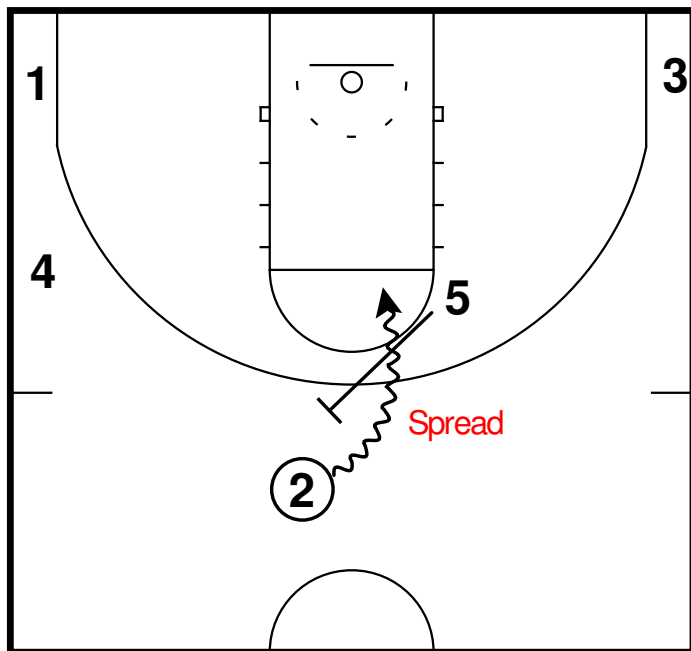
Point - Entry



Above are the options upon enter to 5 at the elbow. Each of these will be detailed in this chapter. The passer may:

- 1) Cut over
- 2) Cut Middle
- 3) Screen Away

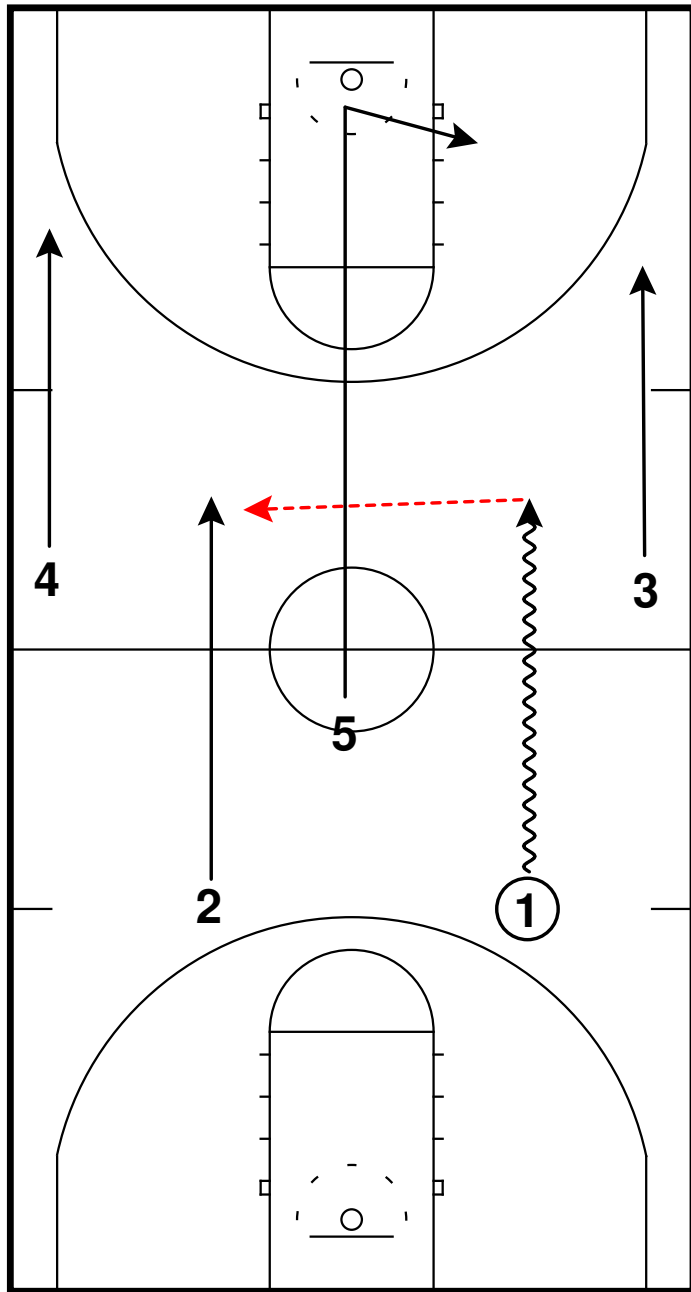
At times when the elbow entry is not available 2 may reverse pivot (SPIN) toward Player 4. Keep your dribble!



Player 5 may also sprint into SPREAD Ball Screen

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Point - Over

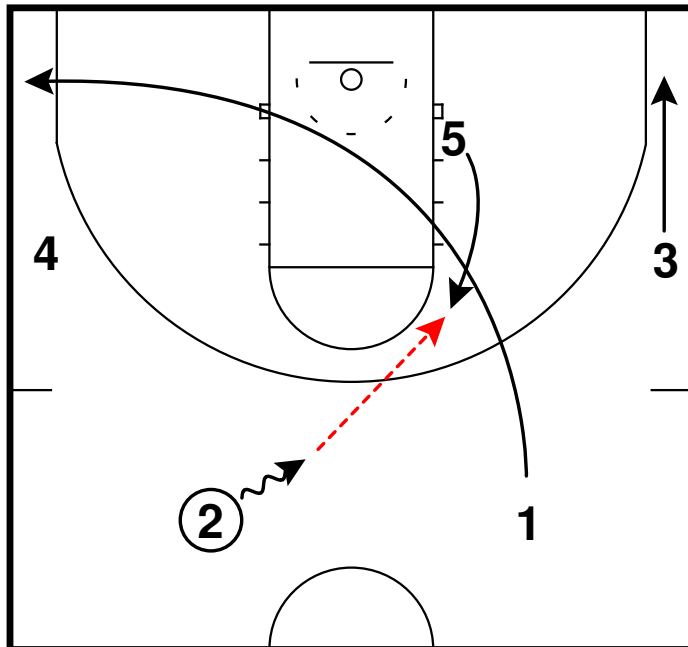


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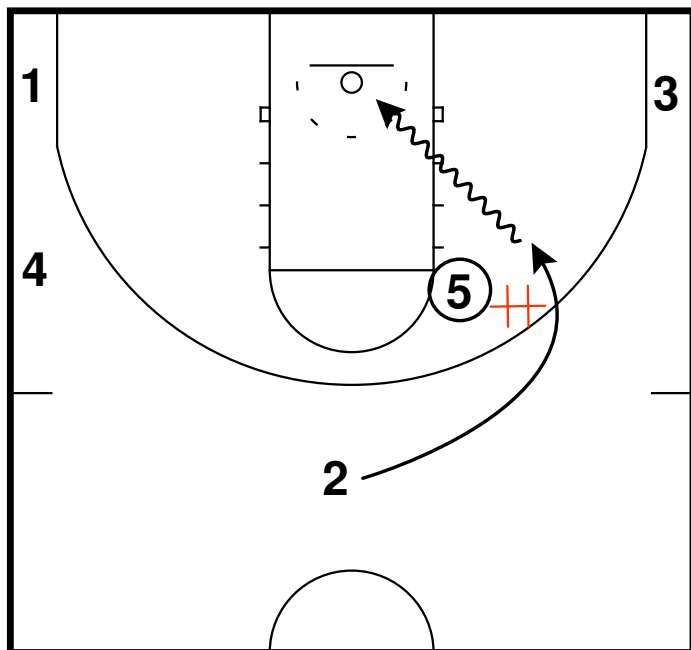
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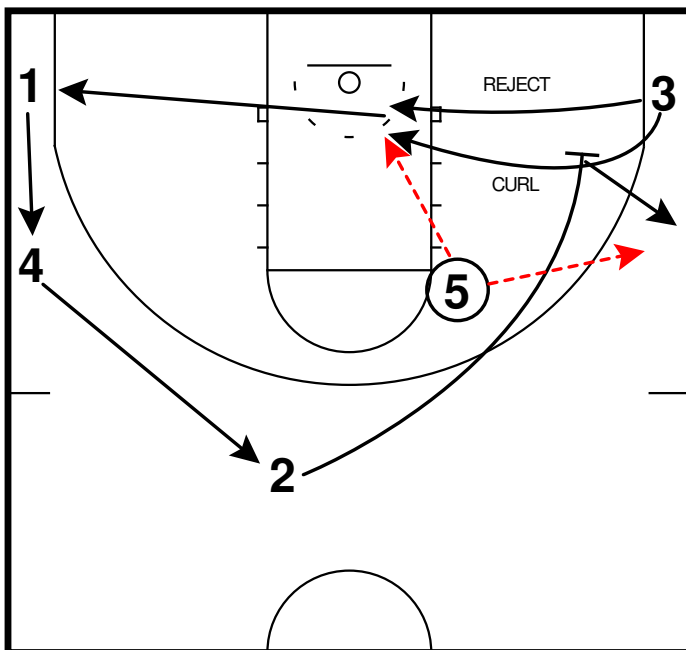


Throw & Go

Player 2 cuts OVER Player 5

Upon entry to the elbow area, if Player 2 can cross his/her defender's face and outrun their pass for a "throw & go" handoff that is the first option.

Note: Player 2, if trailed, may also continue cut to the rim and 5 dumps it over the top. "Curl & Dump"



If 2 does not take a handoff, they screen for the player in the corner (Player 3 in this diagram). Player 3 may curl, reject or accept the screen.

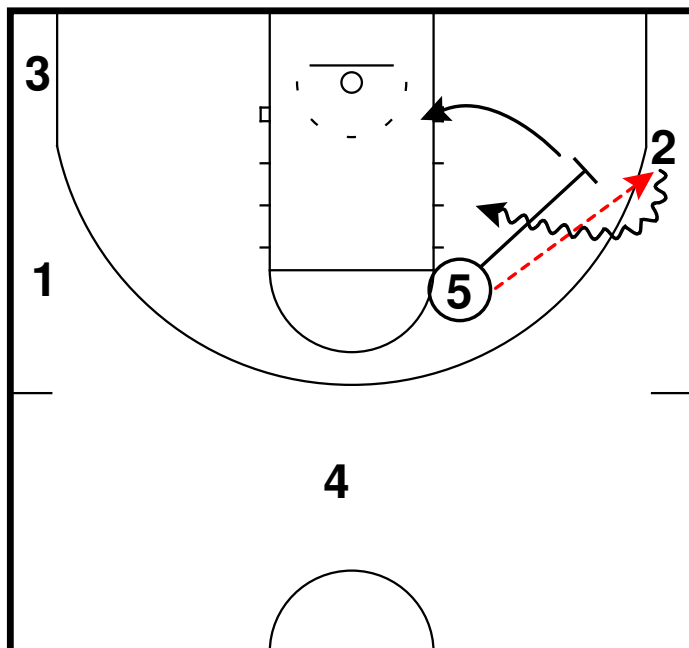
Note: when rejecting or curling a screen and cutting into the paint look for opportunity to post up.

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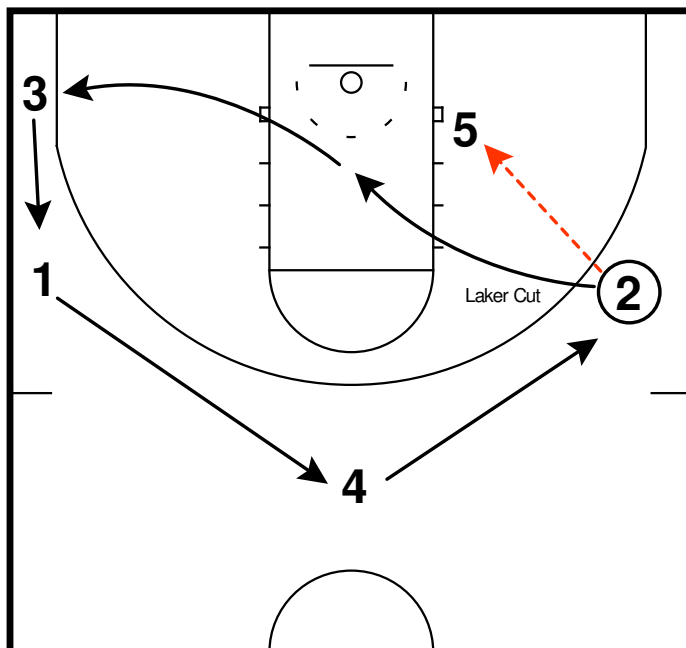
When the cutter makes an inside cut (curl, reject) the screener makes a second cut by popping out as Player 2 does in this diagram.

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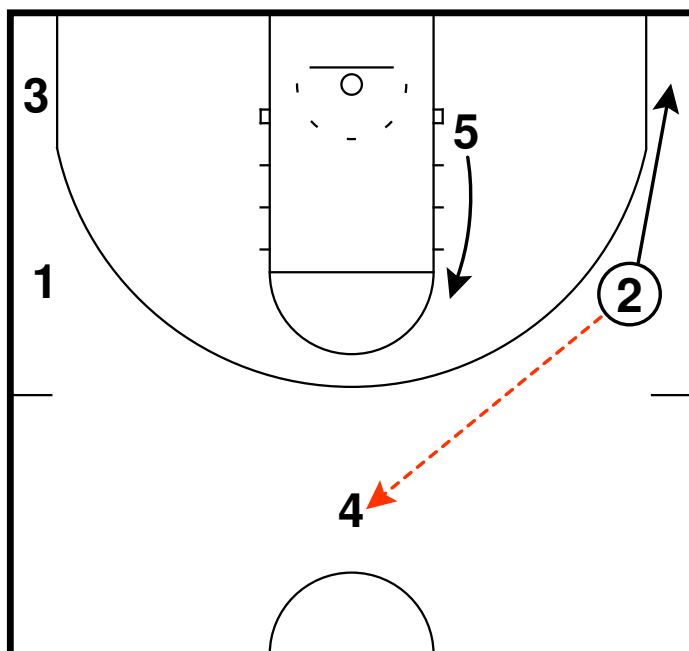
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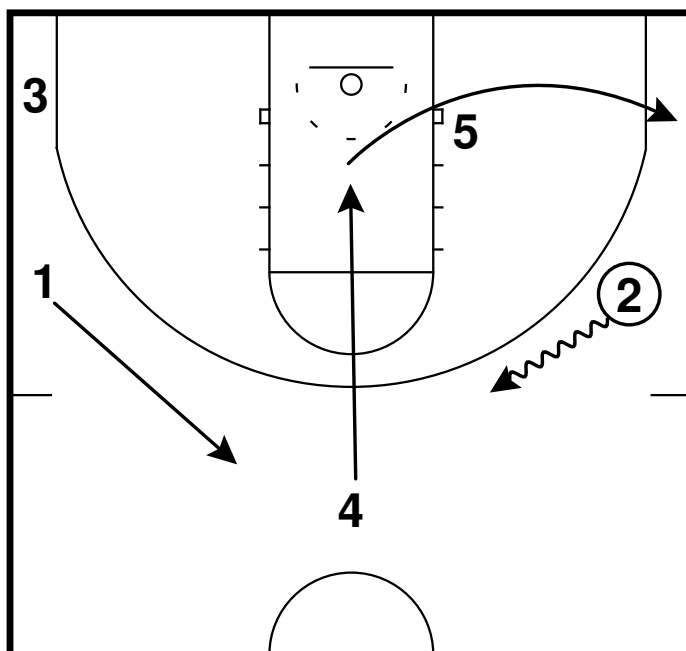
Player 5 may pass and follow ball screen with Player 2 (shown) or dribble-at with Player 2



Link: Low Post Phase if we throw to 5 on the roll



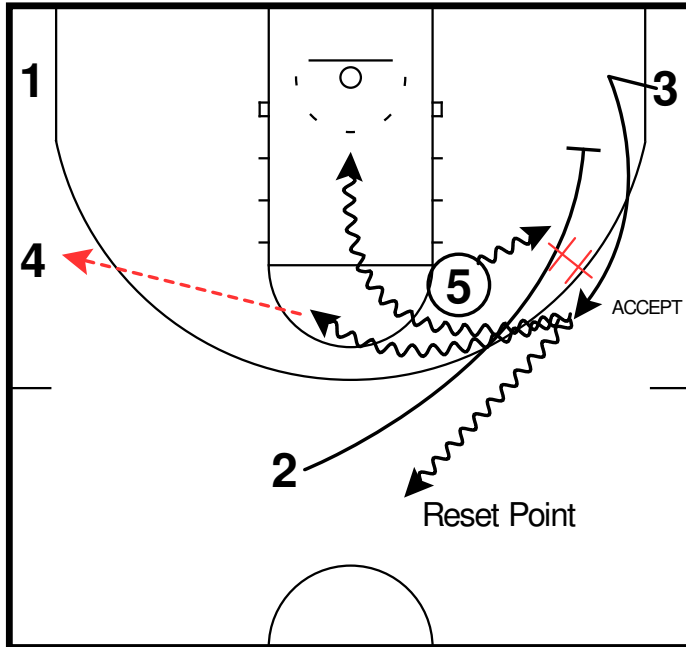
Link: Point Phase if we throw center of the court



2 may also dribble at 4 (Dribble 1)

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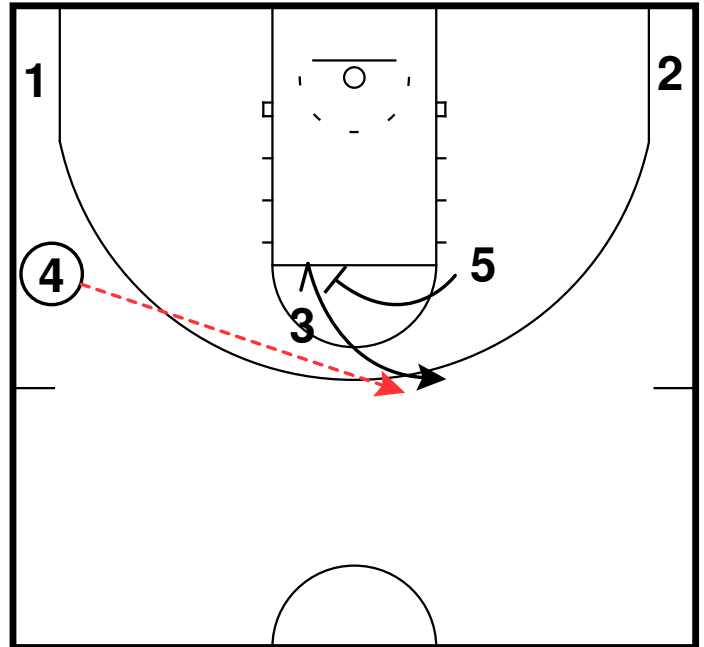
Point - Over



Backing up to when Player 2 enters the elbow, cuts OVER and screens for Player 3 in the corner, Player 3 may **accept** the screen. The down Screen is followed by a DHO from Player 5.

If an advantage is gained, Player 3 of course drives to score or kick. If no advantage is gained, Player 3 may dribble up to reset Point Phase.

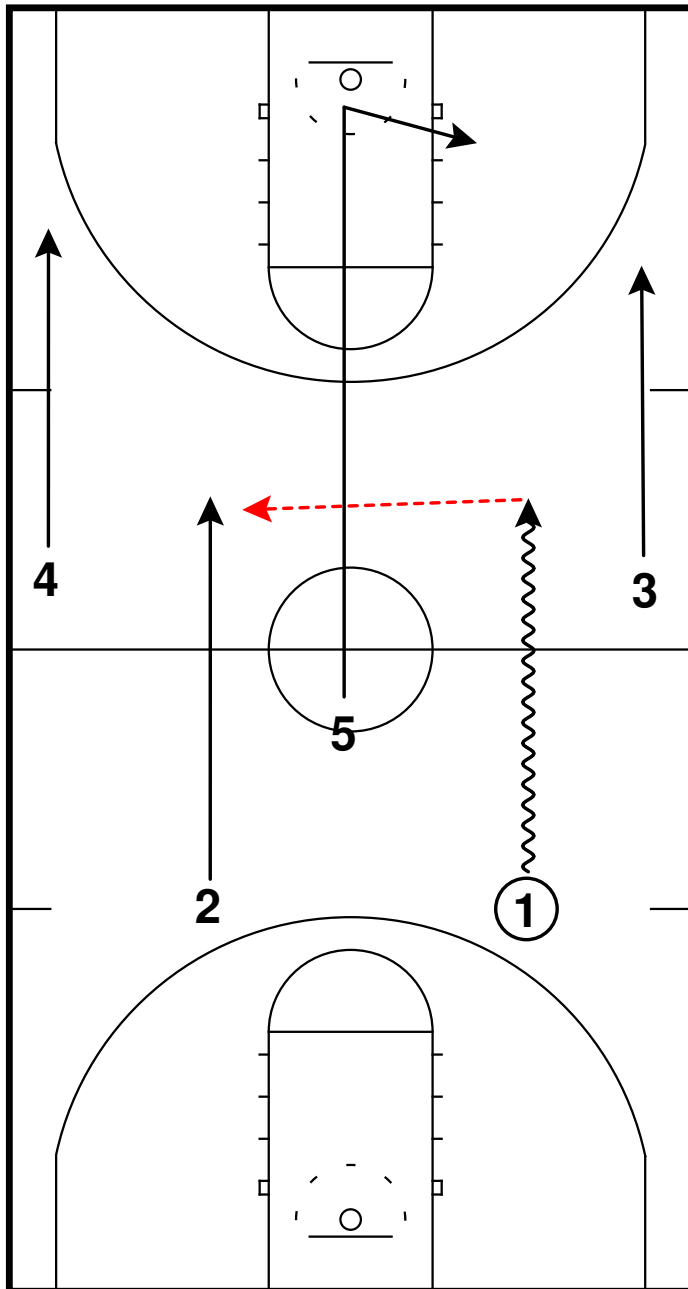
Let's assume Player 3 drove but did not get to the rim and kicked to Player 4 at wing spot...



...that would link to CHIN DRIFT

Radius Athletics

Point - Middle

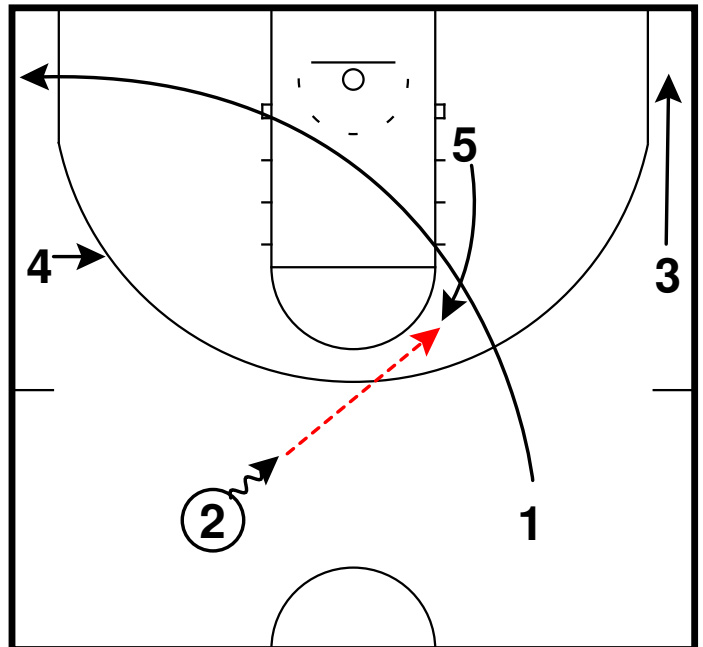


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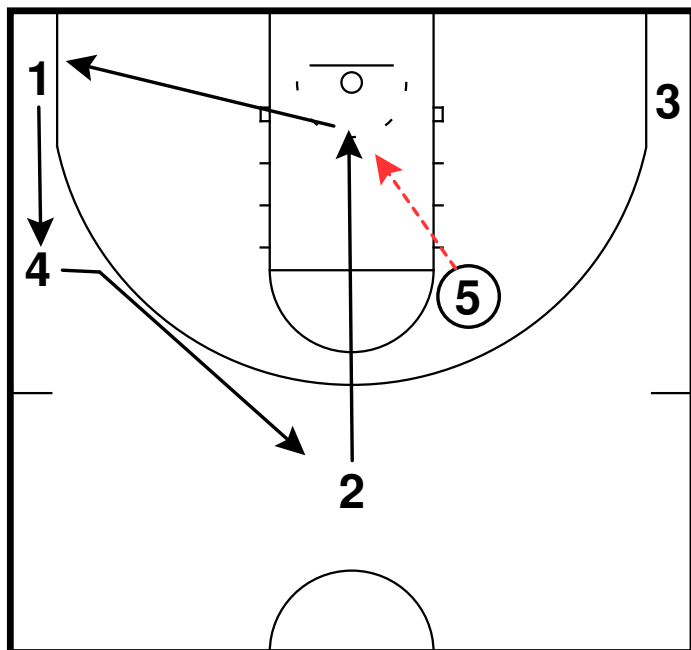
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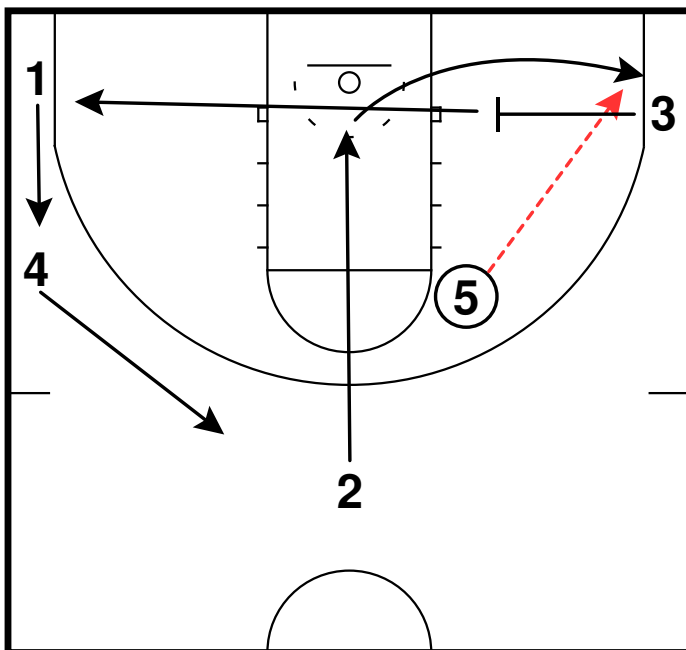
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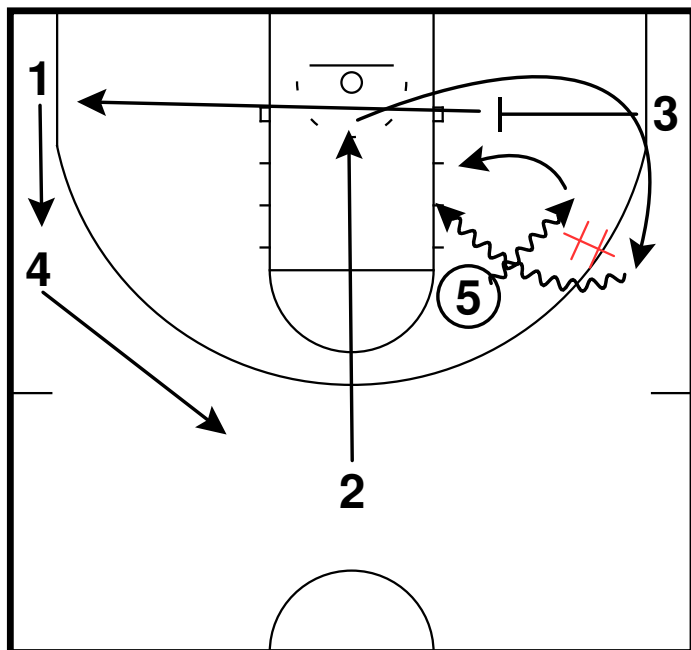
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Point - Middle

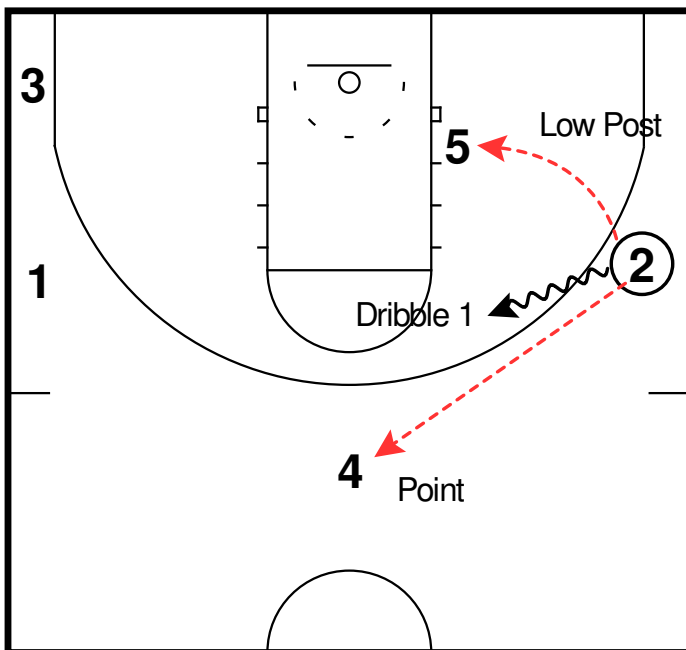


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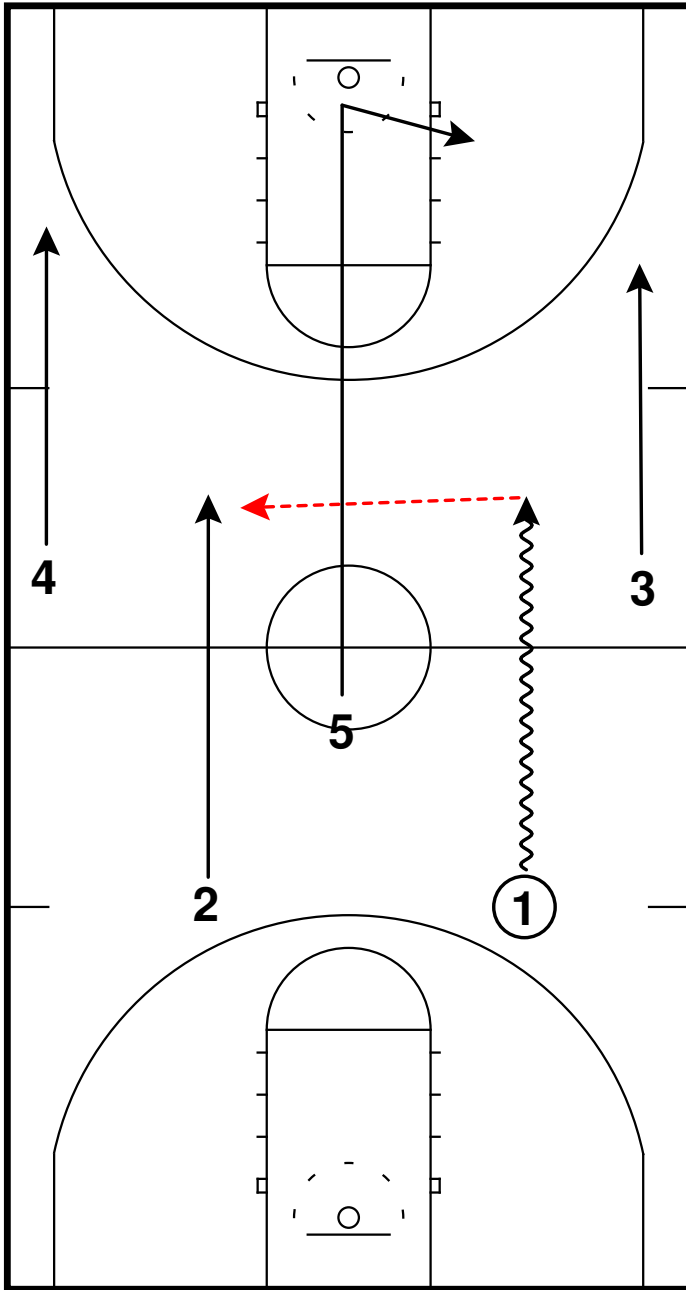
With no shot available, Player 5 "taxi" the ball to Player 2 with a dribble handoff.



Links to Point or Low Post

Radius Athletics

Point - Screen Away

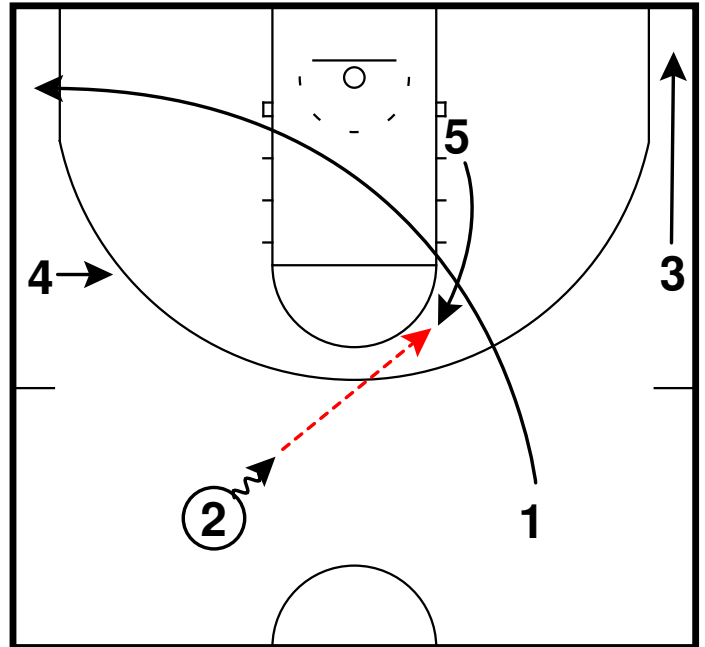


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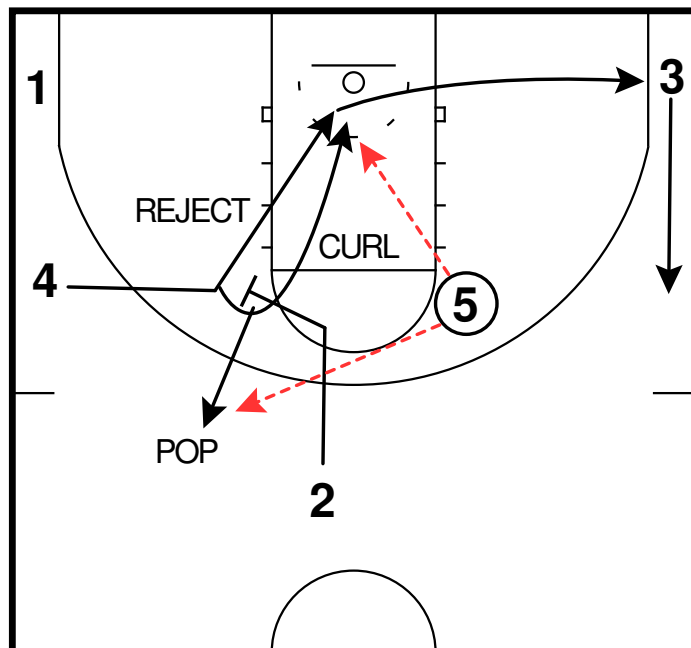
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Player 4 steps toward 3pt line in anticipation of the screen. Player 3 slides to deep corner

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Point - Screen Away

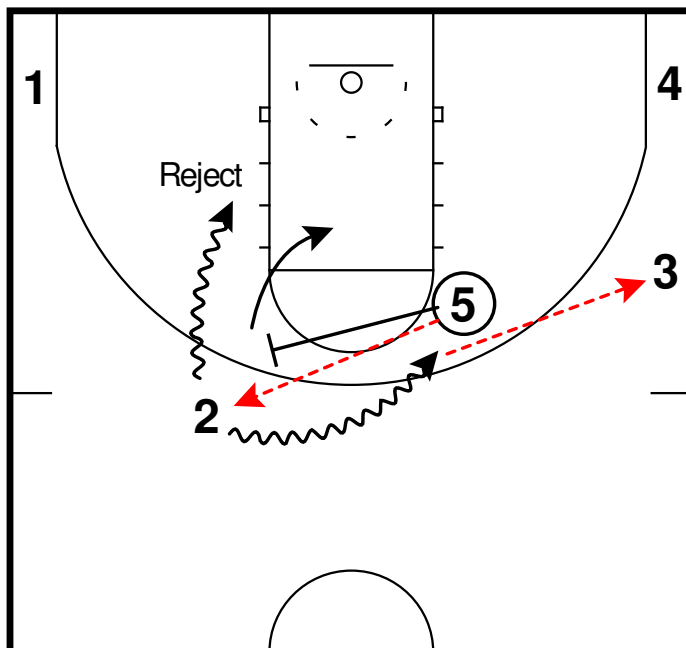


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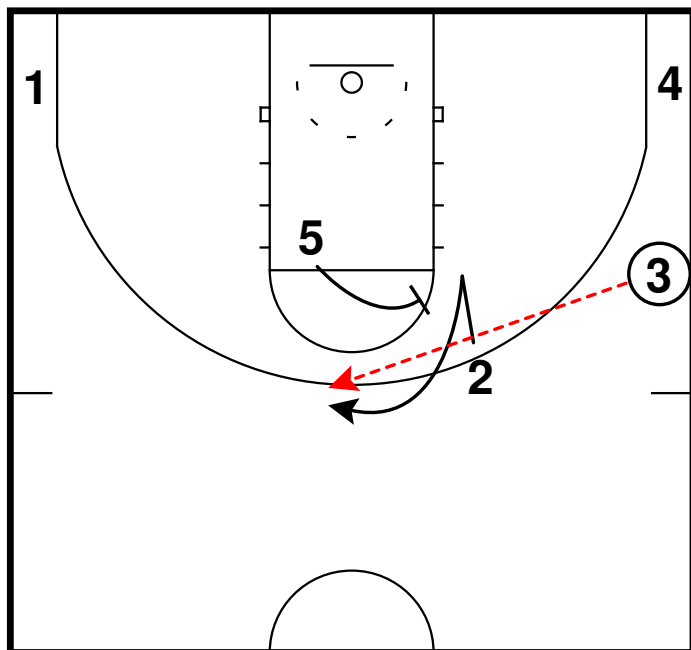
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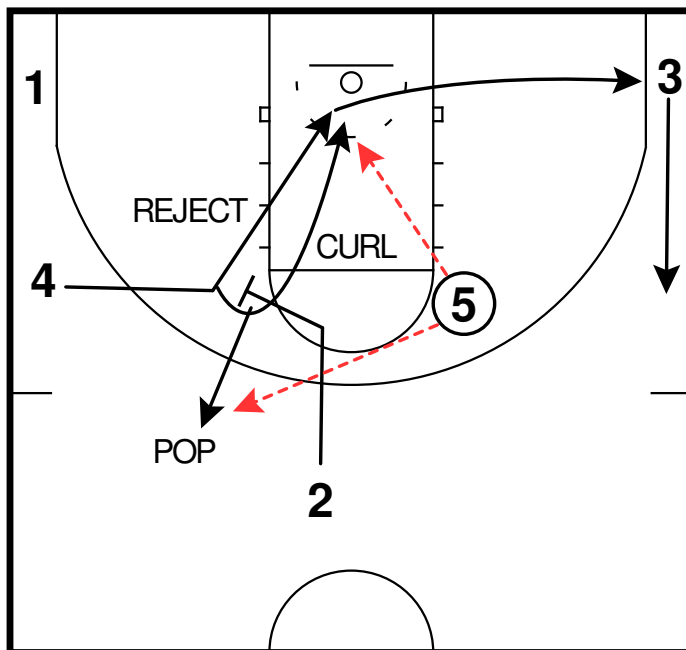
When 5 passes to 2 and 2 has no shot/drive, follow into a ball screen. Often, Player 2 should reject the ball screen, but here Player 2 accepts the screen, 5 rolls and 2 kicks to 3

Radius Athletics

Point - Screen Away



[Link to CHIN DRIFT](#)



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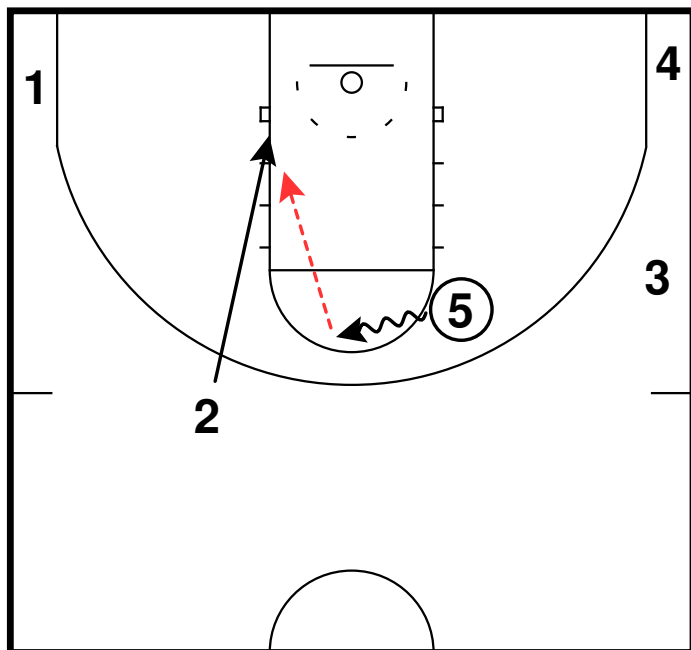
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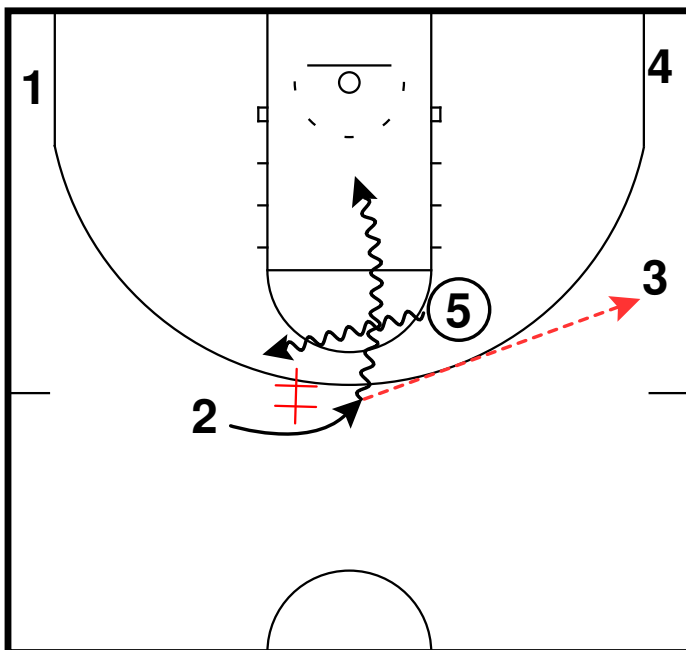
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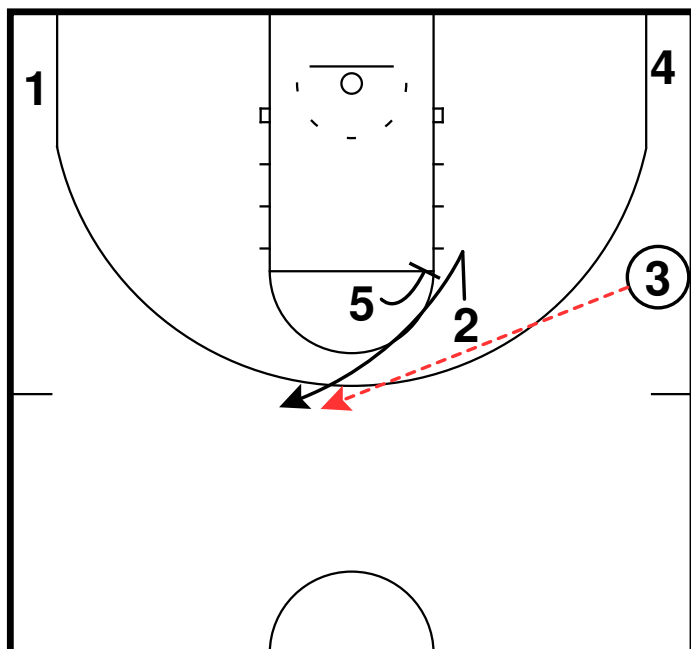
Dribble-At

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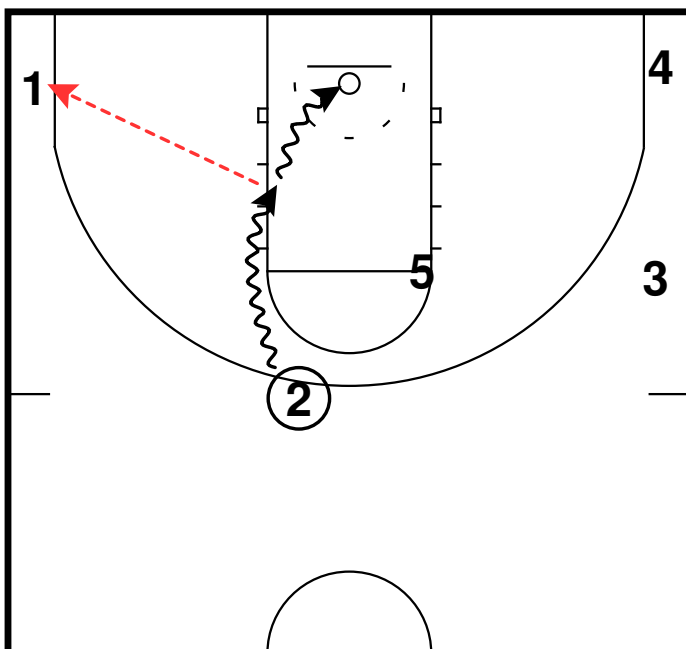


Dribble-At

Here, Player 2 comes over the top of the dribble-at with 5. The handoff may create an advantage for penetration. Above, Player 2 comes over the top and kicks to 3.



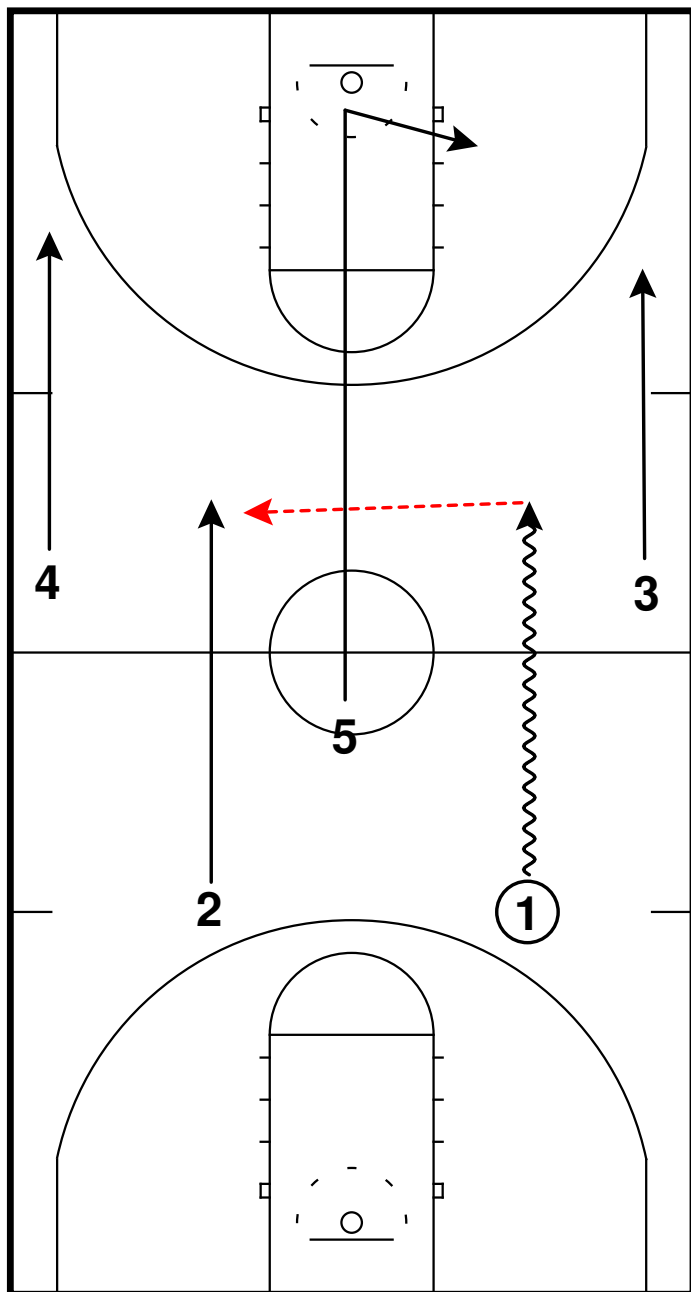
[Link to CHIN DRIFT...](#)



...and possible DDK (drift, drive, kick)

Radius Athletics

Point - Spin

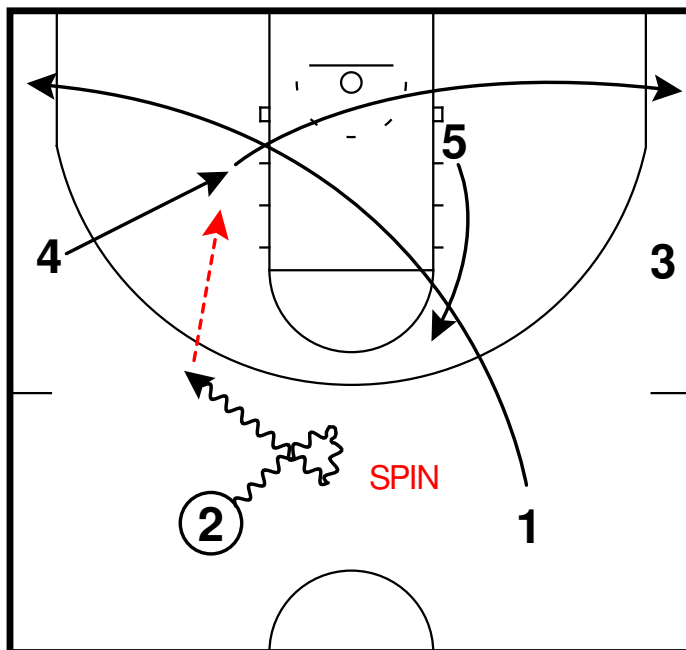


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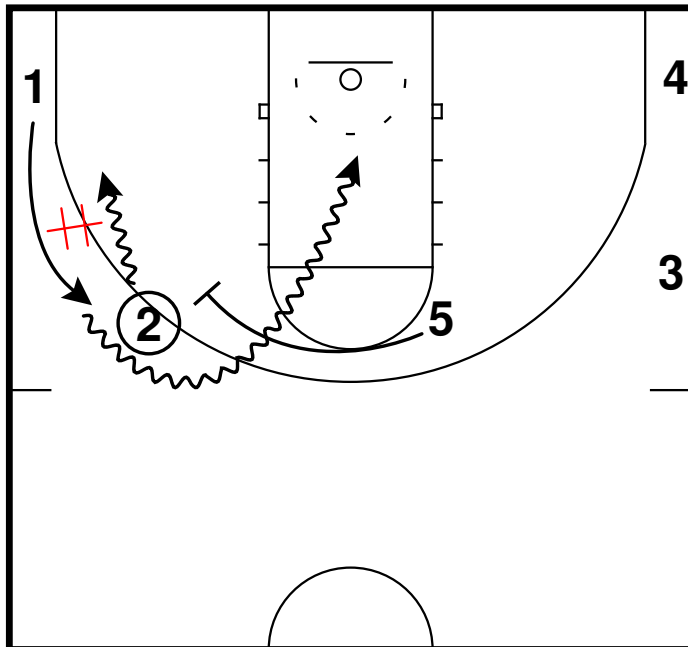


In the previous Point Phase options, Player 2 enters to 5 at/near the elbow. In the SPIN option Player 2 perhaps is unable to enter to 5. This is why we encourage the one-hand pass off the dribble. If the pass is not available we still have our dribble to SPIN (reverse pivot) as shown above.

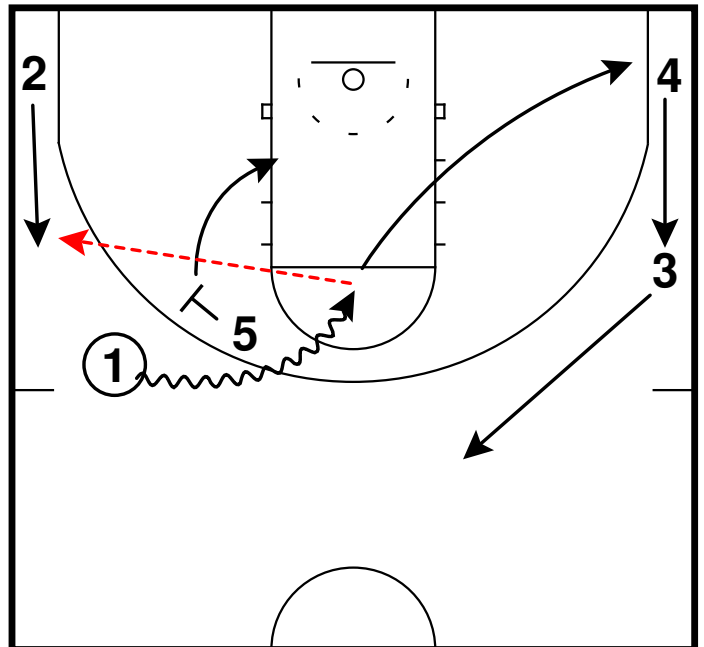
Player 4 stands then back cuts when dribbled at. This is the first scoring option in SPIN. If 4 does not receive the bounce pass on the backdoor cut, continue to far corner.

Radius Athletics

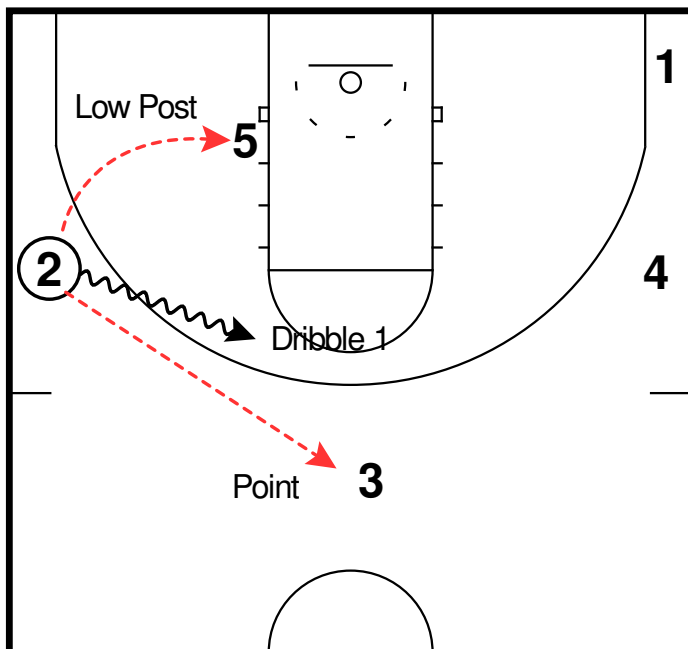
Point - Spin



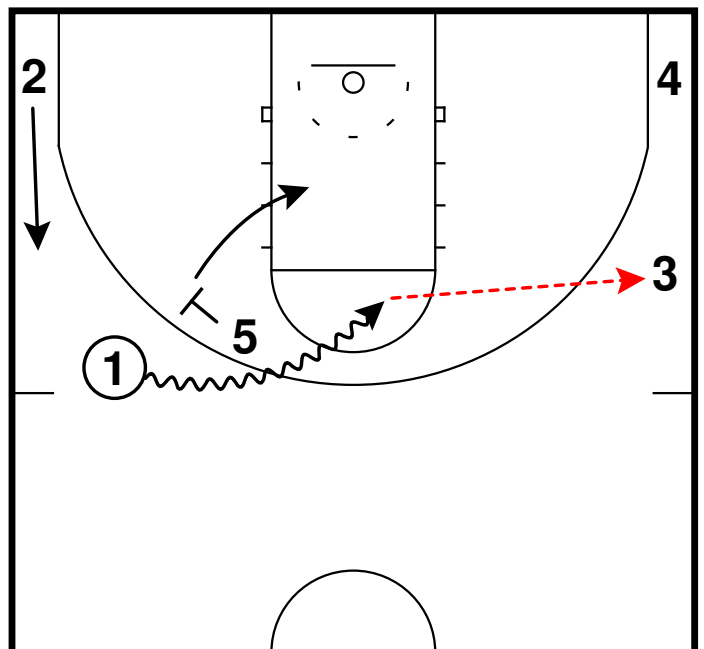
If no backdoor pass, 2 keeps their dribble and continues into handoff with 1 as 5 moves into position to ball screen



IF we throw to back action...



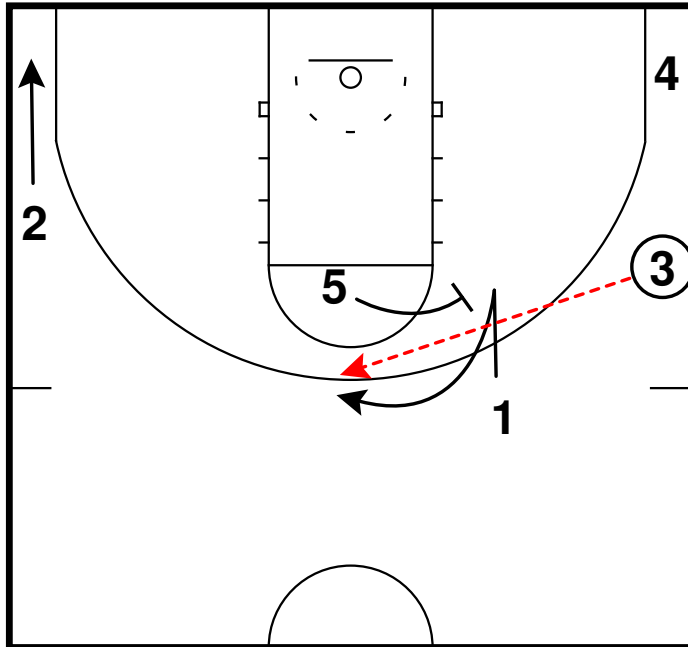
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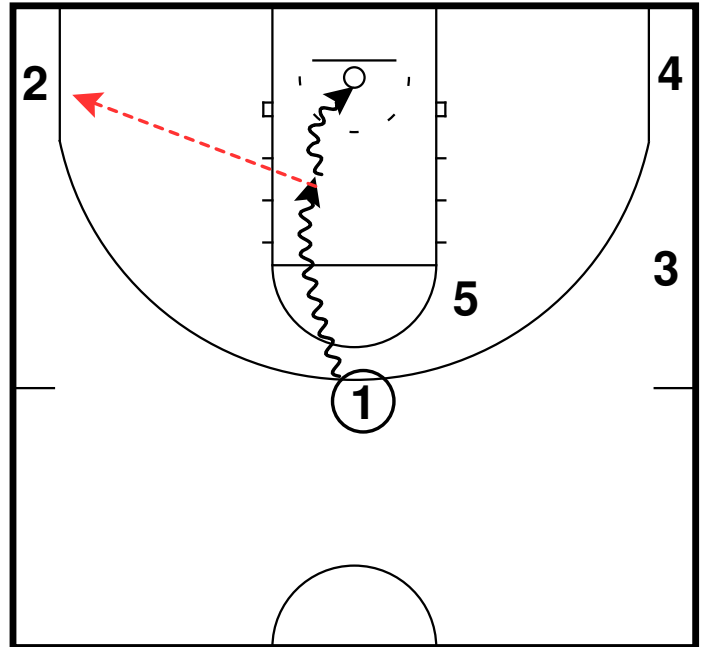
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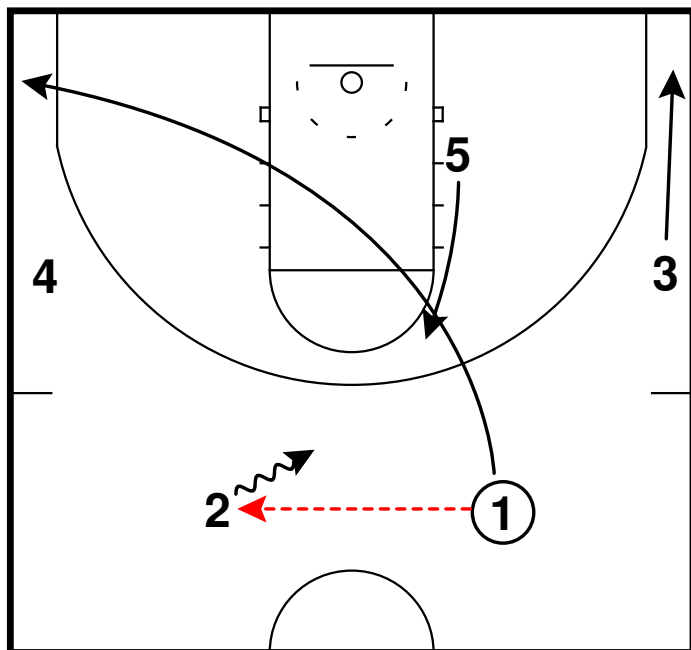
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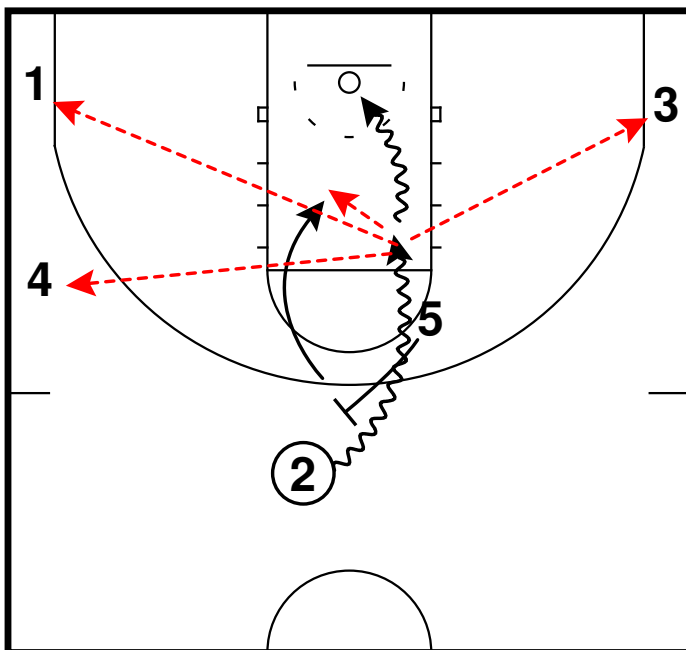
...for a possible DDK (drift, drive, kick)

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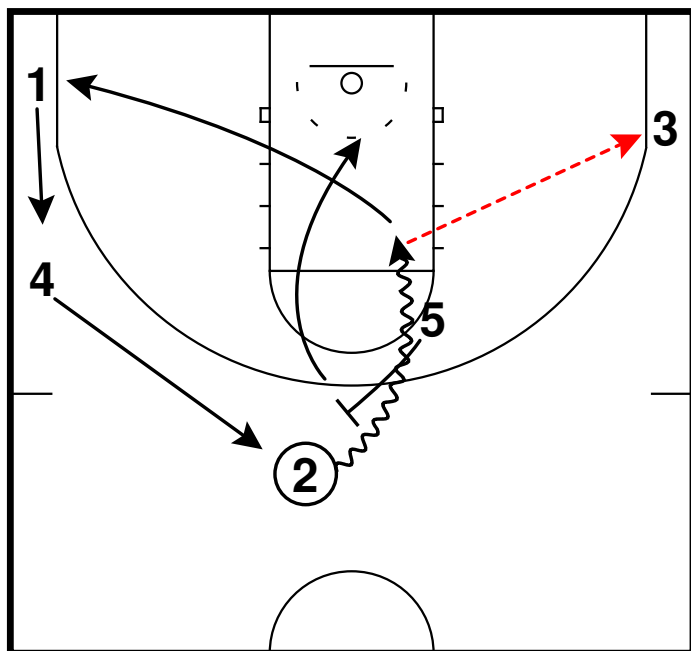
Point - Spread



1 makes guard to guard pass, brush cuts and 5 rises to the elbow. 2 dribble centers with inside hand. Keep your dribble!

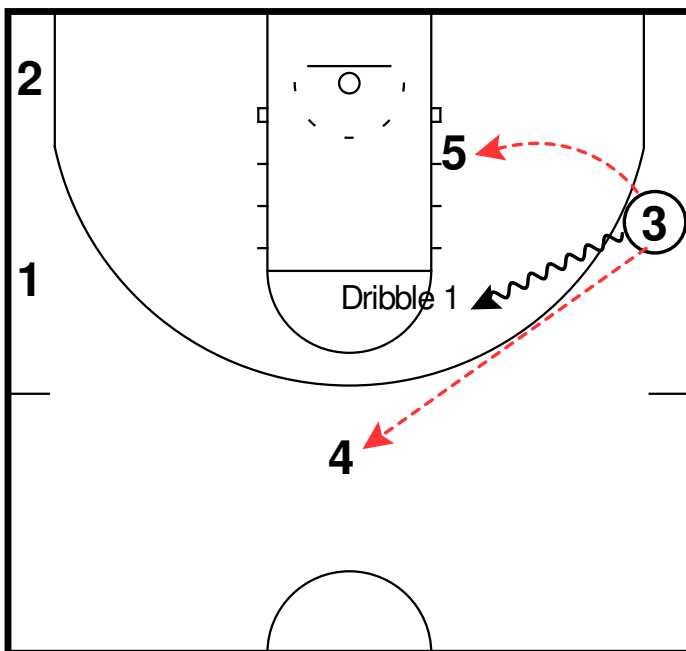


No elbow entry and 5 continues into SPREAD ball screen for 2. 2 may hit roller, drive to score or kick for three



Here 2 kicks to 3 then exits away from their pass to far corner

Other players fill as shown

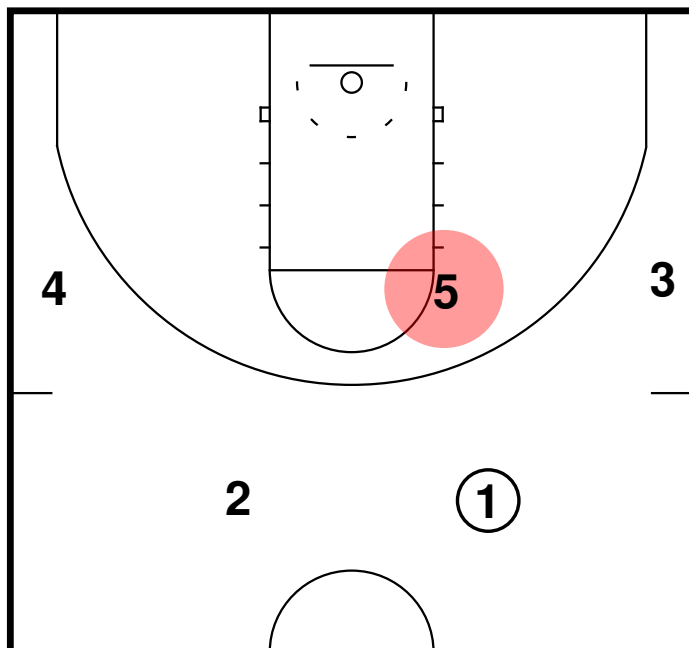


Link to: [Low Post Phase](#) or [Point Phase](#)

Chin Phase

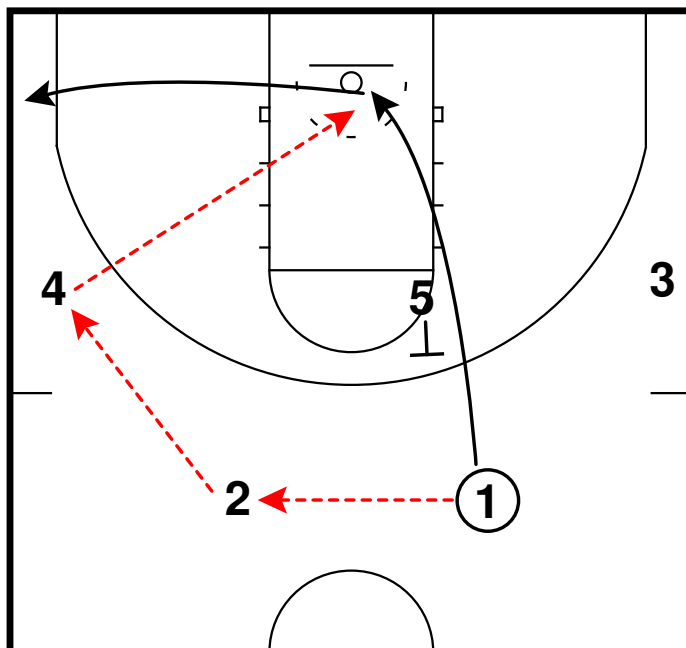
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Chin

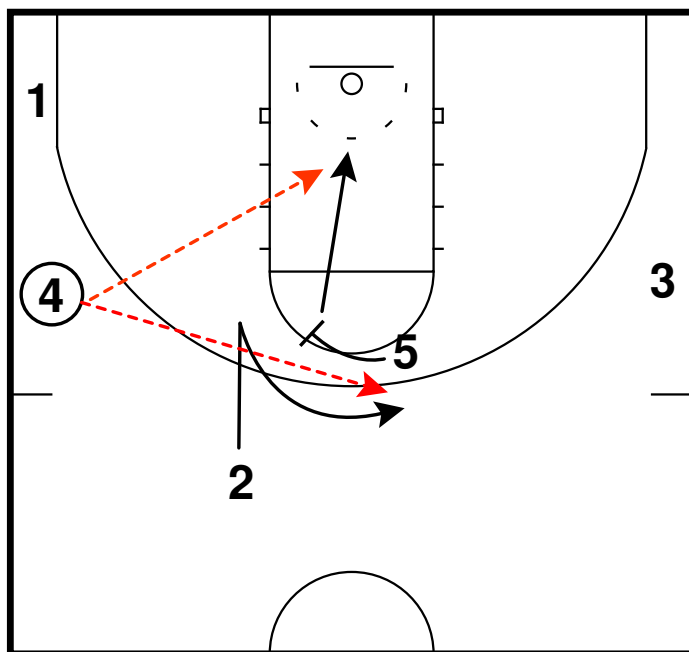


Post is at ballside elbow = CHIN

- Use this as a call on dead ball possessions
- Use as "bail out plan" - when offense is discombobulated simply get ball to a slot and call CHIN
- Use after OREBs

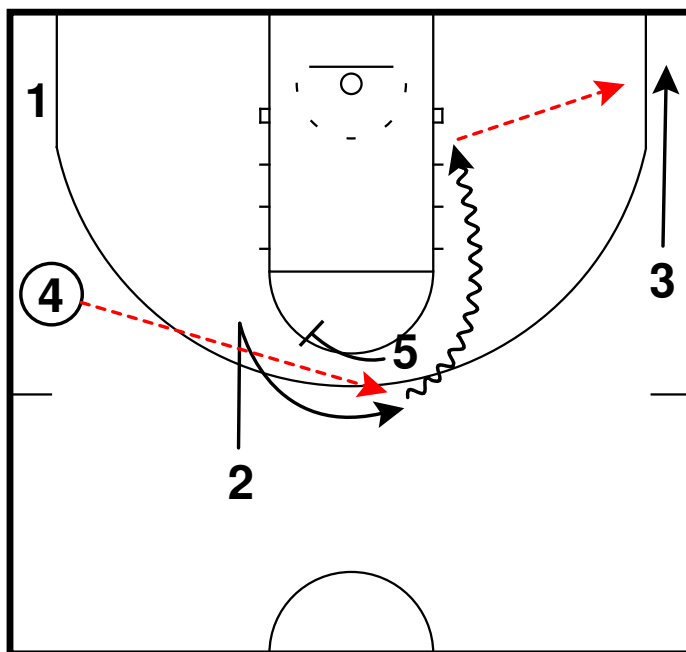


- 1 passes to 2
- 2 passes to 4
- 5 back screens for 1 (wait until second pass is complete). 1 cuts to far side of rim. If there is no pass continue to strong side corner.



After back screening, Player 5 sets drift screen for 2 (screening angle = TOC). Player 2 setup cut!

Player 5 may slip off the drift screen.
Player 2 may shoot when X2 goes under the drift screen.

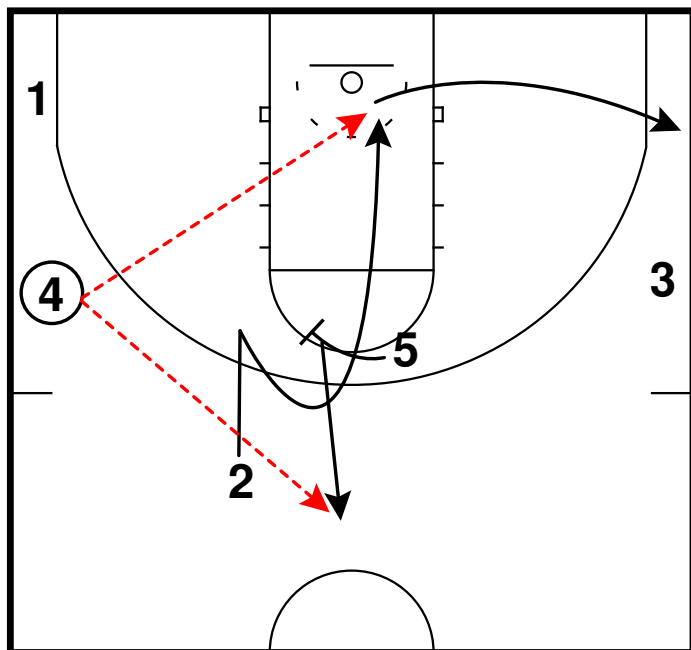


DDK (Drift, Drive, Kick)

The DDK is a double gap drive off the drift screen. Player 2 catches off the drift screen and drives the double gap for a score or a kick to 3 in the corner. Player 3 times their relocation with the flight of pass to 2.

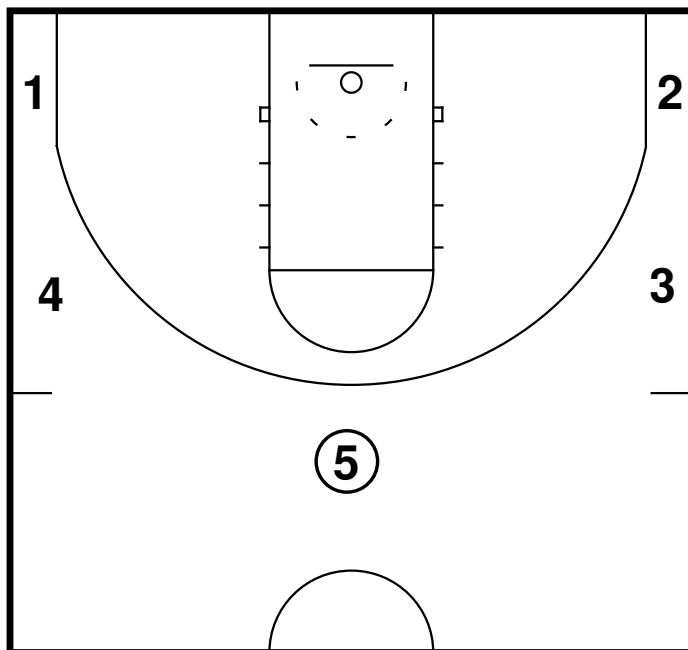
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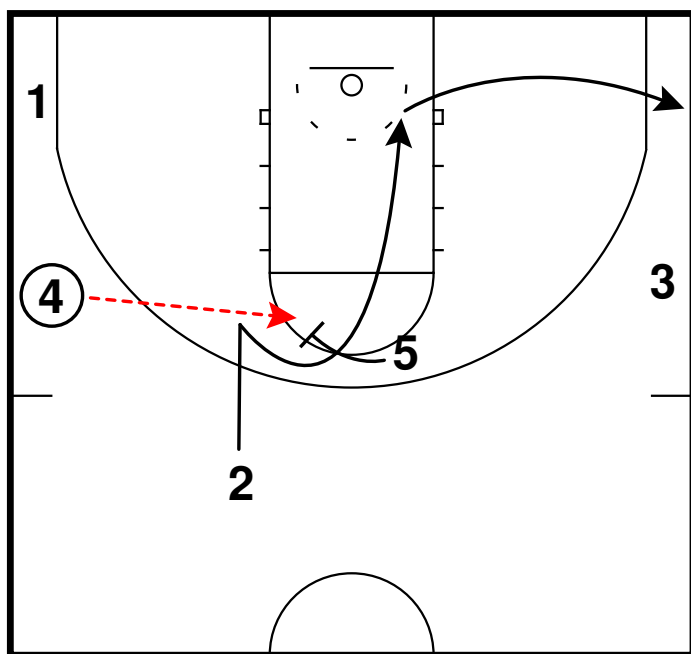


Curl the Drift

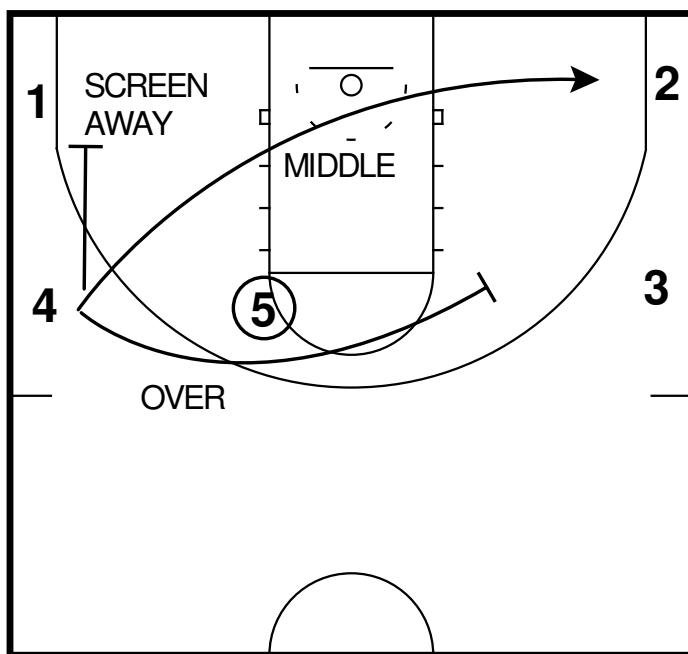
Player 2 may curl the drift when trailed. If they do not receive the pass, continue to far corner. After setting the drift screen there are options with links. Shown above Player 2 curls the drift and Player 5 pops.



This links to Open Phase



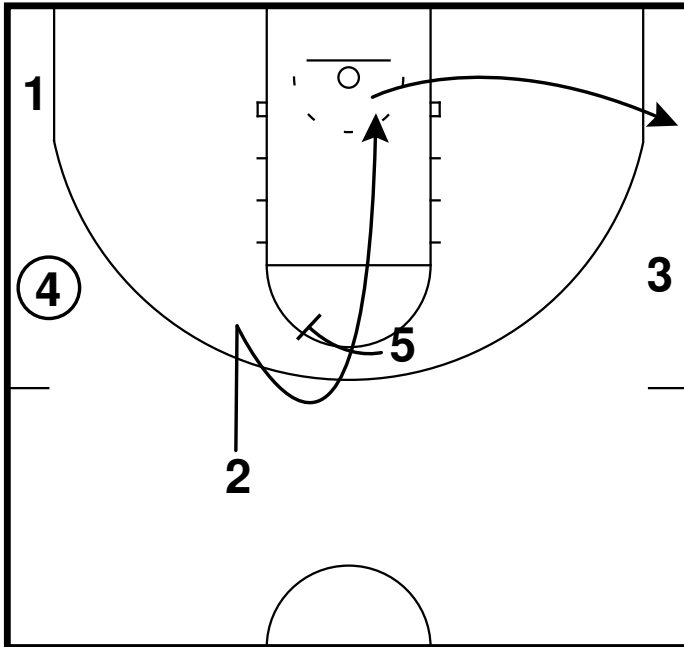
Curl the drift & Hits 5 at elbow after he/she screens.



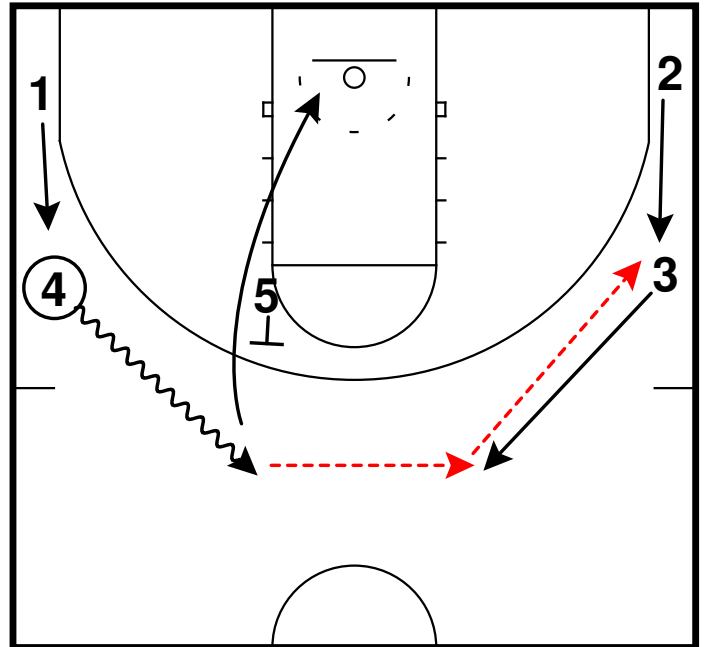
This links to Corner Phase

Radius Athletics

Chin



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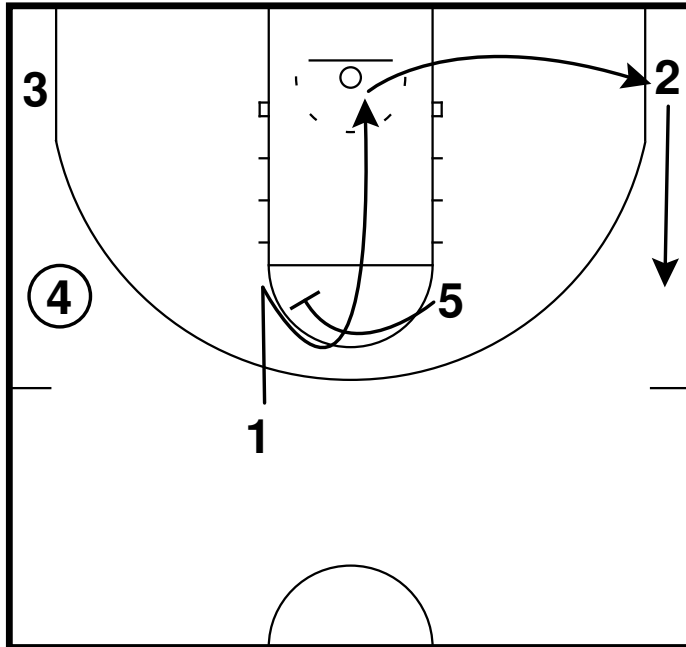


Dribble Up to reset CHIN

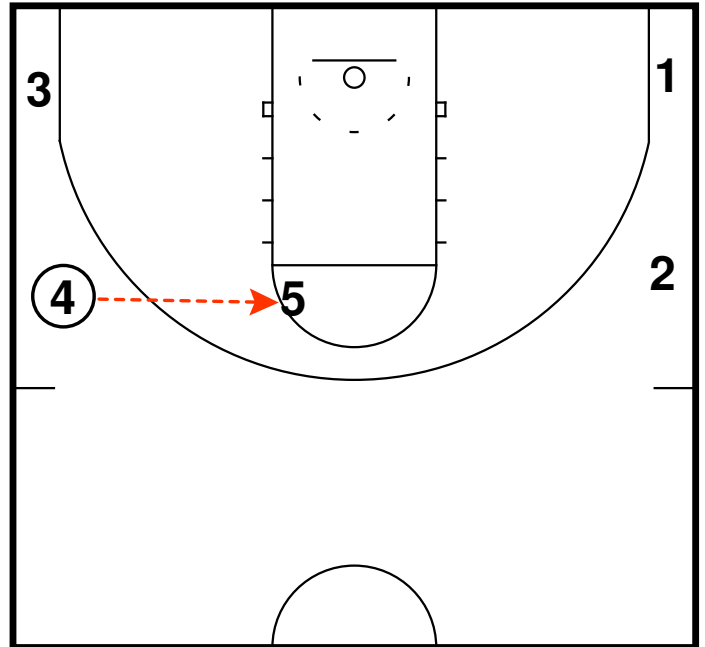
Corner Phase

Radius Athletics

Corner - Over



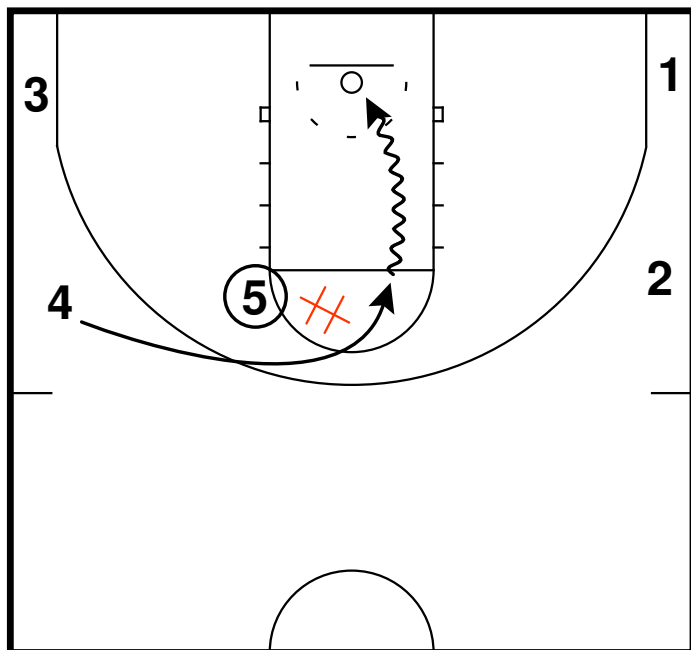
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Radius Athletics

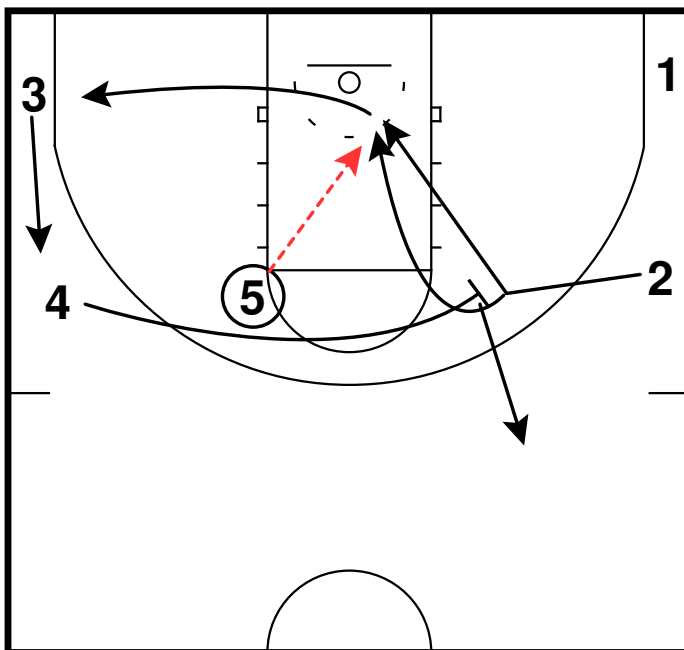
Corner - Over



Throw & Go

After passing to 5, Player 4 sprints over to outrun their pass and take a throw and go handoff.

Note: If trailed, Player 4 may curl around Player 5 and Player 5 dump it over the top (curl & dump)



If player 4 does not take a handoff, continue into the screen at/near the elbow for Player 2. Here it becomes like Point Screen Away.

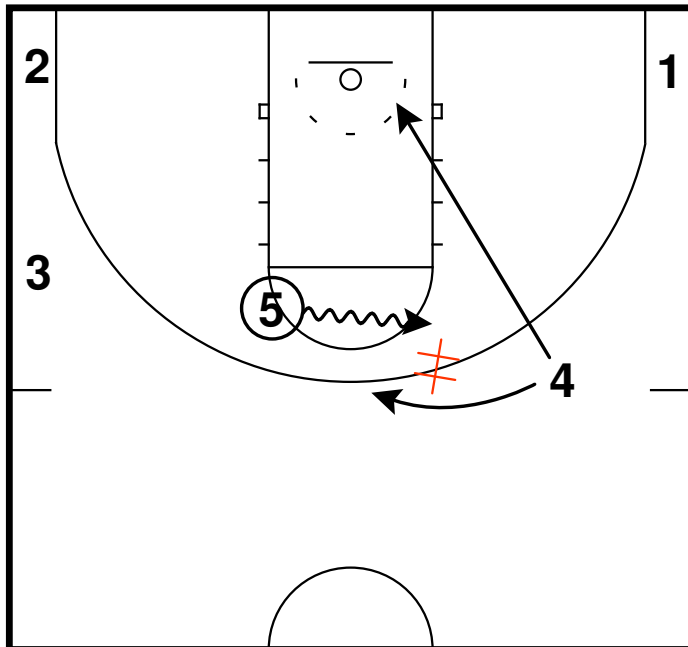
Player 2 may reject or curl (look for opportunity to post when cutting into the paint).

Player 4 pops after screening - a hard second cut here may present a 3pt opportunity.

If player 2 does not receive the pass, continue to far corner.

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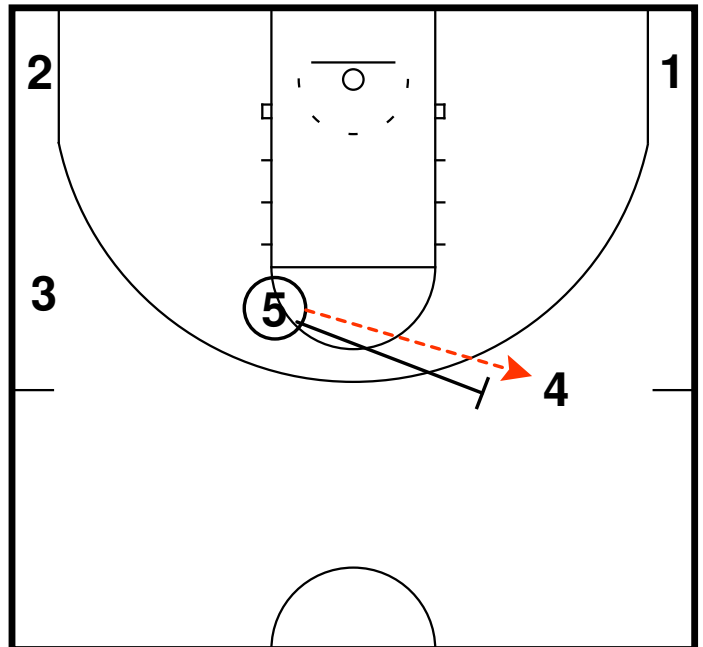
Corner - Over



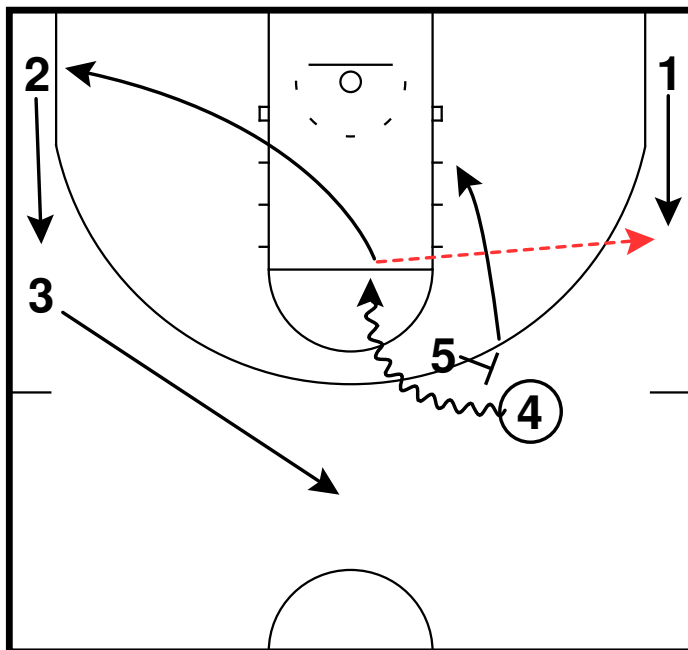
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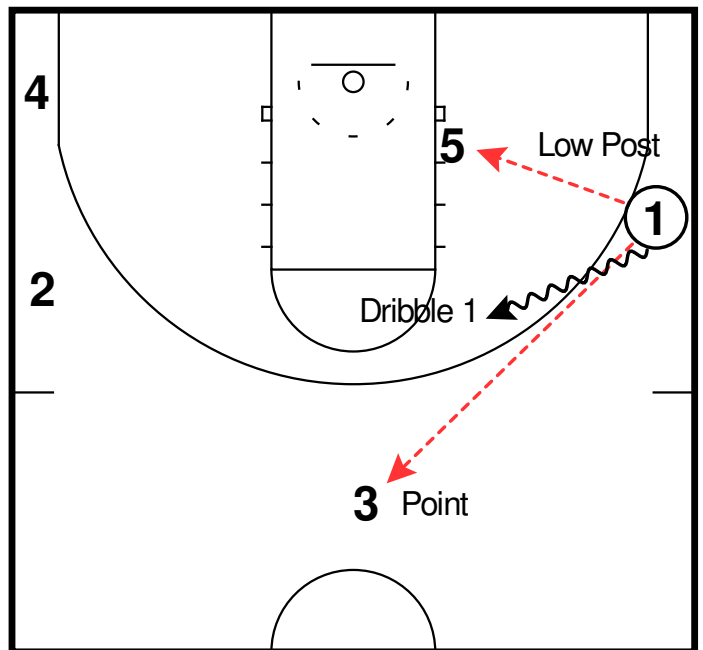
Player 4 back cuts when overplayed and comes over the top for a handoff when the defense goes under.



If Player 5 can pass to Player 4 on the pop, follow into the ball screen.



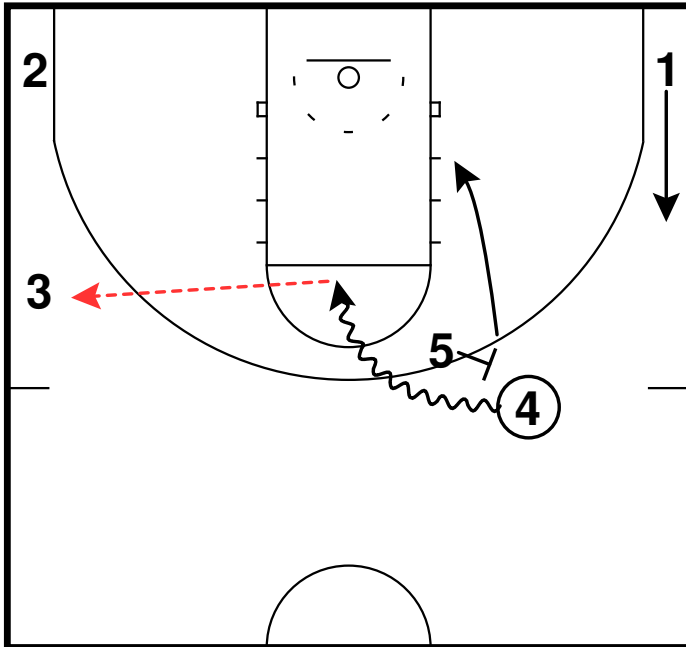
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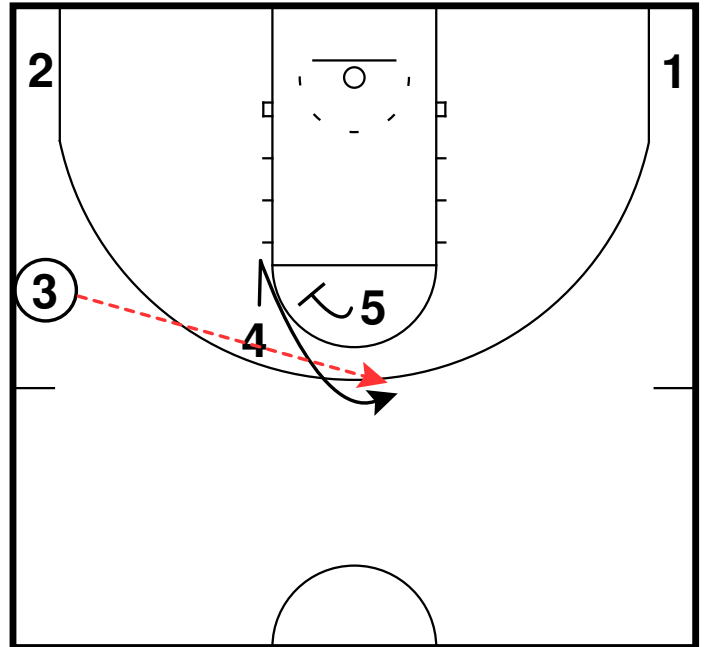
Link: Low Post

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Corner - Over



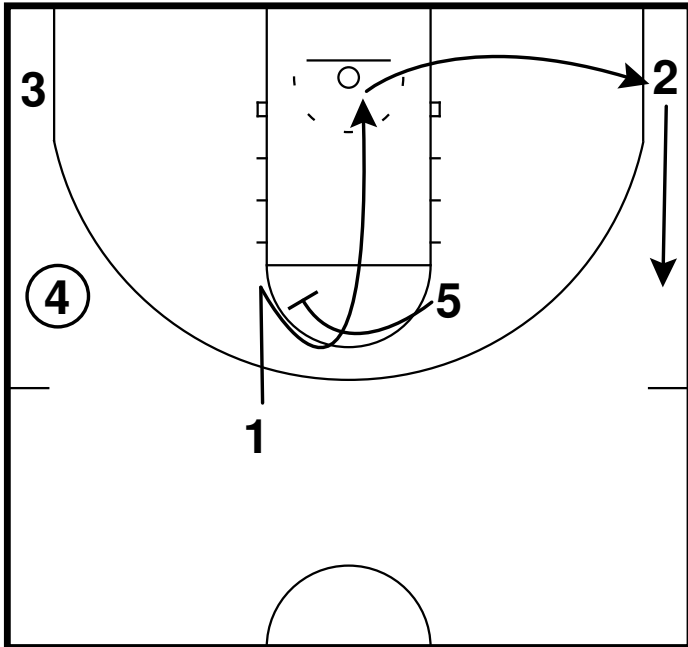
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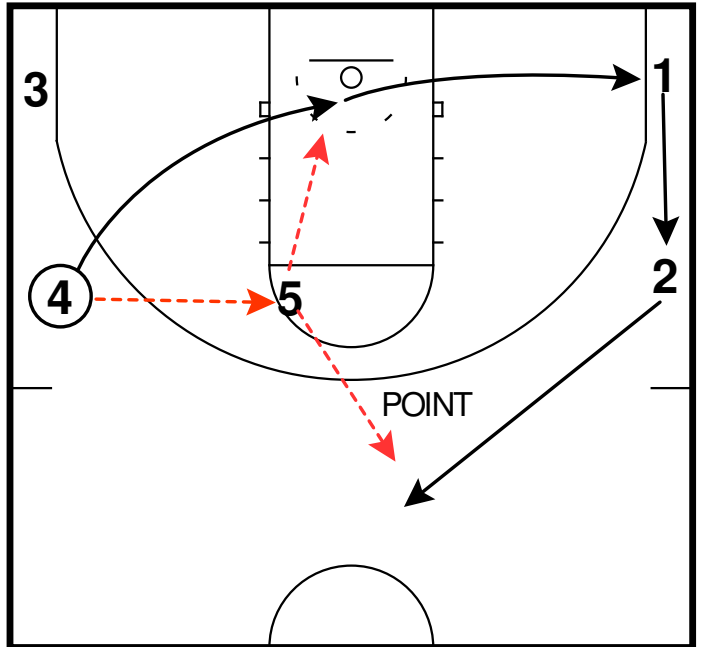
Link: Chin Drift

Radius Athletics

Corner - Middle

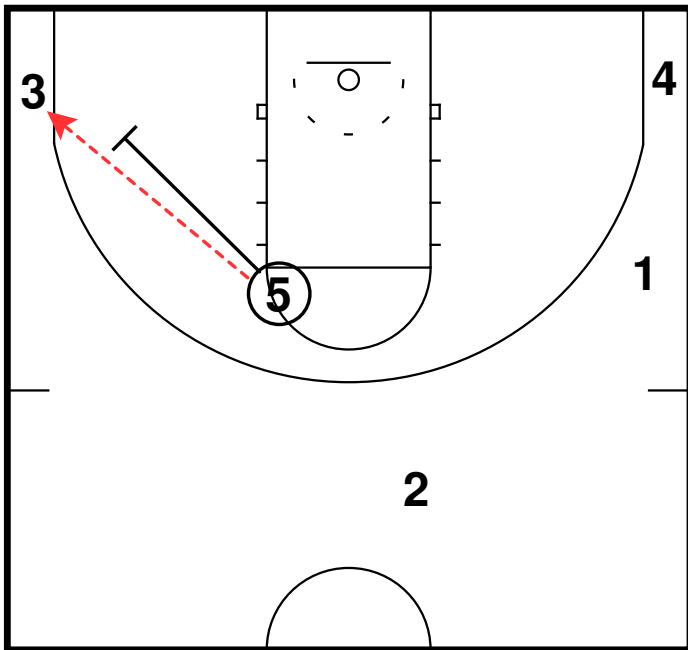


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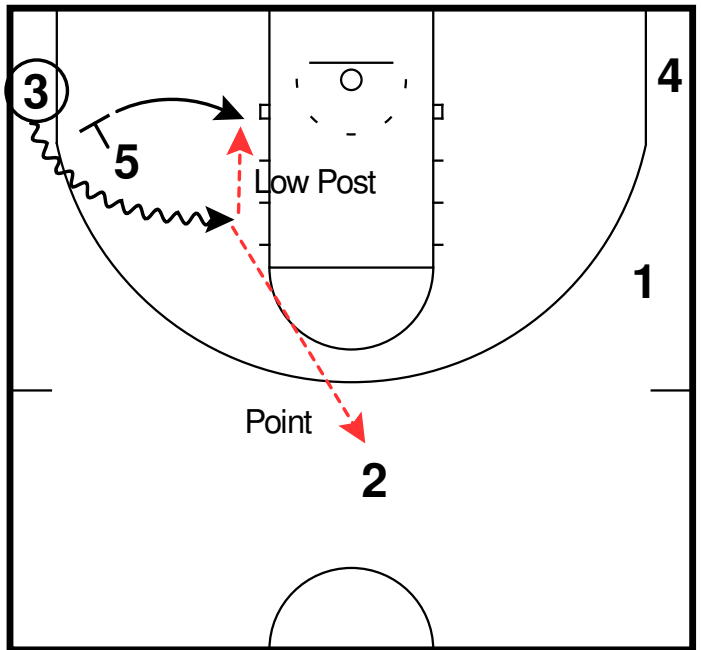


...and Player 4 passes to Player 5 in the high post elbow then cuts middle.

Look for the return pass, if it does not come continue to far corner. Other players fill as shown. IF the ball is pass to TOC the link is to Point Phase.



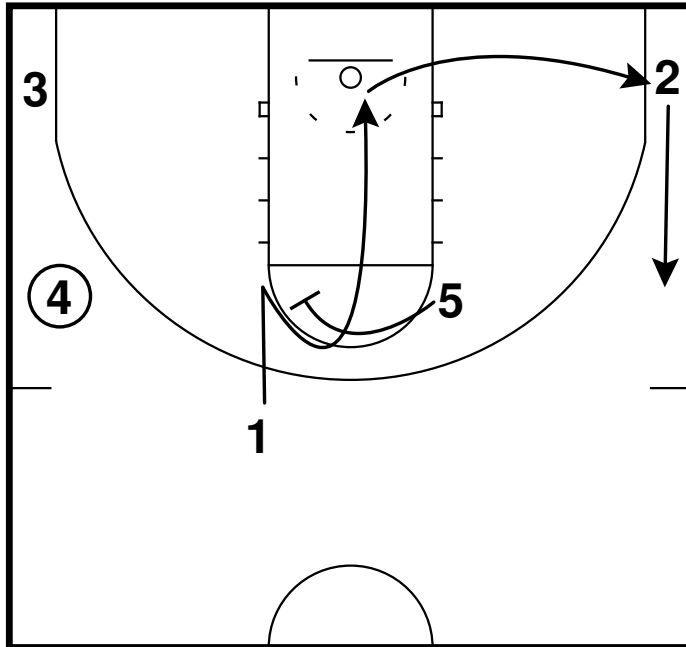
5 may DHO with Player 3 in the corner or pass and follow ball screen (shown).



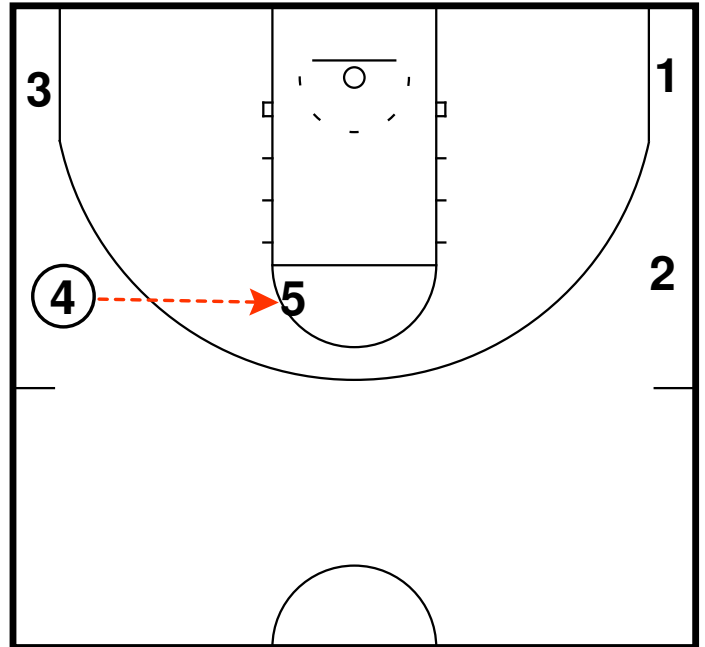
Links to Point or Low Post

Radius Athletics

Corner - Screen Away



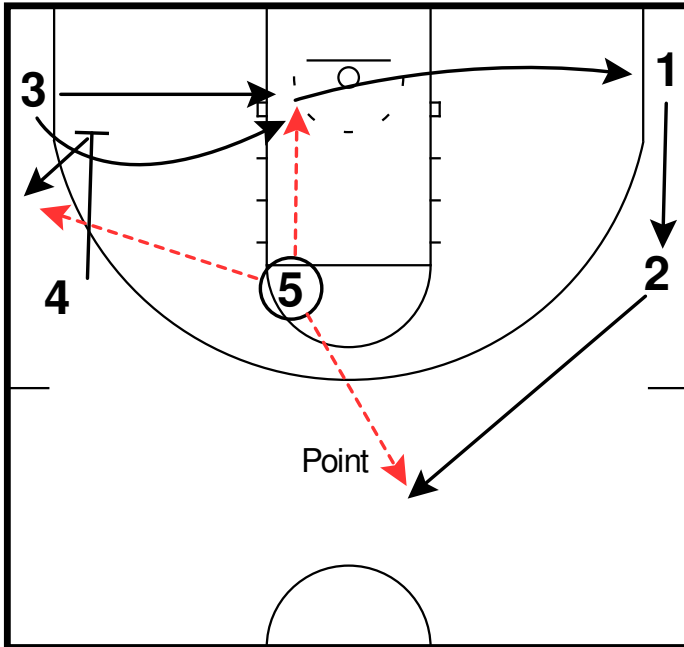
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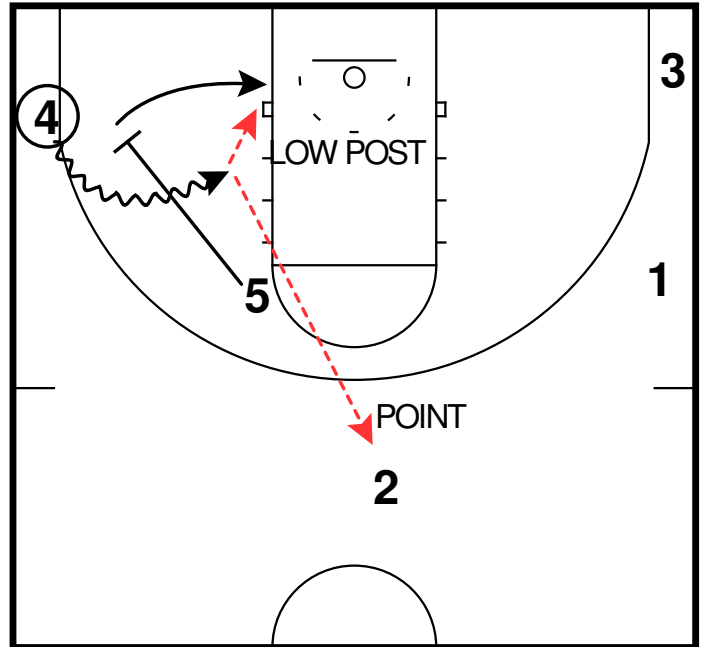


After entering to 5, Player 4 screens away for Player 3 in the corner.

Player 3 may curl, reject the screen. The screener pops with a hard second cut outside the arc for potential 3pt shot.

If Player 3 does not receive the pass, continue cut to far corner.

If 5 passes out to TOC link to Point Phase

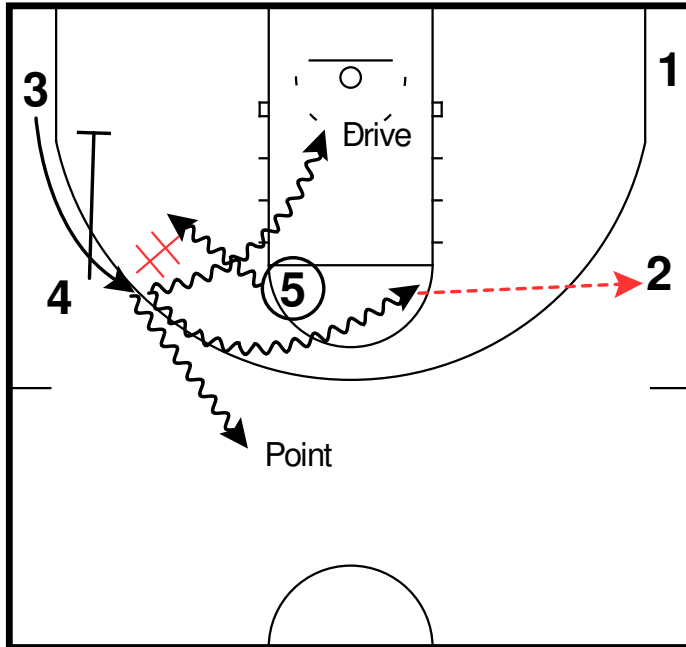


When 5 passes to 4 who popped, follow into a ball screen. (5 may also DHO with 4)

Links to Low Post and Point Phases if PnR doesn't lead to score.

Radius Athletics

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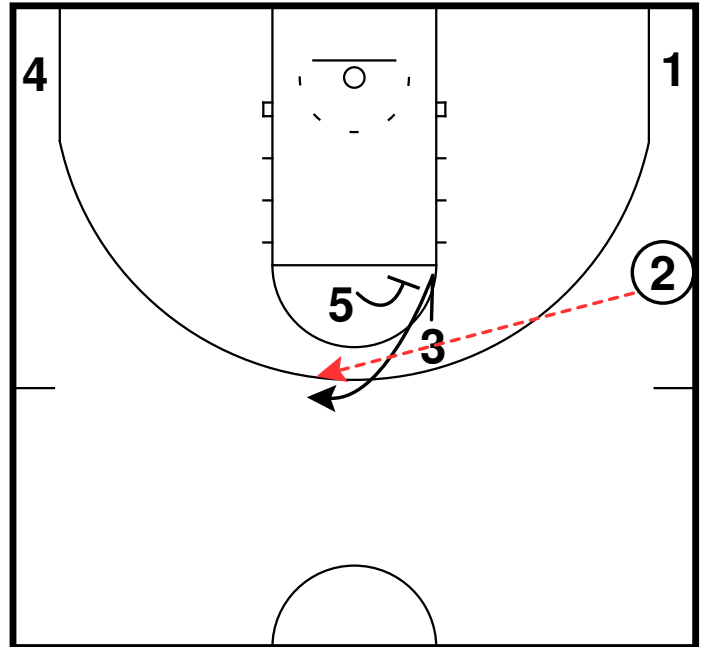


Accepting the Screen

Backing up, Player 4 has entered to 5 and Screens Away and instead of curling/rejecting, Player 3 accepts the screen.

Player 5 DHO with Player 3. Player 3 may shoot behind the handoff, drive or if no advantage is present dribble up to link to Point Phase.

If Player 3 throws ahead as shown...

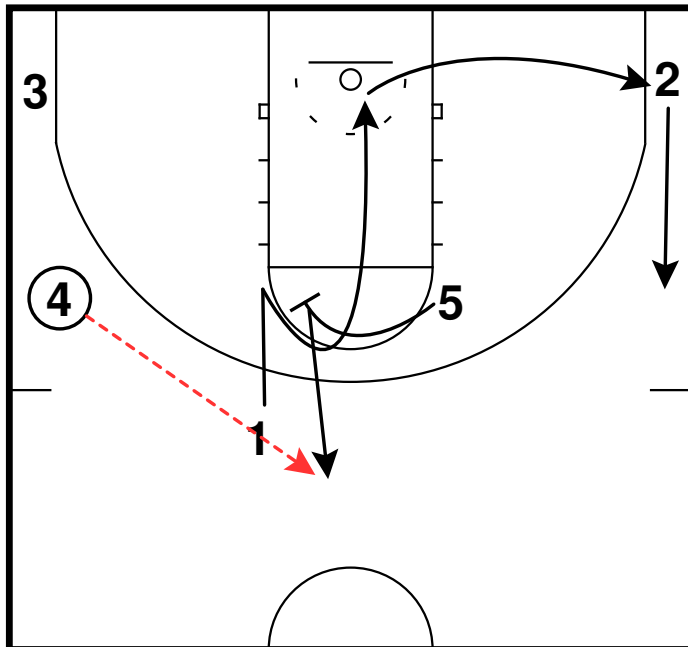


...Link to Chin Drift

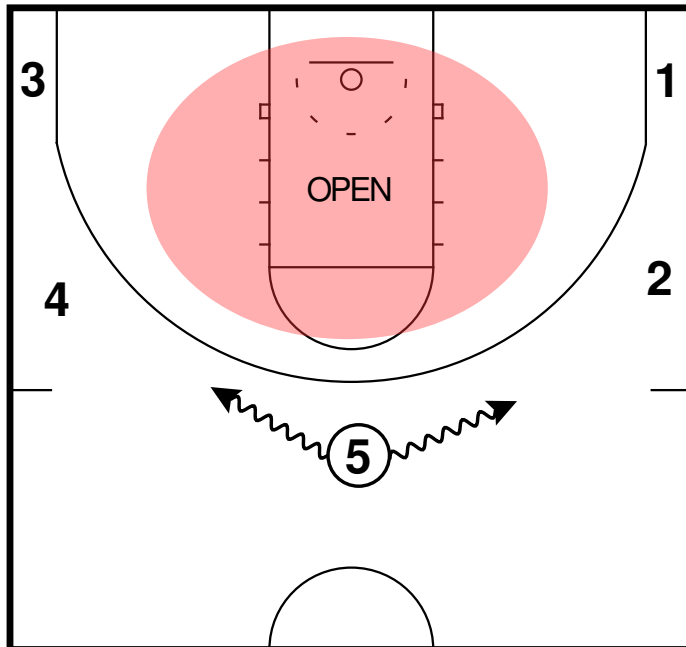
Open Phase

Radius Athletics

Open

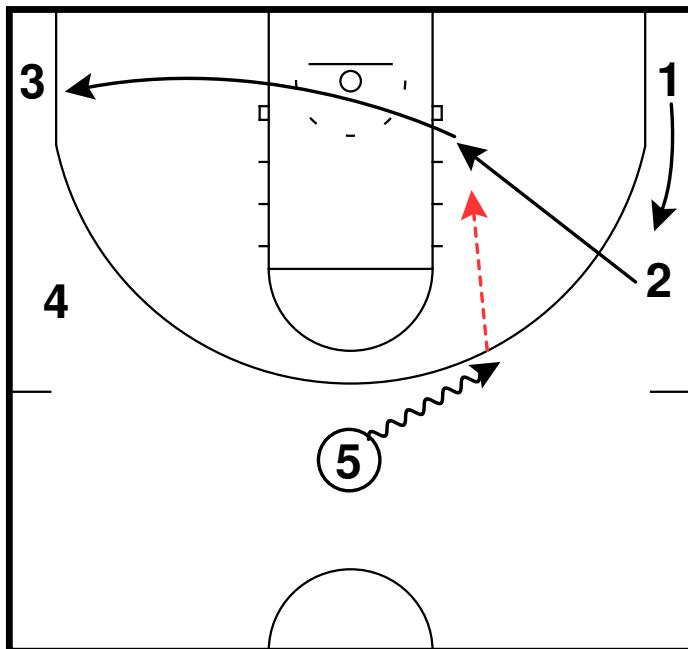


The offense enters OPEN phase when the cutter curls the drift in CHIN Drift and the screener (Player 5) pops...



With the center at TOC the lane is OPEN.

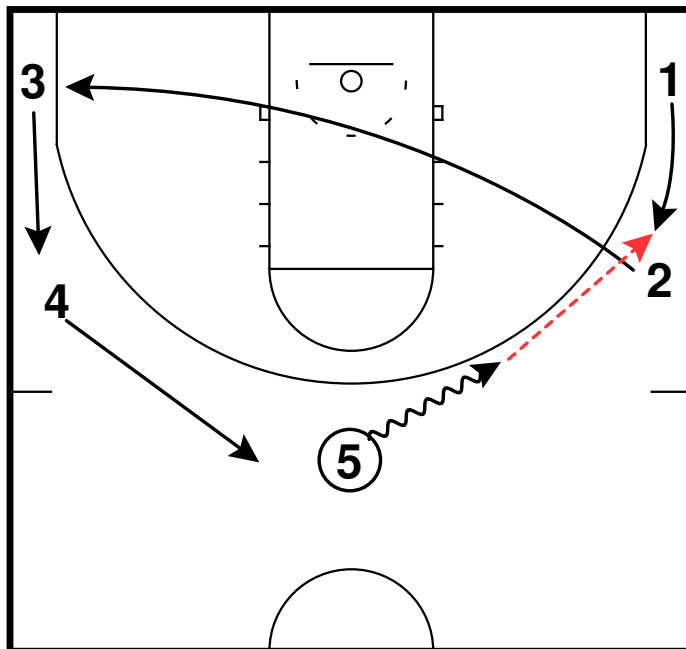
Player 5 may dribble-at with either wing



In this example, Player 5 dribbles at Player 2

Player 2 back cuts for potential Back Door and if they don't receive the pass continues to far corner

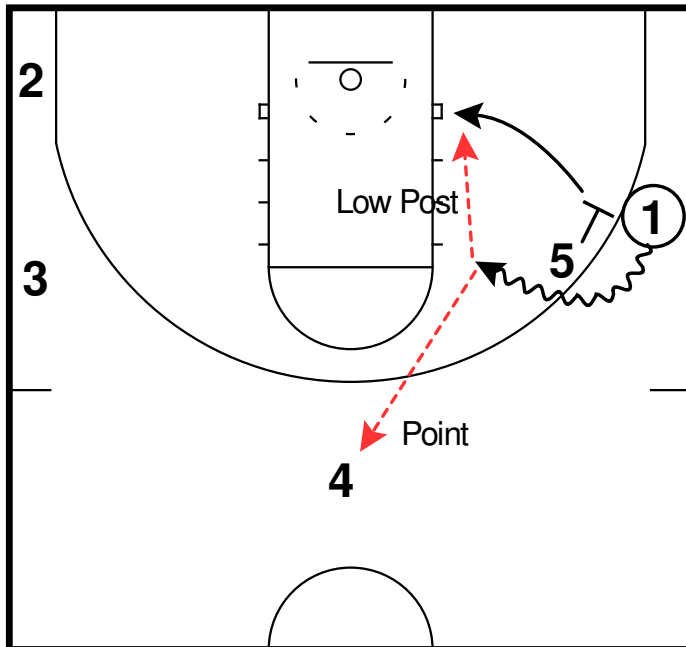
Player 1 begins to lift



5 throws ahead to 1

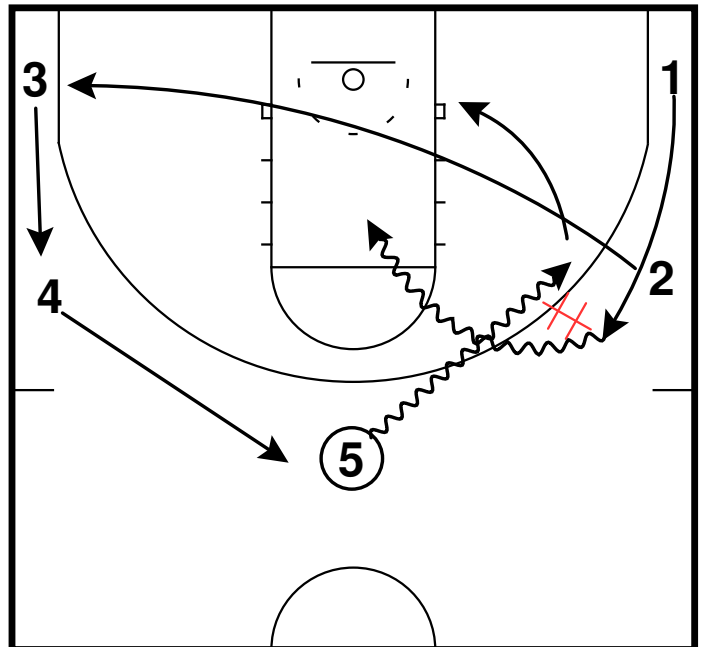
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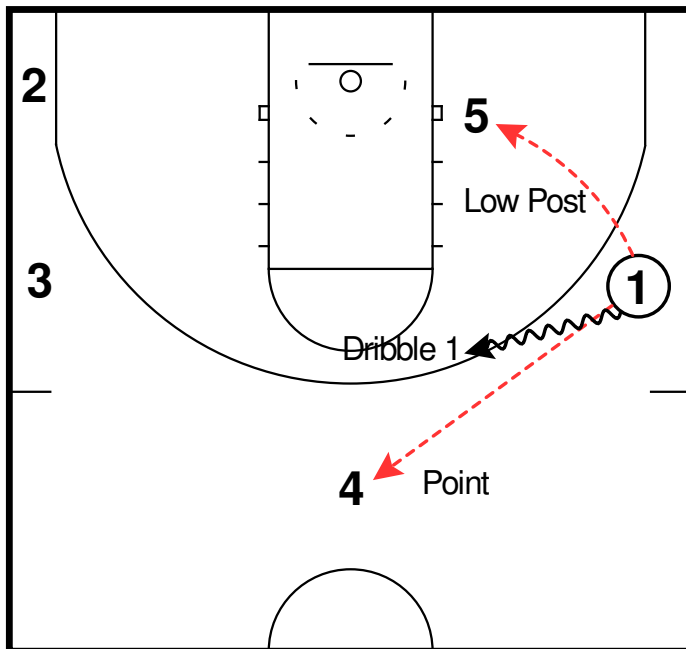


Player 5 follows their pass into ball screen for 1

Links to Low Post or Point



Player 5 may also DHO with Player 1 after Player 2 back cuts



also links to Low Post or Point