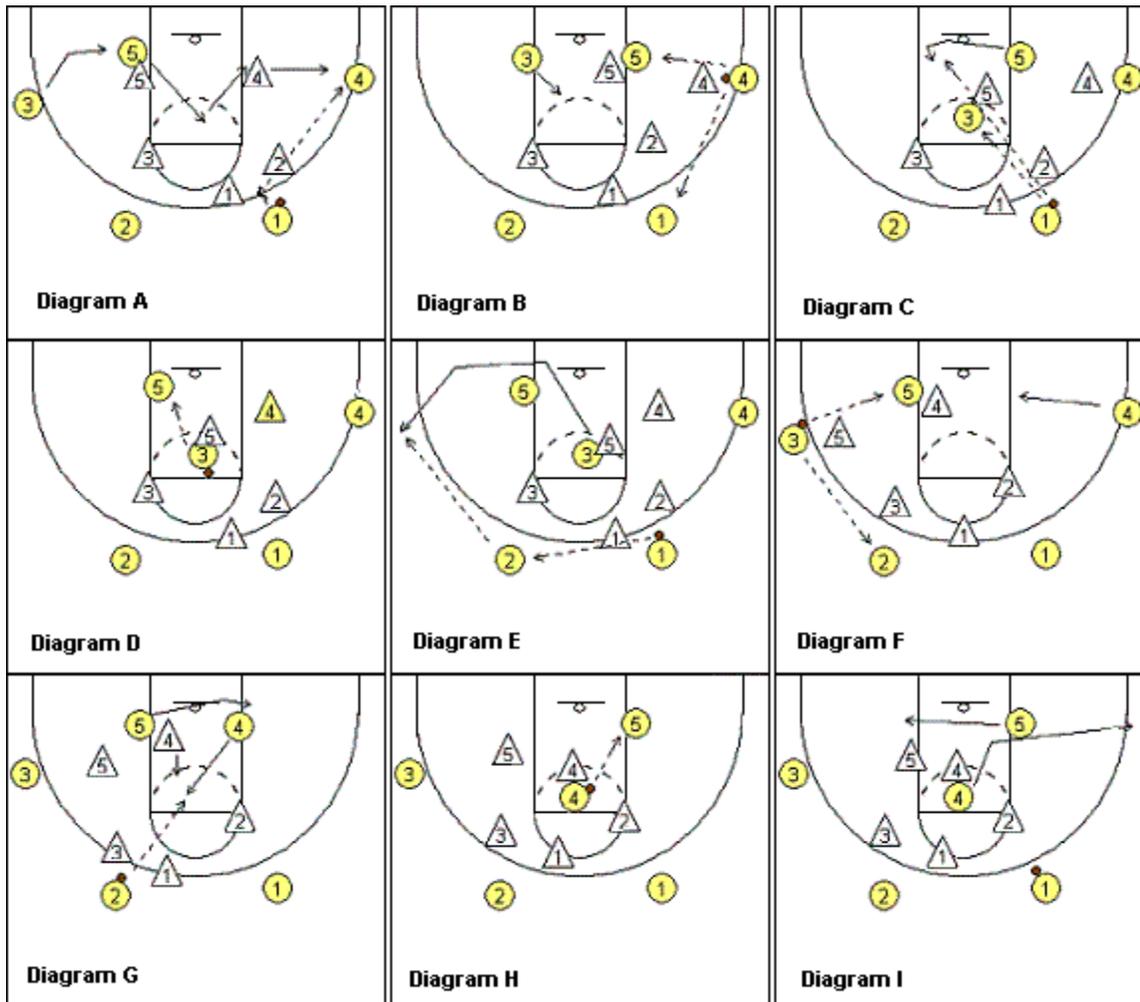


Zone 3



Refer to the diagrams above which show this offense vs a 1-2-2 zone defense. We start in our familiar 4-out set with O1 and O2 on the top and O3 and O4 at the wing-corner areas (Diagram A). O5 starts on the weak side low block. O1 dribbles at the X1 and X2 (trying to get the defenders to commit). O5 flashes into the middle of the paint, and if open, O1 could pass there. Notice that O3 has also crept down to the weak side low block. But let's say O1 passes to O4. Notice that the X4 defender will probably come out to guard O4. O5 cuts to the ball side low block and posts-up for the possible pass from O4. But let's say the defense is solid and the pass goes back from O4 to O1 (Diagrams B and C). Now O3 flashes to the middle of the paint and O5 slips back to the weak side block. O1 could pass to O3 in the paint or, if X5 defender comes up on O3, O1 could make the lob pass over the top directly to O5. O3 could shoot or pass to O5 on the opposite block (Diagram D). Diagram E... let's say the pass from O1 to O3 is denied. O3 cuts back outside and must avoid the 3-second call. The ball is swung over to O2 and then to O3. Diagram F... O5 posts-up on the ball side block while O4 slips down to the weak side block. As the ball is passed back out to O2, O4 now flashes to the middle of the paint while O5 slips to the weak side low block (Diagram G). Again, the pass could go from O2 to either O4 or directly to O5. O4 could shoot or pass to O5 (Diagram H). If the pass from O2 to O4 (or O5) is denied, O4 cuts back out to the corner, O5 moves to the weak side block (Diagram I), and the ball is passed from O2 to O1. We are now in the same setup that we started with in Diagram D.