

Shooting Basketball

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Camera Set Up

- Indoors
- F/2.8 or F/4
- 125 Shutter Speed
- ISO 1600 or 3200

- Every gym is different - arenas for tournaments may be better lit.

- 70-100 mm lens



Where To Stand

- The best place to SIT or KNEEL is the corners of the court.
- This will give you a good angle towards the basket to get lay-ups, free throws, etc.
- You can sometimes sit behind the basket against the wall, but not if the gym is too small.



Length Of Game

- High school basketball has four - 8 minute quarters. The clock runs most of the time, except for time outs and out of bounds.
- Most games last around one hour to 1 1/2 hours.



Safety

- Basketball does not pose as much of a safety hazard as some sports. But you need to watch out for fast breaks and scrambles for the ball. If athletes are heading your way too quickly - move out of their way - fast.



Gotta Get 'Em Shots

- Basketball can be a fast moving sport.
- There is usually a lot going on and plenty to shoot.
- So keep your camera up and ready.



Backup Plan - aka Plan “B”

- Some teams do play a “slow down” game that keeps action to a minimum.
- But there still should be plenty of lay-ups, jump shots, free throws, blocked shots, dribbling and defense.
- Don’t forget coaches, trainers and the crowd.



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