

Basketball Playbook – Update

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This article is a short update to the article published in Volume 5, Issue 4 of Xs & Os.

Version 0.3b is now available which adds some good new features.

- ✓ Addition of a C symbol for placing coaches on your diagrams
- ✓ Addition of a blank court which can be useful for some drill diagrams
- ✓ Option to use X's for defenders rather than the default triangles.
- ✓ Option to change court and player icon colours. Note that the coloured player option is only available when using a coloured court. However using the "fill solid" option with black and white diagrams makes them look more attractive as the player icons are no longer transparent so you can't see court lines through them.
- ✓ Perhaps the biggest new feature is the addition of the animation function. This allows you to create multi-sequenced diagrams as before but then allows you to "play" them at a selected speed. Actually seeing your Xs & Os move around the court is pretty good.

In between the writing, and publication of the previous article, the author of Basketball Playbook changed the address of his website. His website can now be found at

<http://home.hccnet.nl/j.e.smit/index.html>

It is good to see that my previous article generated some interest as some Australian coaches have submitted their plays to the authors website.

As I said last time, This free program is worth downloading if you want to diagram and save your plays and drills.