

## The Off-Guard

The off-guard is also referred to as the #2 guard or shooting guard. He is generally the better shooter of the two guards. The qualities that he needs to possess are:

1. He must have an instinctive knowledge of the game.
2. He must be a good ball handler.
3. He must be a good passer.
4. He must possess speed and quickness of foot.
5. He must be a good dribbler with either hand.
6. He must be able to play good hard-nosed defense.
7. He must be able to hit the 15 to 20 foot shot with consistency.
8. He must be able to penetrate and dish off.
9. He must be able to read defenses.
10. He must know how to move without the ball.
11. He must be a student of the offense so that he can step in and run the offense if the point guard is being overplayed, or must leave the game.
12. His ego must not be so inflated that it interferes with his basketball judgment. Normally, the off-guard's job is to put points on the board and help his teammates to score.