

## SELECTION ORIENTED TOWARDS THE FUNCTIONAL ROLES OF THE INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS IN BASKETBALL

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### **Abstract**

*This essay examines the functional roles in basketball. It is mentioned that there are primarily five roles, and that we must take into consideration natural physiological demands stemming from the functional demands of the game. Although it seems that the number of roles could be determinate in a different manner, it is still a fact that five is a logical number, considering the structure of the game. We can create the players who do not fit the defined roles in this model, but their active participation will be limited to extreme situations, which are few and far between. The question is who would settle for that after 10-15 years of training? Or is there a child who would choose the role of a "wildcard" after the years of practice. It can happen that there is another model (sixth, seventh,...) in a profile of the basketball player, but those models are going to have hard time finding their purpose and role in the game, simply because the functional model of basketball is based on five roles called: functional roles of the individual players in basketball.*

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