
Newcastle Falcons U18G2 – Player Roles

Team Reference Guide for Positions, Responsibilities, and Skills



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1. Point Guard (PG)

Position Number: 1

Nickname: *The Floor General or Playmaker*

Primary Responsibilities

- Controls the ball and dictates the pace of the game.
- Sets up offensive plays and distributes the ball.
- Makes quick decisions under pressure (pass, shoot, or drive).
- Guards the opposing team's primary ball-handler.

Court Positioning

- Operates near the top of the key to run offensive plays.
- Moves to the wings or corners for spacing and passing lanes.
- Maintains good visibility to create and adjust plays.

Key Skills

- **Ball-Handling:** Controls the ball under pressure and avoids turnovers.
- **Court Vision & Passing:** Anticipates plays and distributes effectively.
- **Quick Decision-Making:** Adjusts strategies on the fly.

- **Perimeter Defense:** Applies pressure on opponent's main ball handler.
- **Leadership & Communication:** Directs the team and keeps everyone unified.

Players

- *Layla, Abby, Zara*

2. Shooting Guard (SG)

Position Number: 2

Nickname: *The Scorer or Sharpshooter*

Primary Responsibilities

- Primary or secondary scorer (mid-range and three-point shooting).
- Moves off screens and cuts to create scoring opportunities.
- Guards strong perimeter shooters.
- Supports the Point Guard and helps in fast-break situations.

Court Positioning

- Typically on the perimeter, near the wings and corners.
- Looks for open shots or assists.
- Cuts into the lane for layups or to draw defenders.

Key Skills

- **Shooting Accuracy:** Effective mid-range and three-point scoring.
- **Off-Ball Movement:** Finds open space for quick passes and shots.
- **Dribbling & Driving:** Strong ball-handling for attacking defenses.
- **Perimeter Defense:** Focus on stopping opponent scorers.
- **Finishing at the Rim:** Confidently drives and scores under contact.

Players

- *Layla, Zara, Maddy*

3. Small Forward (SF)

Position Number: 3

Nickname: *The Versatile Player or Wing Player*

Primary Responsibilities

- Contributes to scoring both inside and outside the key.
- Defends athletic opponents, switching between perimeter and interior.
- Does a bit of everything: scoring, defense, rebounding, and some playmaking.
- Brings energy and speed in transition.

Court Positioning

- Often positioned on the wings during offensive plays.
- Cuts toward the basket or creates separation to find open spots.
- Operates in mid-range or corners based on the team's strategy.

Key Skills

- **All-Around Scoring:** Can score near the basket, mid-range, or from three.
- **Athleticism:** Combines speed and strength for both offense and defense.
- **Rebounding:** Strong presence on both offensive and defensive boards.
- **Defensive Versatility:** Can guard multiple positions effectively.
- **Playmaking Ability:** Serves as a secondary ball-handler if needed.

Players

- *Maddy, Kaylah, Zara, Kiara, Layla*

4. Power Forward (PF)

Position Number: 4

Nickname: *The Post Player or Stretch Four*

Primary Responsibilities

- Scores in the low post and battles for rebounds.
- Sets screens to free up guards and wings.
- Helps defensively by contesting shots and securing rebounds.
- Provides mid-range or three-point shooting if capable ("stretch-four").

Court Positioning

- Plays in the paint or low block for strong rebounding and post scoring.
- Moves between the baseline and high post for various offensive sets.
- Teams up with the Center to protect the paint on defense.

Key Skills

- **Post Moves:** Hooks, up-and-unders, and other physical moves near the rim.
- **Rebounding:** Effective boxing out and board-grabbing.
- **Stretch Shooting (Optional):** Ability to shoot from deep if needed.
- **Defense:** Physical man-to-man and team defense inside.
- **Screen Setting:** Key in pick-and-roll or off-ball screens.

Players

- *Zali, Maddy, Kiara, Kaylah, Lara, Paton*

5. Center (C)

Position Number: 5

Nickname: *The Big Man or The Anchor*

Primary Responsibilities

- Controls rebounding and scoring in the paint.
- Defends the interior by blocking or altering shots.
- Secures second-chance opportunities with offensive boards.
- Sets strong screens and rolls effectively after picks.

Court Positioning

- Primarily positioned near the low post on offense for high-percentage shots.
- Anchors the defense in or near the paint to deter drives and block shots.
- Rotates as needed but generally stays close to the basket.

Key Skills

- **Rebounding Presence:** Prevents second-chance points by securing boards.
- **Shot Blocking & Defense:** Protects the rim as the defensive anchor.

- **Post Moves:** Effective hooks, dunks, and positioning.
- **Strength & Physicality:** Wins physical matchups inside.
- **Screen Setting:** Creates space for teammates with solid picks.

Players

- *Ella, Lara, Zali, Paton*

6. Court Positions

