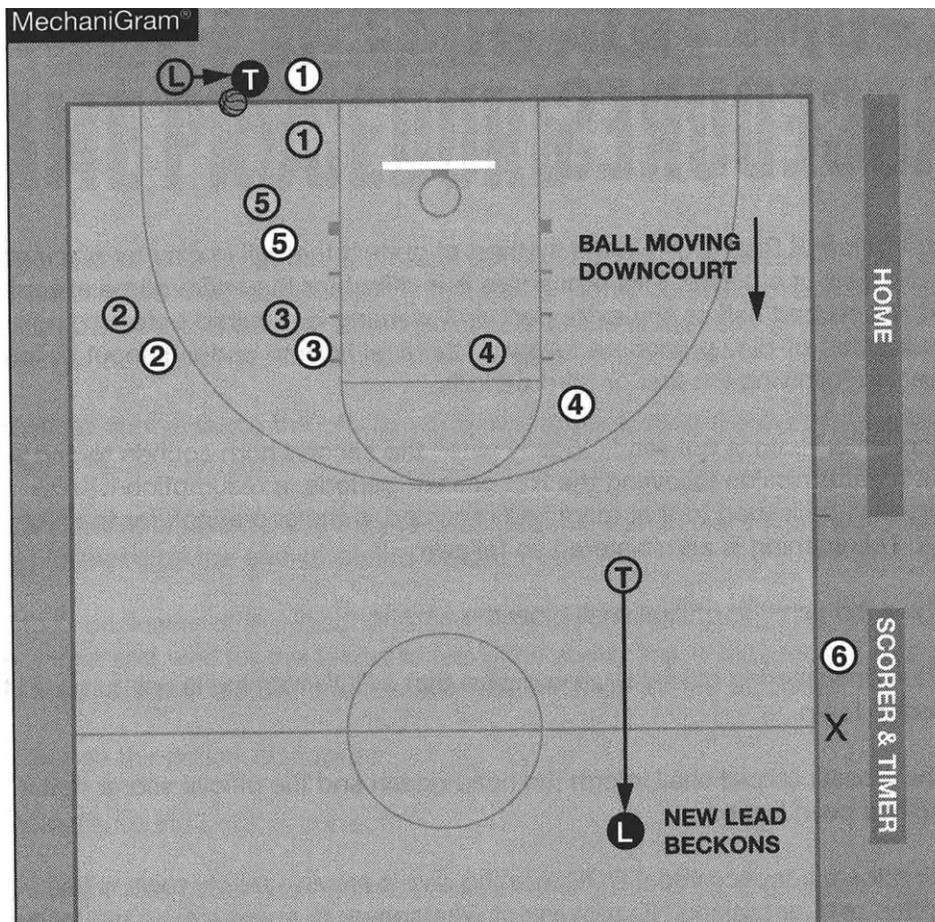


## HANDLING SUBSTITUTIONS: TRANSITION

The official near the table should beckon in the substitute. In the MechaniGram, the old trail is moving to the new lead position down the court. While passing the table, the horn sounds and the new lead should stop and beckon in the substitutes. Since the new trail is busy preparing for the ensuing inbound throw-in and on the other side of the court, it makes perfect sense for the new lead to handle the substitution process.

Even though a horn will sound, **blow your whistle so that the new trail is aware that a substitution is still in progress.** Keep your hand up and make yourself visible until both teams have the appropriate five players on the court. Then put your hand down and proceed to your new lead position (assuming it is not a press situation).



## HANDLING SUBSTITUTIONS: HALFCOURT

The official near the table, typically the trail, will acknowledge and beckon substitutes onto the court. Both officials count all players before putting the ball back in play.

On a foul, report the foul before beckoning substitutes. Hold the substitutes at the table until the calling official has completed the reporting procedure. The new nearer official should either beckon the subs or hold them at the table if there will be multiple free throws.

A note on blowing the whistle when beckoning substitutes: Some officials blow the whistle while beckoning on every substitution. Proponents say the whistle along with the beckoning motion gets the substitute's attention faster, making for a quicker substitution. **The whistle along with the stop sign lets your partner know you've got a substitute.**

Opponents say the whistle draws unnecessary attention to the official. **Our recommendation: Blow your whistle.** It will alert your partner and save the crew from putting the ball in play before a substitution process has been completed.

