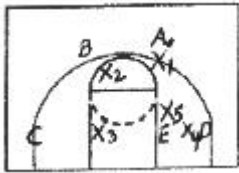


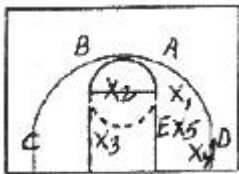
## Loose Person-to-Person Defense

As the name implies, the loose person-to-person defense is played in a looser fashion than a normal person-to-person. In the loose defense the players collapse preventing penetration of the lane.

The pick-up point of this defense is just outside the 3-point line. This is an excellent defense to use against poor outside shooting opponents, a good cutting team, a team that changes direction to the basket well, or a much quicker team than yours. It is also good for a taller team that is playing person-to-person defense for good rebounding strength. It places a burden on the offensive team to score from the outside.



**Diagram #8a** - *Against a Two-Three Aligned Offense* - **A** has the ball.  $X_1$  is on the 3-point line, playing **A**.  $X_4$ , playing **D**, has floated off, allowing a pass reception.  $X_5$  is fronting the pivot player, **E**.  $X_2$  has dropped back, playing **B** loosely and  $X_3$ , likewise.



**Diagram #9a** - **D** has received a pass from **A**.  $X_4$  is playing on the 3-point line and on the baseline-side of **D**.  $X_1$  has dropped off **A** and is on the ball-side, nearer the basket.  $X_2$  has dropped farther off **B** and is at the foul-line area.  $X_3$  has dropped off **C** and is in the foul lane.  $X_5$  still fronts **E**.