

Welcome to the 2026 Film Camp Script! This script is subject to change and may add or subtract lines or characters depending on the turnout of students coming to camp this year. All characters are written gender-neutral to give equal opportunities to auditioners.

Synopsis:

Unbenched

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INT. CAR - DAY

DEVON, playing on their phone in the front seat, too cool to sit in the back with ANDY. Andy stares out the window looking at the new scenery of their new town. MOM/DAD is driving them to basketball practice.

MOM/DAD

Did you remember to bring your water bottles?

DEVON

(annoyed)

Yes.

ANDY

Did we need knee pads for this?

DEVON

Idiot! That's soccer.

The car comes to a screeching halt in the parking lot of the basketball practice.

MOM/DAD

(stern)

Look, I understand that you didn't want to move. I understand that you're nervous to play for a new team. However, we did NOT raise you to speak that way. So watch your tone with me.

An awkward silence fills the car. Devon looks embarrassed. Andy remains looking out of the window.

MOM/DAD (cont'd)

And try to have fun, please. I love you, now get out of the car.

Devon and Andy exit the car slowly, and quietly.

MOM/DAD (cont'd)
I said I love you.

Devon and Andy respond synchronously.

DEVON/ANDY
(dry)
We love you too.

Mom/Dad leave. Andy and Devon walk into basketball practice.
Andy is behind Devon.

INT. BASKETBALL GYM - LATER

Devon walks off towards the older players on the bleachers,
who are all on their phones.

Andy looks around at the gym, feeling small. TY/TAY, a
veteran player on the team, approaches Andy.

TY/TAY
(excited)
Hi! I'm Ty/Tay!

ANDY
(shyly)
I'm Andy, kinda new here.

TY/TAY
That's pretty obvious. You're looking around like you've
never seen a gym before.

Andy snickers.

COACH BLEU (wearing a blue track suit) blows the whistle, signaling the start of practice.

TY/TAY

Stick with me. I got your back.

All the players line up on the baseline in the gym. Practice begins.

TY/TAY (cont'd)

Coach is gonna be watching like a hawk today. He/She's gonna decide who's playing in the game on Friday. We gotta bring our game.

MONTAGE: PLAYERS RUNNING DRILLS, (I.E. SUICIDES, LAY UP DRILLS, PASSING DRILLS, FREE THROW DRILLS.)

CUT TO:

Devon practicing free throws, and misses every single shot.

Coach Bleu is in a disappointed facepalm, shaking their head.

Andy observes Devon's travesties and Coach Bleu's reaction. Giving Andy hope that they will be starting.

MORE BASKETBALL MONTAGES

CUT TO:

Andy sinks a shot from the 3-point line.

SLOW MO SHOT. ONE SHOT OF ANDY SHOOTING FROM THREE POINT LINE. SECOND SHOT OF BALL GOING INTO THE BASKET.

Ty/Tay and the other players are in awe of Andy's skills. Coach Bleu watches silently from the sideline.

END MONTAGE SCENE.

CAMERON

Wow Andy! You're really good!

INT. BASKETBALL GYM - FRIDAY

Coach Bleu blows their whistle. All the players line up on the baseline per usual. Coach Bleu has a clipboard and pen in hand. Coach Bleu begins to go down in a line on the clipboard.

COACH BLEU

(french accent)

After watching you all practice this week. I am very impressed by your skills presented by the American players.

Coach Bleu goes off on a tangent about their love for America and basketball.

Ty/Tay mocks Coach Bleu.

ANDY

(whispers)

Is coach always so...

THE WHOLE TEAM

Yes!

Devon is not paying attention, scrolling on their phone.

COACH BLEU

...And zat's how I ended up here! What vas I talking about?

SAMMY

Who's playing in the game!

COACH BLEU

Ahh Right! For Friday's game here's who's playing: Sammy,
Cameron, Jaimie, Briar, and..

CLOSE UP of Andy in anticipation.

Devon is still scrolling on their phone. Coach Bleu hesitates
before announcing the last player.

COACH BLEU

Sometimes the game isn't about winning, it's about playing as
a team. So, ze final player will be Devon.

The other players give the starters a round of applause and
congratulations.

SHOT OF ANDY LOOKING SAD.

Ty/Tay pats Andy on the back.

TY/TAY

Don't sweat it dude, I've been on the team for 2 years and
I've never played in a game.

Andy gives Ty/Tay a side look.

FADE TO:

INT. DINING ROOM - NIGHT

Mom/Dad, Andy, and Devon are sitting at the dining room table
eating pizza for dinner.

MOM/DAD

(inquisitive)

So how's practice been going being on the same team?

DEVON
(on their phone)
Eh, it's been whatever.

ANDY
Whatever? Devon, you're literally starting in the game on Friday. While I'm sitting on the bench. You literally can't even make a free throw.

MOM/DAD
Devon, is that true?

Devon looks up slightly from their phone.

DEVON
(monotone)
Which part?

Andy grunts and drops their pizza slice onto their plate in frustration.

Beat.

MOM/DAD
You know Andy, just because you aren't starting in the game, doesn't mean you won't play at all. There's still a chance, what if someone doesn't show up?

ANDY
You mean, like Devon?

DEVON
You'd love that wouldn't you?

ANDY
(sarcastically)
Yeah, I wish you'd break your ankle, so I could take your spot in the game.

MOM/DAD

Would you knock it off? As I was saying. It's not about winning, it's about being on a team. Which you two clearly need to work on.

Andy rolls their eyes in annoyance. Devon shrugs it off still on their phone.

Andy gets up from the table and storms away.

INT. BASKETBALL GYM - AFTERNOON

WIDE SHOT of the gym. ANNOUNCER speaking.

ANNOUNCER

Welcome everyone to today's game! We've got a lot of great players tonight and we can't wait to get started!

CUT TO:

The two teams are on the court. The referee is holding the ball in the center of the court. One player from each team is at the center of the court for tip off.

The Referee blows their whistle and throws the ball in the air.

CUT TO:

1ST BASKETBALL MONTAGE:

1. Sammy has the ball and is face to face with a player from the other team. Sammy crosses the player, runs down court and passes the ball to Devon.
2. Devon shoots the ball and misses.
3. Shot of the audience (Andy and Devon's parent) and Old Geezer Greg (if present).
4. The other team makes a 2-pointer shot.

5. Scoreboard: 0-2
6. Andy looks disappointed.
7. Devon misses several more shots.
8. Cameron blocks a shot.
9. Briar gets crossed by the other team.
10. Devon clocks Andy's disappointment.
11. Devon and player from the other team go for a layup.
12. Both players land on the floor and Devon "rolls" their ankle.

END 1ST MONTAGE

INT. BASKETBALL GYM - Continued

Coach Bleu blows the whistle and rushes over to Devon.

Inaudible dialogue takes place between Coach Bleu and Devon.

ANDY

(to Ty/Tay)

This is all my fault.

Andy puts their hand over their face.

TY/TAY

What're you talking about?

ANDY

I kinda wished for something to happen to Devon. But I didn't mean it. I swear.

TY/TAY

Dude, it's basketball. People get injured all the time, look at Derrick Rose.

ANDY

Yeah, but people don't wish for him to be injured.

TY/TAY

Uhhh... Just to be safe, you wouldn't wish that about me, would you?

ANDY

I'm gonna go see what's up with Devon.

TY/TAY

(yells)

But would you?!

Devon and Coach Bleu walk to the sideline before Andy reaches them. Devon is "limping".

COACH BLEU

(still french accented)

Andy, your brother is injured. I am putting you in the game now.

A smile grows on Andy's face.

ANDY

Coach, are you sure?

COACH BLEU

Of course, you are one of my better players.

Andy goes to say something, but is cut off by Coach Bleu.

COACH BLEU

Shhshhhshhsh. I am not done. I put you on the bench, because we must learn to play as a team. When you are on the bench, you watch your teammates and learn the strengths and weaknesses. That is how you become a great team. Do you understand what it is I say?

Andy nods their head, yes.

ANDY

(to Devon)
You sure you're not faking it, though?

Devon grins a smidge.

DEVON
You gonna play or not, idiot?

Andy runs onto the court ready to play the game. Whistle sounds.

CUT TO:

2ND BASKETBALL MONTAGE:

1. Slow motion of Andy walking onto the court. (intense background music).
2. Andy is passed the ball, takes a shot and makes it.
3. From Andy's POV (feels like they're much bigger than they actually are) LOW ANGLE over other players to make Andy seem bigger.
4. Swap Andy out for someone bigger to make it look how Andy is feeling.
5. Andy breaking ankles on the court, but actually isn't.
6. Cut back and forth between Andy's team thinking they are doing great and WIDE SHOT of the other team standing there (shoes squeaking on the floor when in wide shot).
7. Scoreboard: 4-7
8. Andy takes the last shot from the 3-point line but it doesn't go in. Team member rebounds the ball and shoots it, making it in at the last second.
9. Scoreboard goes from 4-7 to 6-7.

END 2ND MONTAGE:

The scoreboard buzzes, ending the game.

Announcer
And that's game!

The other team cheers in excitement from winning.

Andy looks disappointed again.

Devon walks up to Andy not limping anymore. Andy is unaware.

DEVON

Cheer up man, you did great out there.

ANDY

But we lost.

DEVON

Well yeah, I was there. But it's not about that. Do you even have ears to listen? It's about putting in the work as a team.

ANDY

I guess so. Even if we lost, it was still really cool to play with Sammy, Cameron, Briar, and Jaimie. Oh, and the other team too.

Devon stares blankly.

ANDY

Well, you too...

DEVON

Yeah, yeah, yeah. We both know you're better than me.

ANDY (cont'd)

Wait a minute, you aren't limping anymore.

DEVON

What?

ANDY

Your ankle?

Devon smirks and gives Andy a noogie. Andy playfully protests.

ZOOM OUT OF GYM.

THE END