**Player Classification Guidelines**

**All-Star**: Player made at least one All-Star team in their career

- We don't want to be too restrictive with this as there are a limited number of All-Star team spots in a given season and a lot of good players. Looking to avoid classifying players who had excellent careers as merely 'starters'.

**Starter**: Player averaged more than 24 minutes per game in at least 5 seasons of their career in which they also played at least 41 games

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- Alternatively we could say 24+ minutes per game in 3 of their first 5 seasons, or something along those lines.

**Role** **Player**: Player averaged between 12-24 minutes per game in at least 5 seasons of their career in which they also played at least 41 games

- NBA rookie contracts for first round picks are structured as 2 guaranteed years, followed by 2 years in which the team can opt to retain the player, followed by a qualifying offer/restricted free agency. As such, we should expect a player to reasonably provide 5 or more seasons of high enough quality play that his team would choose to retain the player throughout the two option seasons and then offer a qualifying offer.

- Alternatively we could say 12-24 minutes per game in 3 of their first 5 seasons, or something along those lines. We could also raise the floor from 12 minutes to 16 or 18 depending on how the role player class looks as a group.

**Bust**: Player did not meet any of the above criteria