

Volleyball
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Officiating Dos (Pre-Match)

1. Be on time which means to be early. To be on time is to be late.
2. Dress appropriately for the assignment and arrival to the game site. High school, collegiate, and professional assignments require a minimum standard of business casual attire to & from the game site.
3. Have some form of pre-game meeting with your partners.
4. Be Humble. (Jerome Best)
5. Have your backup equipment in a small backpack or the Certified Referee Bag. This includes backup whistles, air pump, air gauge, red and yellow cards, and coins. I would even recommend have backup writing utensils.
6. Survey the entire court:
 - a) Ensure that all court lines are visible and in accordance with the rules.
 - b) Measure the net to ensure it is the proper height.
 - c) Ensure that the antennas are situated properly.
 - d) Net posts should have proper padding.
 - e) The referee stand should be secure and properly padded.
 - f) Ensure that the benches go no further than the attack line.
 - g) Weigh the game ball. Have several game balls if possible.
 - h) Ensure that we have enough scoresheets, libero tracking sheets, and writing utensils.
 - i) Make sure that playable areas and non-playable areas just outside the

playable areas are free of obstructions.

j) Observe any potential overhead obstructions.

7. If time permits, then have a pre-game with all officials prior to the coin toss.

If not, then have a pre-game during warm-ups.

Officiating Dont's (Pre-Match)

1. The opposite of All The Officiating Dos.
2. Conducting yourself in an unprofessional manner.
3. Show up to a contest minutes before game time.
4. Being Late without prior notification.
5. Do not bring a suitcase to the court containing your referee equipment.

Officiating Dos (Match)

1. Don't be argumentative. Answer rules questions with verbiage from the rulebook. Any other interpretations cannot be defended or substantiated. (David Barnes).
2. When you make a mistake, recognize it, own it, learn it, flush it. Don't make excuses, blame others, and have bad body language (Matt Lisle).
3. After each completed rally, do a scan of the entire court. I recommend starting with the receiving team on the beach and court, the scorers' table and substitution zones, the second referee if applicable, and the serving team on the bench and court.
4. After each completed rally prior to the beckon for serve, check the receiving team's alignment followed by the serving team's alignment. Remind yourself of the setters for each team being front row or back row players.
5. The correct sequence to awarding points by the first referee is a whistle, pointing to the team winning the rally, and the infraction by the team not winning the rally.
6. The correct sequence to awarding points by the second referee is a whistle, infraction by the team not winning the rally, indication of the player if applicable, and pointing to the team winning the rally.
7. The first referee should utilize the second referee and the line judges as often as possible, even for obvious infractions.

8. You can never communicate too much.
9. Know the number of timeouts for each team.
10. Acknowledge your table officials. Encourage them, respect them, and thank them for the good job that they are doing.
11. Acknowledge your line judges. Encourage them, respect them, and thank them for the good job that they are doing.
12. Address misconduct early in the match.
13. Identify your setters, liberos, & other key players.
14. Have a good match pace. You don't have to officiate the match in a hurry, but do not waste time between rallies.

Officiating Dont's (Match)

1. Do the opposite of Officiating Dos.
2. Don't be argumentative. (David Barnes)
3. Don't manage the game. Officiate the game. We manage personalities.
4. Don't allow spectators to harass and abuse line judges and the officials at the scorers' table.
5. Don't permit a lengthy dead ball period between rallies, especially when there are no libero replacements and no substitutions.

Officiating Dos & Dont's (Between Sets)

1. Don't sit on the first referee stand.
2. Do not use your smartphone.
3. Hydrate.
4. Check the scoresheet.
5. Check the antennas.
6. Check the padding on the first referee and net posts, if applicable.
7. If a second referee is present, then the first referee should be observant of the second referee checking the starting lineups. This ensure that the first referee is knowledgeable of the setters, liberos, and their opposites as well as each team's alignment.

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