

Volleyball Officiating101

Congratulations, You Have a Card... But are You Ready to Referee?



Not as Easy as You May Think

- Volleyball Referees Judge Every Single Contact
 - Did it come off hands cleanly?
 - What was the duration of contact?
 - How many successive body parts did it contact?
 - 900 square feet one stationary position
 - Standing for long periods
 - Coaches Generally Well-Informed
 - No Easy Training Ground
 - □ Youth Leagues Want Experienced Officials
 - □ No Typical "Little League" or "Midget" Programs
 - Sub JV/Varsity Programs
 - One Official
 - Overlapping Duties
 - Craft Not Honed Easily



Administrative

What do I need before I go on the court?

- Official Identification Card
 - □ Schools will ask for it
 - □ Sportsmanship message on reverse side
 - □ Will list sports you are certified
- Three Proper Certifications
 - □ PA State Police Background Check (Act 34)
 - □ PA Public Welfare Check (Act 151)
 - □ FBI Criminal History Check (Act 114)



Uniform

Shirt

A White, Blue or Gray polo-styled shirt-NOT in PA

- Black & White Vertical Striped Shirt
 - Collared Shirt (Golden Tri./WPIAL Default Shirt)
 - Non-Collared Shirt (City League Default Shirt)
 - Most Important Match with other Official
 - PIAA Chevron on Left Sleeve (Three inches from Shoulder) American Flag on Right shoulder optional

Pants

- Black dress pants
 - No jeans
 - □ If belt loops, Wear a belt!
 - □ No shorts or culottes





Shoes

- Black Athletic Shoe
 - □ Soft Soled
 - ALL Black
 - Laces
 - Straps
 - No other color of Manufacturer logos
 - Nike Swoosh
 - Adidas Tri-Bars
 - New Balance Logos



Official Equipment (Necessary)

Whistles & Lanyards

- Black
- Leave all other colors in you bag
- Penalty Cards
 - Come in a sleeve
 - Yellow & Red Cards
- Line-up Card & Pencil
 - Mandatory for R2
 - Home-Made or Store Bought
- Flipping Coin
- Black Wrist Watch



Official Equipment (Optional)

Net Chain

- Measuring Net Height
- Different Hash Marks for Different Levels
- Pressure Gauge & Air Pump
- White Tape (Floor Markings)
- Extra Score Sheets
- Extra Libero Tracking Sheets
- Extra Whistles
- Jacket (Black or Navy Blue only)



Things that will get you BURNED!

Sportsmanship Message

- READ IT!!!
 - The State Wants It
 - □ The Lawyers Want It
 - Our Chapter Wants It
 - The Coaches Want It
- Liability Issues!!!
 - Administer it Properly



Things that will get you BURNED!

Lack of Knowledge & Preparation

- Know the Rules
- Know Procedures
- Know Signals
- Lack of Professionalish
 - Be Prompt
 - Be Presentable
 - Be Polite



Things that will get you BURNED!

Lack of Knowledge of Concussions

- Know the Symptoms
- Know Procedures
- "When in Doubt, Sit Out"
- Know Your Responsibilities
- Handling Blood Issues
 - Don't Ignore
 - Address Immediately
 - Know Procedures



□ Arrive 30 Minutes Prior to Game Time

- Inform Event Administrator/Coach of Arrival
 - Identify Event Administrator
 - In Case of Security Issues
 - In Case of Crowd Control
 - Introduce Self to Uniformed Security
 - Eyeball Court
 - Obstructions
 - Non-Playable Areas
 - Vertical Backboards
 - Boundary Lines
 - Hazards



- Pre-game With Partner
 - Introduce themselves to Each Other
 - Discuss Coverage
 - Net Play Center-Line Fouls Touches on Blocks
 - Ball Handling, Informal Hand Signals
 - Preferences of R1
 - Court Inspection
 - Check Net Equipment & Padding
 - Net Antennas Attached
 - Steel Cables Padded
 - Referee Stand Padded
 - Measure Net (Ask Home Coach)
 - Check All Boundaries
 - Continuous Center Line (2-inches)
 - Lines in Contrasting Colors



Informal Conversation with Home Coach

- Discuss Procedures
 - Home Bench Selection
 - Court Rules
 - From Previous Observations
 - Playable/Non-Playable/Overhead Obstructions
 - Make Sure Court Rules do not Supersede Rule Book
 - Safety Major Concern
 - Warm-up
 - 20-Minute Warm-Up
 - Default (Unofficial) 6-minutes together, 7-minutes serving team, 7-minutes receiving team.
 - Home team Can Request Variation (Must be equal)
 - Home team Can Request Serving First



Informal Conversation with Home Coach (cont.)

- Ceremonies
 - Playing of National Anthem
 - Player Introductions
 - Any Other Formalities
- Line Judges
 - Home Team Should Supply Both
 - Visitors Only Supply if Asked and Agree
- Trainers
 - Does Home Team Have One at Courtside
 - Is a Trainer Within Easy Access
 - Does the Visiting Team Have a Trainer

Libero

- Will Team Be Using One?
- If Yes, Ask to See Uniform if not Obvious



- Informal Conversation with Visiting Coach
 - Report Procedures Discussed With Home Coach
 Bench Selection-Warm-Up Time-Ceremonies
 - Ask Visiting Coach
 - Line Judges
 - Inform Coach if the Home Team Cannot Supply Two
 - Trainer
 - See if Team Has Trainer
 - If Not, Home Team Trainer Will be Designated Professional
 - If Visitor Has Trainer and Home Team Does Not, Visiting Trainer Will Designated Health-Care Professional
 - □ Libero
 - Will Team Be Using One?
 - If Yes, Ask to See Uniform if not Obvious



Coin Toss

Call For Coaches & Captains

- Head Coach Must Attend
 - Coach That Attends is Coach Who Can Stand
 - Conduct Introductions
- Captains
 - More Than One Captain Allowed
 - Visiting Captain Calls Toss (Serve or Receive)
- Read Sportsman Message
 - Read it Don't Wing It
 - Head Coach Must Verify Verbally that Players are Properly Equipped.



Coin Toss (cont.)

- Give Coaches Option to Stay For Court Rules
 - Most Would Rather Go Back to Warm-Ups
 - Encourage Coaches to Stay For Court Rules
 - Remind Captains of Match Procedures
 - Best Three of Five (Varsity)
 - Best Two of Three (Junior Varsity)
 - □ If Decided Game Needed
 - Teams Released to Bench
 - Captains Reconvene for Coin Toss
 - Called By Home Captain
 - Options (Serve, Receive or Court)



- Coin Toss (cont.)
 - **Review Court Rules**
 - Court
 - Lines
 - Overhead Obstructions
 - Backboard (Vertical or Horizontal)
 - Ropes
 - Banners
 - **Review Jewelry**
 - □ Not Allowed
 - Medic Alert Emblems Not Jewelry
 - Bracelets & Hair Bands Off Wrists



Coin Toss (cont.)

- Review Warm Up Structure
 - □ 6-7-7 Minute Procedure Default
 - Home Team Sets Format as Long as Equal
- Perform Actual Coin Toss
 - Coins Quarter or Larger
 - □ If Dropped, Flip Again
- First Referee:
 - Reports Result of Toss to Official Scorer
 - □ Instructs Official Timer to Start Clock for Warm-Ups