



# Being the R2





# Prematch Responsibilities

- **Arrive no less than 30 minutes prior to start time**
- **Arrive with proper equipment; have pay sheet prepared**
- **Discuss responsibilities with 1<sup>st</sup> referee (R1)**
  - **Review facility for playable/unplayable area**
  - **Check net height, padding, game ball pressure**
  - **Check team rosters**
  - **Verify communication signals with R1 (ball handling, pancakes (down balls saved), setter positions (back row/front row))**



# Prematch Responsibilities

- **Review duties with the scorer, timer, and libero tracker**
  - How do you want them to work together?
  - How do you want them to notify you of set point?
  - How do you want them to notify you if a team has used 14 or 15 subs?
  - How do you want them to notify you of improper server and improper libero replacements?
- **Assist referee with prematch conference (captain's meeting)**
- **Time the warm-ups**
- **Review submitted lineups for team entered in serving order and libero # has been entered**
- **Verify that line up has been entered correctly on the scoresheet**



# Before the Match Start

- **With ball in hand, move onto the serving team's court, check the receiving team players' against the lineup card and then the serving team, roll ball to server.**
- **Verify score table is ready for start**
- **Assume position on receiving team's side, signal readiness (one arm extended toward the stand, open hand facing the net) to R1.**



# During the Match

- **During serve, stand outside the sideline, back from the standard observing the receiving team for possible illegal alignment.**
- **After serve, transition to the defensive side of the net, maintain freedom of movement and clear vision of the net.**
- **Prime responsibility during live ball is center line and net violations – transition only when net play is cleared**
- **Be aware of back row players possible illegal attack by looking through net to attack line**



## During the Match

- **When initiating a call: Blow whistle, move to the side of the offending team and signal violation**
- **Calls by the R1: Step away from the standard and repeat R1's signal. Do not repeat whistle.**



# Areas of Concentration During Play

- **Focus between the attack lines; on the net and centerline**
- **If no net activity, broaden field of vision to assist R1, help with possible back-row attacks**
- **Assist with ball handling violations only when they are clearly out of R1's view (i.e., R1 is blocked from seeing the contact)**





# Areas of Concentration During Play

- **Know overlaps and how to identify them**
  - Do not be afraid to call overlaps when they exist (review case book – ask your mentor/trainer about situations)
- **Know how to use your lineup card**
  - Track servers
  - Record subs/time outs
  - No need to keep score on your card or to track libero, other than mark what for what position the libero serves





# Line up Card

**Tool to assist the R2 in carrying out duties. (CB p. 63) Includes:**

- Serving Order**
- Substitutions**
- Time-outs**
- Captains (Libero can be the captain, but you'll need someone else listed on the starting lineup)**
- Player Identification**

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# Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- **Move to the offending team's side of court**
- **Hold card in the middle of the chest**
- **Indicate the offending coach or player number.**



# Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- **R1 administers card (R2 may suggest card and R1 should accept suggestion)**
- **R2 confirms violation with scorer**
- **Make certain penalty is recorded in the scoresheet (who received what card, score at the time, offending team's score first)**



# Substitutions

- **Coach must visually signal or sub enters substitution zone (don't whistle for sub just because players from the court are calling for a sub)**
- **Double whistle and give sub signal, R1 repeats signal (two or three rotations of the hands are enough)**
- **Do not turn your back to either bench or approach subs**
- **Verify the incoming players have no illegal equipment**
- **While still facing the court, move slightly near scorekeeper to report subs; while waving the subs in, record on your lineup card**
- **When done administering the subs and you're ready for play, release the court back to the R1 (open arm extended toward the stand, open palm facing the net)**



# Substitutions

- **Release subs to enter court (Signal #16)**
- **Notify coach of 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> entry**
- **Hustle subs in and out**
  - **Be fluent and expedient**



# Substitutions

- **No need to walk to the players**
- **Always report subs to scorekeeper**
- **Give ready signal to R1**
  - **As a R1, NEVER blow your whistle to beckon for serve until your R2 has acknowledged being ready**



# Time-Outs

- **Recognize the request with a double whistle and signal pointing to the bench (R1 repeats signal but does not blow whistle)**
- **Remind timer to start the clock for one minute**
- **Notify R1 how many TOs each team has used**
- **Verify score, subs to that point, initial score sheet where TO is taken**





# Time-Outs

- **Either team is allowed the full minute**
- **If both teams are ready early, TO may end early**
- **At 45 seconds, whistle for teams to enter the court**
- **As a courtesy notify each coach the number of time-outs they have used (no need to go talk to each one – you may get the attention of an assistant coach from your position)**
- **Release the court back to the R1 when ready for play**



# End of Set

- **Signal set point just before a possible set point is served**
- **Confirm score, signal end of set to R1, initial scoresheet, make sure timer starts clock for 3 minute interval**
- **Conduct coin toss prior to deciding set, if requested by R1 (3 minute clock starts after the coin toss)**
- **Lineups in to scorer not less than 1 minute prior to the end of 3 minute intermission**



# Reminders

- **Your primary focus is the center line and net; don't ball watch**
- **Get that clock started right away for time-outs and between games**
- **Facilitate sub entry quickly (pre-match discussion with scorer's table staff helps here tremendously)**
- **Make eye contact with the R1 often and after every dead ball**
- **Calling in/out on every ball hitting the floor (it's not your call but you may assist if asked by the R1 when he/she is blocked – part of pre-match discussion)**
- **No need for drawn-out conversations with coaches or to respond to each comment**



# Reminders

## **Don't be a pole hugger!**

- Stay back away from the pole so as to be able to see through the net**
- When making a call don't let the pole hide or bisect you; move to the violating team's side and make the call/mirror the R1's call**
- Always mirror the R1's signals, be they right or wrong; don't lead them**
- Learn the proper signals so that you are showing everyone that you know what you are calling.**

# Summary

**Understanding and executing the proper officiating mechanics will make the match move smoothly and in a timely fashion. We aren't paid by the hour.**

