

FIRST REFEREE CRITERIA

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| <p>A. Judgment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exhibits consistent judgment as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Maintains standards from set to set within a match. b) Applies the same standards for both teams. c) When teams have different degrees of skill, maintains consistency appropriate to both sides. d) Judges all players the same, regardless of whether they are setters, hitters, defensive specialists, etc. e) Allows appropriate length of contact for various actions (1- and 2-handed sets, passes, blocks, tips, attacks, etc.). 2. Allows appropriate latitude on sets & judges them correctly as catches or double hits. 3. Allows appropriate latitude on passes & judges them correctly as catches or double hits. 4. Allows appropriate latitude on first team contacts & judges them consistently. 5. Allows appropriate latitude on tips & judges them consistently. 6. Allows appropriate latitude on net and block recoveries. 7. Allows appropriate latitude on blocks that are given impetus & direction; judges other illegal block actions appropriately. 8. Makes judgment based on actual contact rather than body position or technique. Avoids “automatic” calls based on a particular situation. Avoids preconceived judgments. 9. Adjusts judgment to the level of competition. 10. Recognizes & calls back row player faults & illegal attacks from libero sets. Shows awareness when these situations occur. 11. Calls net faults as per rule book and referee guidelines. 12. Calls faults when a ball illegally goes into, over, or outside antenna. 13. Detects & calls touches off the block. 14. Is observant for screens or potential screens & appropriately prevents. Calls screening when needed. 15. Recognizes & calls position/rotation faults on serving team. 16. Follows fast play at the net & adjusts to tempos within a rally. 17. Makes quick, accurate judgment calls; not influenced by ball spin, crowd or participant reactions, etc. 18. Anticipates unusual situations – antenna plays, pancakes, etc. | <p>D. Match Control</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inspects playing site & ensures that equipment & facilities meet accepted standards for play & for safety. 2. Oversees warm-ups. 3. Follows specified match protocol; efficiently manages time. 4. Gives verbal warnings at appropriate times with an appropriate demeanor. 5. Assesses sanctions when warranted or when requested by second referee, using appropriate procedures. 6. Protects officiating team from abuse by players, coaches, & spectators. 7. Is aware of bench conduct & assists second referee with bench control if necessary. Is aware of libero exchanges. 8. Maintains awareness of on-court happenings – interference, injuries, spectators and/or media. 9. Stays alert to safety issues from arrival to departure. 10. Establishes & maintains a brisk, but unhurried match tempo. |
| <p>B. Mechanics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scans benches, court, & officiating team prior to each serve. 2. Uses the correct official hand signals as per rule book. Signals are executed clearly & held long enough to be seen by everyone. 3. Exhibits solid knowledge of current officiating techniques. 4. Uses correct signaling sequence in appropriate tempo. 5. Whistle is clear, sharp, authoritative & audible. Varies whistle tones to differentiate match situations (for example, timeouts versus infractions versus an object on the court). 6. Has quick reaction time with the whistle. 7. Mimics signals initiated by the second referee, such as timeouts or substitutions. Repeats second referee fault signals only as a clarification when needed. | <p>E. Communication with Match Participants</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conducts pre-match meeting and coin toss in a clear, concise manner. 2. Addresses team members respectfully & maintains a dignified manner. 3. Maintains an approachable demeanor & a positive attitude. 4. Initiates conversation with captains or other team members when appropriate; interacts professionally & efficiently without causing unnecessary delay. Displays & executes superior verbal & non-verbal communication skills; avoids inappropriate body language. 5. Acknowledges concerns of coaches & captains when they disagree, but minimizes delay of the match. 6. Demonstrates awareness of bench activity, including sub or timeout requests, second referee communications with bench personnel, substitute locations, etc. |
| <p>C. Positioning/Focus</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adjusts view appropriately: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrows focus to the plane of the net as the play moves into that area. • Expands view as the play broadens. 2. Sees each contact of the ball, particularly third team hits near the first referee’s stand 3. Does not follow ball (too high into the air), but utilizes a lateral eye movement to adjust focus to each point of contact. 4. Quickly adjusts position between plays to obtain the best view. Maintains a stationary position when ball is being contacted. 5. Maintains proper positioning & posture. 6. Focuses attention on the attacking side of the net during play. | <p>F. Communication with Refereeing Corps</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fully briefs second referee on techniques & responsibilities. Instructs line judges & scorekeepers clearly & completely. 2. Displays superior verbal & non-verbal communication skills, avoids inappropriate body language. 3. Frequent eye contact with second referee & line judges. 4. Interacts well with co-officials, & accepts their assistance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages line judges to make their calls. • Allows time for scorekeepers to record events. • Allows the second referee to deal with his/her primary responsibilities (net, center line, antenna, etc.), & duties (requests for timeouts & substitutions or addressing concerns from the bench) when possible. |
| <p>G. Professionalism</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wears the official Volleyball Canada uniform that is clean & pressed. Appearance is well-groomed and professional. 2. Treats the match & participants with respect & attention. Dignified conduct. 3. Recovers after controversial or adverse situations & maintains appropriate tempo for the established level of play. 4. Displays a calm, decisive manner & a low-key, cordial attitude. 5. Projects confidence in oneself & the entire officiating team. 6. Displays a spirit of cooperation toward officiating team, coaches, players, event management, & the media. 7. Maintains appropriate attitude throughout match. | |

SECOND REFEREE CRITERIA

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| <p>A. Judgment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Calls net faults as per rule book and referee guidelines. 2. Recognizes & calls centerline faults as per rule book and referee guidelines. 3. Recognizes & calls position faults on the receiving team. 4. Recognizes & calls back row player faults & illegal attacks by the libero. Shows awareness when these situations occur, legally & illegally. 5. Detects & indicates touches off the block immediately at the end of a rally. 6. Whistles antenna faults appropriately. 7. Anticipates unusual plays, including antennas, pancakes, views back row attack hits near 3-meter line, etc. | <p>E. Communication with Match Participants</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addresses players/coaches respectfully, in a dignified way. 2. Maintains an approachable demeanor & positive attitude. 3. Initiates conversation with captains or other team members when appropriate; interacts professionally & efficiently without allowing unnecessary delay; displays & executes superior verbal & non-verbal communication skills. 4. Acknowledges concerns of coaches & captains when they disagree, but minimizes delay of the match. 5. Appropriately deals with questions & concerns from the bench. Addresses coaches' concerns out of the front zone, and does not delay the match. |
| <p>B. Mechanics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uses the correct official hand signals as per rule book. Signals are executed clearly & held long enough for communication. 2. Exhibits solid knowledge of current officiating techniques. 3. Uses correct signaling sequence in appropriate tempo. 4. Follows the hand signals given by first referee, & is visible to first referee while signaling. 5. Whistle is clear, sharp, authoritative, & audible. Varies whistle tones to differentiate match situations (for example, timeouts versus infractions versus an object on the court). 6. Has quick reaction time with the whistle. 7. Scans benches, court, & first referee prior to each serve & at the end of each play. Shows awareness of libero replacements. | <p>F. Communication with Refereeing Corp</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviews match responsibilities & techniques with first referee. 2. Ensures lineup is correctly entered on scoresheet. Reviews duties with scorer and assistant scorer. Communicates clearly with scorekeepers before and during the match. 3. Displays superior verbal & non-verbal communication skills with other officials; avoids inappropriate body language. 4. Makes frequent eye contact with first referee & score table. 5. Offers discreet assistance to the first referee on calls where the first referee may not have a clear view of the play. 6. Provides encouragement to first referee & line judges after difficult decisions. 7. Is alert to addressing questions or concerns from line judges. Clarifies calls made by line judges when needed. 8. Coordinates the work of moppers & ball retrievers. |
| <p>C. Positioning/Focus</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtains a clear view of the receiving team prior to each serve, but is positioned so that peripheral vision can detect activity from the serving team's bench. 2. Focuses attention on the blocking side of the net during play. 3. Position is 1-1.5 meters from the net post as facilities allow. 4. Transitions at an appropriate time. Transitions quickly to the blocking side during rallies, but is stationary at ball contact. 5. After moving to blocking side, is able to further adjust position to see the play develop or assist first referee. 6. Establishes a position that enables view of both blockers & attackers through the net. 7. Is able to follow fast play at the net & adjust to varying tempos during a rally. 8. To give assistance or at the end of each rally, steps to the side of the net support who will be receiving the next serve & is clearly visible to first referee. 9. Broadens & narrows focus appropriately during play. | <p>G. Professionalism</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wears the official Volleyball Canada uniform that is clean & pressed; is well-groomed & professional in appearance. 2. Treats the match & participants with respect & attention. Dignified conduct. 3. Recovers after controversial or adverse situations & maintains appropriate tempo for the established level of play; handles unusual situations well. 4. Displays calm, but decisive manner & a low-key but cordial attitude. 5. Projects confidence in oneself & in the performance of the entire officiating team. 6. Displays a spirit of cooperation toward officiating team, coaches, players, event management, & the media. 7. Maintains appropriate attitude throughout the match. |
| <p>D. Match Control</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtains line-ups at specified times, & uses preventive measures to correct potential problems. Checks rosters, affirms uniform & player equipment legality prior to the match. Efficiently manages time during timeouts, and intervals between sets. 2. Checks lineups on the court prior to each set & identifies game captains for first referee. Authorizes entry of libero at start of the set. 3. Makes decisions quickly & accurately. 4. Facilitates communication among the benches, line judges, scorekeepers, first referee, game management, & media. 5. Observes & reacts appropriately to occurrences during play & between rallies. 6. Responds quickly to timeout & substitution requests from the bench while minimizing delays to the match. 7. Facilitates substitution from position at the post & authorizes entry. Communicates status of substitution process to coach, scorekeepers, & first referee 8. Allows appropriate amount of time & ends timeout period with a whistle. Informs first referee of the number of timeouts taken by each team. After 2nd timeout is taken by a team, informs the coach no timeouts remain. 9. Ensures that team members remain in the bench or warm-up areas as appropriate. Is aware of bench conduct. 10. Gives verbal warnings at appropriate times with an appropriate demeanor 11. Requests sanctions from first referee when warranted. 12. Stays alert to safety issues from arrival to departure. 13. Protects officiating team from abuse by players, coaches, & spectators 14. Assists first referee in establishing & maintaining appropriate match tempo. Supervises floor wiping by players, minimizing delay. 15. Adapts to level of competition. | |