

NATIONAL HOME SCHOOL TOURNAMENT REFEREE GUIDELINES

First day - Arrive at 7:15 am to be ready for a meeting that will start 30 minutes prior to the first match.

Subsequent days: Arrive at least 30 minutes before your first match time.

Each day starts with a prayer at 7:45, followed by Star Spangled Banner and then the coin toss/warm-ups.

REFEREE UNIFORM:

High school uniform – white polo shirt, black pants, black shoes and black socks.

Store your bag, coats, etc in the designated officials room, not in the hospitality room.

FORMAT:

1. First round pool play

- a. All courts will play 2 sets to 25 points on the first day.
- b. Information about the number of sets or match play for subsequent days will be noted on the scoresheet.

1. Bracket play

- a. Gold; all matches will be best 2 out of 3, except for the final match which will be best 3 out of 5
 - b. Silver and Bronze; best 2 out of 3
2. If auto 3, play all 3 sets as if they were the first 3 sets in a best 3 out of 5. No additional coin toss. Team on left side in first set, returns to the left side for the third set.

COIN TOSS/WARM-UP's:

1. There is no pre-designated home/visiting team.
 - a. The coin is shown and one team is designated 'heads' and the other team 'tails'.
 - b. The winner of the toss gets choice of serve, receive or side of court.
 - c. The serving team has the court first.
2. Bracket play
 - a. First match for every team (usually the first two matches of each wave): 3 – 3 – 3 – 1
 - b. Subsequent matches: 3 – 3 – 1
3. The scoreboard will always reflect the team on a specific side of the court (not home/visitor).

GROUND RULES

1. Adjacent Court rule
 - a. A player may not play a ball that has entered into the space of an adjacent court.
 - b. A player may not enter into the space of an adjacent court, before, during or after playing a ball.
 - i. However, a ball may be played behind the actual court space of an adjacent court.

If Sport court is being used:

- a. Server must start with both feet on sport court.
- b. If a ball goes 'off' the sport court, it can be retrieve by a player as long as the player is in contact with the sport court when playing the ball. After playing the ball, players may continue off the sport court with no penalty.

A new written lineup must be turned in before each match.

SCORESHEETS

The match information is printed on the back side of the scoresheet. Ensure that you are using the correct scoresheet for each match. After the match is completed, you can circle the winning team name (write 'TIE' if the teams split); then write the scores of each set, listing the winning team's score first).

Write both referee names on the back of the scoresheet.

GENERAL

Pay attention to your business and not to anyone else. Do not fraternize with the teams and coaches too much. Remember you can be friendly, but you cannot 'be their friend'. At some time you will need to make a fair judgment for a team, but if the coach thinks you are their friend, it can put you in a difficult position.

It is not necessary for you to have conversations with players. They do not care to talk to referees who are older than their parents.

If players or teams give you an 'honor' call, please take it (even though you might not agree with it).

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The tournament has asked the referees to help assess the best sportsmanship team. There is a form for each team in the folder for you to complete after each match. The forms can be turned in with your scoresheet. When giving a 'score', please give an explanation of why they received that score.

Pay amounts for National Home School Tournament

\$15 for 2 pool play sets to 21 points

\$20 for 2 sets to 25 points

\$25 for best 2 out of 3 matches to 25 points

\$40 for best 3 out of 5 matches to 25 points

\$15 for scorekeeping/line judging best 2 out of 3

\$25 for scorekeeping/line judging best 3 out of 5

\$22.50 for auto 3 sets