

Sue's News

Friday June 21, 2024

Saturday Referee Shirt of the Day – Dig Pink polo or plain pink polo with no competing tournament logos (or white)

** There is a noted shirt of the day. **You MUST wear the shirt.** You cannot just wear a jacket without the shirt of the day under it.

KINDNESS

It is Day 9, going on Day 10 for a large portion of our cadre. Be kind and respectful to your partners, players, coaches, and parents. We understand that you are likely tired, but it is not an excuse to treat people poorly. Remember the golden rule, treat others the way you would like to be treated.

REF ROOM

Please be mindful of your fellow referees in the ref room. Noise should be kept to a minimum. If you are going to watch a movie or listen to music, please use headphones. If you are going to take a phone call, please go in a corner of the ref room or in another area. Officials who continually violate this policy will be asked to leave.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

The bus schedule is posted on the front page of the website. Please read it carefully. This is the same schedule the drivers have. Do not arrive at the pickup place late and then call to complain that you have been waiting for an hour.

There is a north and south bus that runs from 6 am to 10 am. There is an additional bus that starts at 6:30 am that runs all day long. Then there are 2 buses that start again at 6:00 pm and run until 10:00 pm with the final all day bus making one last run at 10:30 pm.

The bus **CANNOT** stop in the hotel roundabout. They will pick-up and drop-off at the designated area. Do not ask them or bully them into stopping elsewhere.

We will be posting an alternate bus schedule that will hopefully be easier to read and understand.

UNIFORM LEGALITY

You must check uniform legality before every match. A great time to do this is when you are checking rosters. Ensure that the libero contrasts from the rest of the team and that the entire number for each player clearly contrasts from the rest of the jersey. An outline of the number does not change the legality of the jersey.

TIME MANAGEMENT

Please try to keep your courts on time. This means starting your two-minute timer as soon as the previous match finishes. Enter your scores as soon as possible. You should be scanning while the server is walking back to the end line and be ready to blow the whistle for serve as soon as everyone is ready. Do not make everyone wait on you.

However, you **MAY NOT** start the first match of a wave early. If a lead referee reports you starting the first match of a wave early, you are subject to dismissal.

COURT MANAGEMENT

Tripods and parents must be off the sport court. That includes setting up between both courts behind the end line – by the netting.

Make sure you are checking your antennas before the match, preferably as you are walking towards the stand. It is obvious when your antennas have not been checked, so please ensure that you are doing this. If the antennas are hit during play, have a line judge or your partner check them to ensure that they have not been displaced.

How many workers does it take to work the scorer's table? 4 maybe, but not 8. Let's continue to keep the number of table workers to the correct amount. One of those workers needs to be a rostered adult. The rostered adult needs to be actively engaged in watching the workers, not on their phone, etc.

Make sure you do your coin flip first and then verify the roster. Verifying the roster first just wastes time.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO TEXT or READ YOUR SMARTWATCH (or PHONE) WHILE ON THE STAND.

Check, check, check and recheck your schedule. Some of you are sitting at the wrong court waiting for your next match. And then we end up looking for you.

UPCOMING ASSIGNMENTS

Due to a higher number of officials in attendance for this session, some officials could be receiving a second ½ day for this session. If you would like to request a specific second ½ day, please submit a change request form. Make sure you include your friends on your request if you want to be off together. If we do not have enough ½ day requests, we will assign ½ days to those who had high match counts in the first or second sessions.

