

NATIONAL HOME SCHOOL TOURNAMENT REFEREE GUIDELINES

First day - Arrive in time 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 officials room located at the top of the stairs (down the bathroom hallway), not in the hospitality room. There are lockers for your use.

FORMAT:

1. First round pool play

a. See the ref assignment sheet for the number of sets/points played.

1. Bracket play

a. Gold; 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. Sport court rules in effect

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.

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.

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