



Take the Time to Reflect

As the 2019 Volleyball Season starts coming to the end, perhaps it is time for each of us to reflect on certain qualities we have seen in our officiating cadre. Those officials that have stood out as a good, conscientious, knowledgeable and professional leader in the sport can offer a level by which you can strive to become in the rest of your season as a volleyball official. Whether you are doing postseason or not, it is important to treat every match as if it was the best match that you have officiated so far this year.

During the season, a number of officials have not been following even the most basic protocol. Team WARMUP, for instance, is 5 x 4 minute intervals. The first four minutes is shared court time. The next four minutes is for the HOME team to warm-up on both sides of the court. The next four minutes is for the VISITORS, then four minutes for the home team, and the last four minutes for the visitors. Team should not be allowed to SHARE the court for hitting or serving. REMEMBER SAFETY!

Timeout protocol reads that timeouts are 60 seconds, with a 15 second warning whistle. A timeout MAY end early IF both teams are ready to play but remember the HORN is always used to end the timeout at the VARSITY match. In the last few weeks, I have heard from several timers that

many officials have said, "Just blow the horn on the 15 second warning and end the timeout as soon as possible". This does not give the coaches a fair chance to coach their teams. You may end timeouts early but scan to make sure that all players are on the court and that **coaches are ready** also. DO NOT have the timeout end early because one of the teams want a substitution. BOTH teams get the full 60 seconds if needed. This is the R2's responsibility to control the time-outs, not the timer's. See Rule 5-5-3.13

Also remember it is the R2 responsibility to provide the R1 information regarding the serving team and the proper team benches immediately after conducting the coin toss prior to a deciding set in a match. Rule 5-5-3b(26)

And finally, Please take a moment to completely read RULE 12 (pgs. 48-52) for any up-coming matches. It is the responsibility of ALL officials to ensure that players, coaches, and/or team attendants are conducting themselves in the proper way. UNSPORTSMANSHIP is NOT acceptable on or off the court.

Rules Review: With Team S #32 in position, R1 beckons the serve. Before the serve can be made, Team R's coach requests a timeout. During the commotion, #32 fails to serve within five seconds.

Ruling: The timeout is not granted. Since the serve was delayed by the opposing coach's request, a replay should be directed by the R1.