**LINE JUDGES RESPONSIBILITIES**

**ART. 1**

Prematch – Line judges shall:

(a) Be designated and report to the referee no less than 20 minutes before the scheduled starting time of the match.
(b) Review specific responsibilities with the first referee.
(c) Be assigned to their positions by the first referee prior to the match.

**ART. 2**

Position

(a) Line judges shall stand near the intersection of the left sideline with the end line, and move so they have a clear view of both the end line and the sideline.
(b) Line judges shall hold the same positions relative to the court throughout the match.
(c) Line judges shall stand at the intersection of the attack line and sideline, on their respective side of the court, nearest the first referee during time-outs. The line judge on the serving team’s side of the net shall hold the game ball.
(d) Line judges shall have a designated neutral area where they can be seated between sets.

**ART. 3**

During the match each line judge shall assist the first referee and second referee by:

(a) Determining at the moment of contact for the serve whether the server touches the end line or the floor outside the lines marking the width of the serving area.
(b) Indicating when the serve, or any played ball, crosses the net not entirely between the net antennas.
(c) Indicating when the ball touches the net, net antennas, and/or net supports not entirely between the net antennas.
(d) Indicating whether a ball is inbounds or out of bounds when it lands on or near any line for which the line judge is responsible.
(e) Indicating when a player touches a ball that is going out of bounds on the player’s side of the net.
(f) Communicating with the first referee when asked, when the ball touches the ceiling or overhead obstruction, if out of the view of the referees.
LINE JUDGE SIGNALS

How to use Line Judge Signals

1. Obtaining First Referee’s Attention: Wave arm overhead to obtain the first referee’s attention, when necessary.
2. In-Bounds: Arms extended in front of body, hand open (palm down) toward the floor area between the attack line and the net.
3. Out-of-Bounds/Antenna Violation: Hold forearms in front of chest, hands open (fingers together) and palms toward face.
4. Ball Touched: Hand on offending team’s side held beside head, palm toward head, then brush upward across fingertips one time with other hand, palm forward.
5. Line Violation: Indicate the line where violation occurred by extending arm and pointing toward the line with the index finger.
6. View of Play Blocked: Cross forearms in front of chest, palms facing the body.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCORER

5-5-1 Designates prematch responsibilities...

The official scorer shall, report to the first referee at least 20 minutes prior to the starting time and at least 10 minutes prior to the end of timed prematch warm-up, receive each team’s roster. When any inaccuracy is discovered, report it to either official. Two minutes prior to the end of timed prematch warm-up, enter the numbers of the starting players in the proper service order used to start the match. This information shall be made available to the libero tracker and second referee. The official scorer shall print the names of the first referee and second referee on the official score sheet.

5-5-2 Designates position...

The official scorer, in addition to the libero tracker, shall be seated next to the official scorer at the officials’ table, which shall be placed at least 6 feet outside the court sideline opposite the first referee. An assistant timer may be seated on the outside of the official scorer.

5-5-3 Designates duties during the match...

The official scorer shall:
(a) Record individual and team scoring and supervise the visual scoring device;
(b) Notify the second referee during the first dead ball when there is discrepancy with the score;
(c) Verify the serving order to the first referee or second referee;
(d) Provide the proper serving order upon request of the first referee or second referee during a dead ball;
(e) Sound a signal at the time the ball is contacted for the serve when there is an improper server;
(f) Keep a record of time-outs charged to each team and notify the second referee how many time-outs each team has used at the completion of each team time-out;
(g) Record in the Comments Section of the score sheet:
(1) When a player is removed from the set under concussion management
(2) The number of any player replaced by exceptional substitution;
(3) Warnings, penalties and disqualifications for unsportsmanlike conduct and notify second referee of any previous unsportsmanlike conduct violations recorded for the same individual;
(4) Equipment and uniform violations, and notify second referee of any previous equipment/uniform violations by the same team during the match.
(b) Notify the second referee when a team has requested an illegal time-out;
(i) Record each substitution as it is reported by the second referee. Immediately notify the second referee if a substitution is a request for a:
(1) 15th, 16th, 17th or 18th substitution;
(2) 19th entry (illegal);
(3) Re-entry in wrong service position;
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(5) Re-entry of an injured/lill player during the same set in which she was replaced by exceptional substitution;
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(j) Shall not count an illegal substitution or as one of the 18 entries allowed per team.
(k) Notify the second referee when team reaches set point.

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COURT DIAGRAM

Standard Eastern Measurements

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**NOTES:**
- The Serve is 29 inches to the right of the net
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