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AGENDA

- ▶ Ball Handling – the Final Frontier
- ▶ Sanctions – when is yellow not yellow?
- ▶ Body Language – what are we really saying?
- ▶ Avoid Mistakes
- ▶ Remember – Rules and Techniques Reminders
- ▶ Rules & Clarifications
- ▶ How officials are selected for the USAV National Championships
- ▶ Certification and recertification – what now?

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BALL HANDLING

THE FINAL FRONTIER



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BALL HANDLING

Main goal: Consistency

- Throughout the match
- From one match to the next match
- With other officials in the gym
- With other officials in your town, state, country

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BALL HANDLING

9.3.3 CATCH

The ball is caught and/or thrown; it does not rebound from the hit.



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Caught or thrown?



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9.3.4 DOUBLE CONTACT

A player hits the ball twice in succession or the ball contacts various parts of the body in succession.



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Double contacts?



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BALL HANDLING

VISION

- Not sound
- Not technique or position
- Not flight
- Not participant or crowd reaction
- Not spin



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BALL HANDLING

TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

- Watch warm-ups
- During play
- As the ball is descending
- Ugly versus illegal
- Sound or spin



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BALL HANDLING

MORE TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

- Same at the beginning and end
- Consistency
- If there is uncertainty.....

NO CALL SHOULD BE MADE

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REMEMBER

The only valid criterion for judging ball handling



is that of

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SANCTIONS

When is
yellow
NOT yellow?

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SANCTIONS

Questions to ask yourself before issuing a yellow card:

- Have you given a verbal warning?
- Does the type of behavior merit sanction?
- Is another verbal warning more appropriate?
- Would you assess a red card for this behavior in women's collegiate play?

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SANCTIONS

Pre-sanction warning - Rule 21.1

It is the R1's duty to prevent the teams from approaching the sanction level, by issuing a verbal, hand-signal or other pre-sanction warning to a team member or through the captain

Any of the following works:

- The "look"
- The "toot"
- The "toot-n-look"
- The "toot-n-look" plus finger-wag

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Examples of pre-sanction warnings



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SANCTIONS

Official verbal warning for a player on the court:

- Whistle
- Motion player to you
- Verbally state the warning

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SANCTIONS

Official verbal warning for a coach or other team member:

- Whistle
- Motion the captain
- Verbally state the warning
- Notification and acknowledgement



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SANCTIONS

You Control the Game in many ways:

- Pre-sanction warnings control minor misconduct
 - Indicates to participants their conduct is not appropriate
 - Toots, "the look", finger wags
- Address further misconduct with the "official" verbal warning and acknowledgement from the team member
- Follow through with the sanction when necessary

Correct misconduct with early pre-sanction warnings

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SANCTIONS

Conduct leading to sanctions - Rule 21.2

Incorrect conduct by a team member toward referees, opponents, teammates or spectators is classified in one of three categories according to the seriousness of the offense

- 21.2.1 Rude conduct: action contrary to good manners or moral principles, or expressing contempt (penalty)
- 21.2.2 Offensive conduct: defamatory or insulting words or gestures (expulsion)
- 21.2.3 Aggression: physical attack or intended aggression (disqualification)

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SANCTIONS

Sanction Scale - Rule 21.3

According to the judgment of the R1 and depending on the seriousness of the misconduct, the sanctions to be applied and recorded on the scoresheet are:

- Yellow Card - Penalty Point
- Red Card - Expulsion from the Set
- Red & Yellow Card - Disqualification for the Match

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SANCTIONS

Application – Rule 21.4

- All misconduct sanctions remain in force for the entire match and are recorded on the scoresheet
- The repetition of misconduct by the same team member in the same match is sanctioned progressively (the team member receives a heavier sanction for each successive offense)
- Expulsion or disqualification due to offensive conduct or aggression does not require a previous sanction

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BODY LANGUAGE

WHAT ARE WE REALLY SAYING?



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BODY LANGUAGE

Research confirms referees should be:

- Competent
- Dependable
- Respectful



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BODY LANGUAGE

Types of body language

- Intended or aware
- Unintended or unaware



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Recipients of our body language

- Direct recipients
- Indirect recipients



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BODY LANGUAGE

Conclusion

- Awareness
- Indirect and direct recipients
- Strong eye contact
- Clear signals
- Talk with respect
- Clarify without doubt

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Take a 5-minute Break



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AVOID MISTAKES



AVOID MISTAKES

With Communication

- Sell each call ONCE
 - be decisive, deliberate, and maintain a consistent signal pacing so that re-signaling isn't necessary
- Center – both referees should make eye contact with one another by "centering" at the end of each rally
- Avoid using extraneous signals, such as:
 - pointing at the antenna after signaling "out"
 - signaling "safe" after unusual, but legal, plays
 - showing the touch signal during a rally



AVOID MISTAKES

As First Referee

- Allow the R2 to show the fault signal before awarding the point
- Avoid over-use of the “safe” signal for back-row plays
- Complete your scan before awarding the point; this helps reduce mind changes
- Only call the second referee or a line judge to the stand for a conference if needed; avoid uncertainty
- Don't start a rally without your partner



AVOID MISTAKES

As Second Referee

- Avoid rushing your signals; be smooth and deliberate
- Don't signal discreet back-row block/attack only as a means of indicating the player is back-row
- Wrong signal sequence
- Be discerning when offering ball handling opinions (except as requested by the first referee)
- Complete each signal sequence before addressing other matters (i.e., sub, time-out, errant ball)



AVOID MISTAKES

As Scorer

- Duplicate exit scores
- Confirm the correct server for EACH serve
- Get the (second) referee's attention immediately when there's any issue, question or concern
- Record all information before indicating “ready”
- Work closely with assistant scorer
- Double-check your work during “down time”



AVOID MISTAKES

Between Second Referee and Scorer

- Be on a first name basis
- Ensure starting line-ups have been correctly recorded on the score sheet; scorer should check on-court line-ups with you at the start of each set
- Leave the line-up sheets at the scorer's table
- Wait for the scorer to finish recording information
- Require the scorer to use the "ready" signal

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AVOID MISTAKES

With Protests

- Be sure to use rule verbiage when responding to questions
- Ensure the protest is proper, not judgment-related
- Seek input from the officiating crew to get the call right; change your decision or replay the rally, as appropriate, if an error has been made

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Remember...

Rules and Technique Reminders



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Remember...

RULES

- Warm-up area location (USAV 1.4.5)
- Jersey number location (Rule 4.3.3.1)
- Casts are not permitted (USAV 4.5.1)



Remember...

RULES

- Coach/assistant coach standing (USAV 5.2.3.4 and USAV 5.3.1)
- Assistant coach duties (Rule 5.3.1)
- Who signs the score sheet (Rule 5.1.3.1 and USAV 5.1.3)
- Junior warm-up allowance on-court (USAV 7.2.2a)



Remember...

RULES

- Limitations on contact with the ball (Rule 9)
- Definition of a "completed rally" (Rules 6.1.3 and 15)
- Net faults (Rule 11.4.4)
- Substitution request recognition (Rule 15.10.3a)



Remember...

RULES

- Libero allowances for captain (Rule 19.1.5), shorts (Rule 19.2) and service (Rule 19.3.1.3)
- Duration of team/individual sanctions (Rule 21.4.1)
- Expulsion/disqualification – no point awarded (Rules 21.3.2.2 and 21.3.3.3)



Remember...

TECHNIQUES

- Coin toss procedures
- Captains' options
- Net/center line fault indication
- "Safe" signal over-use
- Conversation with coaches



Remember...

TECHNIQUES

- Second referee indication of team captain
- Visual display of 2nd time-out (R2)
- Team substitution reminder (R2)
- Simultaneous (substitution) requests by opponents



Remember...

TECHNIQUES

- Time-out signal location
- End of time-out visual signals
- Two hits vs four hits
- No "leading 4 (hits)" before the fourth contact
- "Off of you" signal



RULES AND CLARIFICATIONS

DCR Significant Changes 2011 – 2013



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RULES AND CLARIFICATIONS

Referee Stand

- USAV 2.6d Basic equipment includes a referee stand, which should be adjustable to allow the referee's eye position to be approximately 50cm (19") above the top of the net and should be constructed so that it presents the least potential hazard for participants
- If an appropriate referee stand cannot be provided, the first referee performs his/her functions from the floor
- The front and sides of the referee's stand must be padded



RULES AND CLARIFICATIONS

What? Two Liberos?

Two Liberos?

Yes, the teams are allowed to designate two Liberos for the match



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RULES AND CLARIFICATIONS

Designation of the Libero

- Each team has the right to designate up to two (2) specialized defensive players: Liberos
- One Libero, designated by the coach or captain before the start of the match, will be the starting Libero; the Libero on court is the Acting Libero; if there is a second Libero, he/she will act as the second Libero
- Only one Libero may be on court at any time
- Replacements involving the Libero are not counted as substitutions



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RULES AND CLARIFICATIONS

Designation of the Libero

- Replacements are unlimited, but there must be a **completed rally between two replacements involving a regular player** (unless a penalty causes a rotation to position 4, or the Acting Libero becomes unable to play, making the rally incomplete)
- The Acting Libero can only be replaced by the regular replacement player for that position, or by the second Libero; the regular replacement player may replace either Libero
- The coach has the right to replace the Acting Libero with the second Libero for any reason after a completed rally at any time during the match



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RULES AND CLARIFICATIONS

Re-Designation of a New Libero

- 🔴 Injury
- 🔴 Illness



RULES AND CLARIFICATIONS

Expulsion or Disqualification of Libero

Expulsion (Red Card)

- 🔴 First offensive conduct or second rude conduct
- 🔴 Player/sub must remain on bench and may not play for remainder of set
- 🔴 Other expelled member must leave playing area, bench, warm-up area for remainder of set
- 🔴 No further penalty



Disqualification (Red & Yellow Cards)

- 🔴 First physical attack or implied aggression, second offensive conduct, third rude conduct
- 🔴 Must leave playing area, warm-up area and spectator area for rest of match
- 🔴 No further penalty



RULES AND CLARIFICATIONS

Jewelry – Adults Only

- 🔴 Jewelry is allowed in ADULT play
- 🔴 Jewelry is NOT allowed in Junior play



NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Solving the Mystery: How officials are selected for USAV National championships

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Not a mystery!

Balancing act between:

- Tournament needs
- Referee abilities
- Staffing process

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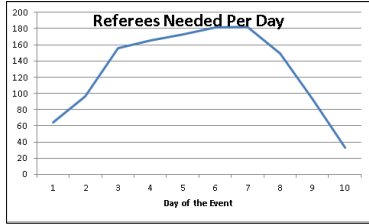
Tournament Needs

- Number of teams
- Levels of teams (e.g., Open, National, American)
- Number of courts
- Schedule of matches each day

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Division	Teams	Sat 6/25	Sun 6/26	Mon 6/27	Tues 6/28	Weds 6/29	Thur 6/30	Fri 7/1	Sat 7/2	Sun 7/3	Mon 7/4	Total
18 O	32						48	48	36	24		
18 N	48						72	48	72	36		
18 A	48						72	48	72	36		
17 O	32						48	48	36	24		
17 N	48						72	48	72	36		
17 A	48						72	48	72	36		
16 O	32							48	48	36	24	
16 N	48							72	48	72	36	
16 A	48							48	72	72	36	
15 O	32			48	48	36	24					
15 N	48			72	48	72	36					
15 A	48			72	48	72	36					
14 O	32	48	48	36	24							
14 N	48	72	48	72	36							
14 A	48	72	48	72	36							
13 N	48		72	48	72	36						
13 A	48		72	48	72	36						
12 N	48				72	48	72	36				
12 A	24				36	24	36	18				
Matches Per Day		192	288	456	496	620	544	548	448	290	100	3884
Match Assignments		384	576	916	992	1240	1088	1096	896	560	200	7708

Refs Needed Per Day	Assuming 6 matches	Assuming 7 matches
6/25	64	96
6/26	96.3	133.7
6/27	156	141.7
6/28	165	148.6
6/29	173	155.4
6/30	181	156.6
7/1	183	128.0
7/2	149	80.0
7/3	93	28.6
7/4	33	11.0

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Referee Abilities (Strength Ratings)

- Program is a work-in-progress
- All phases of the tournament are affected
 - Acceptance process
 - Assignments during the tournament
 - Quality of the event
- Benefits
 - Better alignment of official's skills with tournament/match needs
 - Allows officials the opportunity to be challenged and achieve success at their skill level

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- Previous system
 - 40 (new Junior National) to 96 (International)
 - Same across all tournaments
 - Difficult to correlate
- New system
 - Utilizes same numerical scale
 - Establishes a maximum level of play for that strength rating at each tournament

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New Strength Rating Example

Strength Rating	Maximum level of play at:		
	US Open Championships (National certification required)	Boys' Junior National Championships	Girls' Junior National Championships
70	Men's 45s / Women's A	Boys' 17 Open / Boys' 16 Open	Girls' 16 Open / Girls' 17 Nat'l
68	Men's 50s / Women's 45s	Boys' 18 Club / Boys' 17 Club	Girls' 18 American / Girls' 17 American
65	Men's B / Women's BB	Boys' 18 Club / Boys' 17 Club	Girls' 16 Nat'l / Girls' 15 Open
60	Women's B / Women's 50s or higher / Men's 55s or higher	Boys' 16 Club / Boys' 15 Open	Girls' 16 American
55	Women's 50s or higher / Men's 55s or higher	Boys' 16 Club	Girls' 15 National & American

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Staffing Process

- Administratively complex
- Time-intensive
- Multiple verifications required
 - In good standing with Region?
 - Background screen complete?
 - Dues paid?
 - Exam passed?
 - Application submitted by deadline?
 - OCRP eligible?
 - Attendance required to maintain certification?

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Referee Acceptance Criteria

- NOT first come (registered), first served (accepted)
- Priorities:
 - Maintain national certification
 - Commitment to work four consecutive days
 - Dually certified referee/scorer (USA Open National Championships only)
 - Strength rating
 - New National referees
 - Available to work only the minimum number (2) of matches
- Other factors considered:
 - Full availability
 - Dedication

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NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Referee Assignments

- Assignment order
 - Contractual requirements (OCP)
 - Conflicts
 - No conflicts
- Challenges
 - Strength of match vs. referee strength rating
 - Tournament structure
 - Open Championship challenges
- Maximum of six matches per day is the goal

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6/27/2011	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6	Court 7	Court 8	Court 9	Court 10
8:00 AM	14N	14N	14N	14N	14O	14O	14O	14O	14O	14O
9:00 AM	14N	14N	14N	14N	14O	14O	14O	14O	14O	14O
10:00 AM	14N	14N	14N	14N						
11:00 AM					14O	14O	14O	14O	14O	14O
Noon	14A	14A	14A	14A	14O	14O	14O	14O	14O	14O
1:00 PM	14A	14A	14A	14A		14O	14O		14O	
2:00 PM	14A	14A	14A	14A						
3:00 PM					15O	15O	15O	15O	15O	15O
4:00 PM	14N	14N	14N	14N	15O	15O	15O	15O	15O	15O
5:00 PM	14A	14A	14A	14A	15O	15O	15O	15O	15O	15O
6:00 PM		14A	14A		15O	15O	15O	15O	15O	15O
7:00 PM					15O	15O	15O	15O	15O	15O
8:00 PM					15O	15O	15O	15O	15O	15O

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Conclusion

- Well-established
- Making the tournament better for all
- Improving the process is the goal



CERTIFICATION & RECERTIFICATION

What now?



CERTIFICATION & RECERTIFICATION

National-level referees

Yearly requirements

- Membership in region and USAV
- National dues
- National clinic attendance
- Exam
- Background screening
- Scoring

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CERTIFICATION & RECERTIFICATION

National Referee

3-year certification term

- USAV Open National Championship attendance
- National-level tournament attendance



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CERTIFICATION & RECERTIFICATION

Junior National Referees

4-year certification term

- Junior National Championship attendance
- National-level tournament attendance



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CERTIFICATION & RECERTIFICATION

Extensions

- Work/life balance
- Given on a 1-year basis
- Can receive up to two in a row
- Communication is key



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RESOURCES

- <http://volleyballreftraining.com/>
- <http://volleyballreftraining.net/usavreftrainingblog/>
- <http://usavolleyball.org/resources>
- <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/wp15/IntraLock/Login.asp>
- <http://www.fivb.ch/EN/volleyball/>



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