



How To Officiate Indoor Volleyball

This document lays out the Canyon Athletic Association's (CAA) **expectations** for volleyball officials. Each official has their own unique personality, don't lose that. But the intent of this guide is to ensure procedural consistency for all officials.

Preparation

- Ensure you have updated your calendar in Bound, **know the rules**, proper uniform (red CAA shirt, black pants, black shoes, black socks, wristwatch) and equipment (coin, flags, red/yellow cards, net chain, ball pump). If you do not have the CAA uniform, please do not accept your assignment.

Pre-match Routine – Refer to the NFHS Rules Book & Official's Manual

1. Arrive on-site at least 20 minutes early (rule book says 30), scan court when walking in (where is ref stand, antennas in place, appropriate padding for pole standards/ref stand/net cables, playable area situations). Use net chain to check net height, also can use chain to align outside of antenna to outside of boundary lines.
2. Introduce yourself to host management and table personnel. This includes the AD, scorer, timer and (sometimes) libero tracker. Ask who the line judges will be, if the table is unsure, ask the home coach to help find (2) line judges.
3. 15-20 minutes before match have **captain & head coach** meeting. Introduce yourself and ask each side to introduce themselves. Address playable area, remind teams they will not be switching sides, ask for good sportsmanship, and have coaches confirm the "players are properly and legally equipped". Conduct coin toss (visitor calls, winner choice to serve/receive). Let them know you will go right into warm-up of shared 3min, then visitor 6min, then home 6min. If an extended intermission is needed (up to 5min between sets 2 & 3), determine this in advance. Address any questions teams may have, then say "Good luck & have fun."
4. During warm-ups, ensure you have a Wilson game ball properly inflated to 4.3-4.6psi. Cross check roster & player numbers on the court. Go over expectations of assistant officials:
 - a. Timer – ref will always double whistle in a time-out, BUT time-out always ends with timer's horn,
 - b. Scorer - how to fill in rally scoring (not just running totals), indicate libero serving position, show score at time-outs, reminder that rotational players can only play in one position per set. Libero Tracker, ensure a "libero sandwich", they need to be replaced by the player they took out eg. 2 L 2, 4 L 4, etc.
 - c. Line Judges – We want good energy, eye contact, and signals on all plays. Their role is very important. **SALT** is a useful acronym for responsibilities. Watch for **S**ervice fault, ball completely inside **A**ntenna when cross plane of net, **L**ines (in/out, two primary), and **T**ouch.
5. When warm-up and (optional) national anthem & player introductions are finished, ask teams to go to end line, then with single loud whistle, gesture teams onto the court for handshakes.

The Match Itself

Now we just need you to officiate the match according to the rules of play and good sportsmanship. **Mechanics rely on a distinct 3 step sequence** of 1) blow play dead immediately, 2) indicate result of play (point or replay) and 3) nature of fault. Ball handling are judgement calls, but our goal is for consistency from set to set within each match. Net & center line violations should be called 100% of the time you see them. Chants/cheers from participants need to be directed at their own team. Unsporting conduct situations need to be addressed. With only one official, consider moving your ref stand table side to help game participants (assistant officials & benches), and pace-of-play.

BE RESPECTFUL AND PROFESSIONAL IN YOUR COMMUNICATION. LOOK THE PART, BE CONFIDENT, AND YOU WILL HAVE A GREAT SEASON. GOOD LUCK.