



7 Volleyball Officiating Essentials

As a beginning volleyball official you will start by working at the Junior High level. There you will be able to learn and get established in the duties required of an official. It may feel overwhelming at times but if you will focus on the “basics” you will establish a solid foundation for the future as your career progresses.

Here are 7 items you will be asked to master during your first season:

1. How to administer a coin toss before a match.
2. How to fill out a line-up card before each set.
3. How to administer a line-up check during a set.
4. Focus on watching the net and centerline and NOT the ball.
5. How to administer substitutions.
6. How to administer a timeout.
7. How to communicate (*talk*) with coaches (*and table personnel*).

Mastering these items will provide you confidence, enjoyment and success when you take the court.

Additional items you will want to regularly practice:

1. Blowing your whistle (*how and when*)
2. Signals and mechanics
3. Learning how to keep score
4. How to be a lines judge (*and prep lines judges for a match*)

Make a habit of reading your rules book regularly! You will learn something new every time you open it!!