

SUE'S NEWS

Sunday, June 30, 2024

SHIRT of the DAY

Monday, July 1st – AAU white t-shirt (can wear white polo underneath) or new crewneck sweatshirt.

We should have enough risers for any referee that wants/needs one. If you take a riser, return it when you are finished using it. If a riser is left at your court, please return it at the end of the night.

VERIFY YOUR 4th Session MATCH COUNTS

If you worked the 4th session, make sure you have verified your match counts. The deadline to verify your match counts is the end of day, today, June 30th.

RECORDING DEVICES

Players **AND** coaches are prohibited from wearing video cameras or microphones. Please remind participants of this policy if you see it, and contact your lead referee if the participant refuses to remove the device.

PLAYOFFS

If you have the last match of a wave, please check with the desk referee to ensure that there are no playoffs on your court.

UNIFORMS

There are many, many, many illegal uniforms out there, but that does not excuse anyone from telling the team the uniform is illegal and cannot be worn. If the coach has a problem with your answer, contact your lead referee, but under no circumstances can you allow illegal uniforms to not be addressed. Find a legal solution if possible. You must inform the lead referee about any illegal uniforms that you encounter as we are tracking them. (Royal blue and black are illegal, as are uniforms that are opposite in color.)

If a team is wearing visible undergarments, all the undergarments must match in color. Not everyone has to wear the same undergarment, but if any are worn, they **MUST ALL BE** the same color.

Teams must all wear the **SAME** colored shorts. There is no allowance for dark gray and black shorts on the same team for regular players.

LIBERO RULES

We are not playing with the standard USAV libero rules. Teams can switch between zero, one, and two liberos between any set. There are no restrictions on teams who designate two liberos.

REFEREE REMINDERS

A referee **CANNOT** yell at players or coaches. If you have something to say to them, walk up to them to talk in a calm, controlled voice. Use your cards if the situation warrants.

The 'off' team during warm-ups must either be on the court shagging for the other team or at their bench. The players cannot be off the court continuing to warm up.

Do NOT allow spectators to put chairs on the sport court along the end line where there is netting. A spectator can stand on the empty court, but they cannot put chairs there.

Spectators may not put their cameras in the small space in between courts where there is netting. There is plenty of space around the courts for cameras and spectators. Because of insurance and liability reasons, spectators need to be in the spectator area on the opposite side of the bench area.

Please don't be late to your court. Check the status of your court before you go on break. If you are late, you may be replaced and lose your match fee.

There are professional photographers at many of the courts. The photographer must be wearing the red vest. The official photographer may be behind the team bench, on the concrete between the team bench and scoring table, and in the corner on the team bench side.

SANCTIONS

Only the R1 can issue cards. The R2 can request a card, but cannot issue the sanction. Once a card or a warning is issued, the R1 needs to call the captain over to explain what the card/sanction is. That's the important part. Then, allow the captain to return to the coach to explain. You **MUST** allow the captain time to explain. Both teams must be ready before you can resume the match.

Two red cards cannot be given to the same individual in the same match. The second red card results in expulsion. (Each team may receive one misconduct yellow card PER MATCH. Any subsequent misconduct is a red card and loss of rally and/or point. At this point, a lead referee should be contacted. If the misconduct continues, the next action is expulsion of that individual.)

So, did everyone have fun officiating boys all day? Did you learn anything new? Day one is finished for this session, and we have three more to go. Keep up the good work!

“Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive” - Elbert Hub

