



REGION REF BULLETIN

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10 tips for better officiating

No matter what level of official you are, there is a part of your skillset that could use improvement.



1. Spotlight is on the teams, not the officiating. Allow the game to progress as smoothly as possible. Your primary job is to have the match go as smoothly as possible with little interference from officials.

2. Strive for consistency. Never “even up” when you have made a mistake. If you make a mistake, let it go and continue to do the best you can. Don’t let complaints bother you or break your concentration. Some of the best matches will bring you the most complaints.



3. Be friendly and courteous, but also firm. Don’t let players, coaches, and the crowd influence your decisions. Listen to any reasonable inquiry, but don’t allow constant questioning about your calls.

4. Review rules and situations which tend to cause controversy. Read the rulebook, ask a clinician, or anyone that you feel can give you the needed answer. Rules that commonly cause problems are time-out for



injury, simultaneous contact by opponents, illegal improper requests for subs, libero player situations, and back court attacker/blocker rules.

5. The officiating crew should be officiating volleyball as a team. Work together with your other officials. Cooperate as closely as possible. Give each other active support.

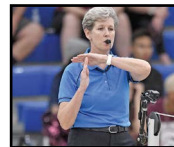


6. Be serious but have fun. Respect the game. Every match is important to the teams playing. Get in the right frame of mind and focus on the match you are about to officiate.

7. Know the rules. Read the book and use it as a reference. The referee is the final judge on everything, even scorekeeping issues.



8. Referees should NOT be a part of the match. Your job as a referee is to watch and judge, do not coach. Be consistent.



9. Use preventive officiating whenever possible. Examples are jewelry, water on the court, etc.

10. Have consistent judgment. What is a catch/throw or double hit? It all depends on the level of play of the teams. Allow play on both sides of the net and call what is different.



New site to offer ref apparel

Badger Region and USA Volleyball officials should start using a new website to order approved apparel for upcoming seasons.

The website is: <https://vbofficialsgear.com/>

The website states that it is taking pre-orders now for mid-June deliveries.

Items available on the website include certified volleyball official jackets, polos (shortsleeve and longsleeve) and pants.

The website also shows that it will begin selling accessories in the future.



Save the dates for the Badger Region’s marquee events coming back in 2024

Badger Region Power League: Jan 6/7, Feb 10/11, and Apr. 6/7. This will be at sites throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Badger Region Qualifier and Dale Rohde: March 2/3. This will take place at the Madison Expo Center.

Badger Region Championships: March 9/10, March 16/17, and March 23/24. This will take place primarily at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee as well as one or two age groups will be Appleton the first weekend.