

MSHSL Schools

- 1) **Adult** Line Judges are strongly recommended for all MSHSL High School Varsity Volleyball Matches.
- 2) Line Judges are strongly recommended for all Volleyball matches at all levels.
- 3) Line judges should wear a white shirt and dark pant or shorts.
- 4) Line judges are required to use flags provided by the school.

Note: Schools are responsible to secure & train line judges.

VOLLEYBALL LINE JUDGE DUTIES (NFHS Rule 5-8)

Art. 1 Pre-match: Line Judges shall:

- a. Report to the referee at least 20 minutes prior to match starting time
- b. Review specific responsibilities with the referee
- c. Be assigned to their positions by the referee prior to the match

Art. 2 Position:

- a. Shall stand near the intersection of the left sideline with the end line, and move so they have a clear view of both the end line and sideline
- b. Shall hold the same positions relative to the court throughout the match
- c. Shall stand at the intersection of the attack line and sideline, on their respective sides of the court, nearest the referee during the time-out
- d. Will have a designated neutral area where they may be seated between games.

Art. 3 During the game, each line judge shall assist the referee and umpire by:

- a. Determine at the moment of contact for serve whether the server touches the end line or the floor outside the lines marking the width of the serving area
- b. Indicate when the serve or any played ball crosses the net not entirely between the net antennas
- c. Indicate when the ball touches the net, net antennas, and/or other net supports not entirely between the net antennas
- d. Indicate whether the ball is in bounds or out of bounds when it lands on or near any line for which they are responsible
- e. Indicate when a player touches a ball that is going out of bounds on the player's side of the net
- f. Communicate with the referee when asked, when the ball touches the ceiling or overhead obstruction, if out of view of the officials

Other Important Tips for Line Judges

1. The referee will be looking at you during the match for help. Always be ready to help out.
2. Call everything you see no matter how obvious it might be. Remember, a referee won't always see everything. A referee may not see a ball that lands 3 feet in the court because of being screened from the play.
3. Always give great signals and really sell your calls. Believe in yourself and be ready to give the signal with authority.
4. When you make the call, be sure to make eye contact with the referee.
5. If the referee overrules you, don't worry about it. This will happen because sometimes the referee will see things differently. If you are trying your best and always paying attention, the chances of being overruled are much less.
6. Be ready for the next set to begin. Be aware of when the teams take the court for the next set. You want to be ready to go when the line ups are being checked by the second referee.
7. Get out of the way of a player. When a player comes near you to make a play, be sure to step out of the way so you don't interfere with play.