

Pre-Game Behavior Rules

Professional Committee

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Referee Duties</u>	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Teams Duties</u>
Up to 15 min. before game start time (GST)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The referee presents himself to the team captains and shakes their hands. ✓ The referee confirms the condition of the equipment and court (Boundary Lines, safety of the playing field, and presence of required equipment). ✓ The referee will confirm there are player cards and they are properly recorded on the game sheet, after identifying them by their uniform number. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ None. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The teams may warm up, each in their own court - without the net. ✓ 7.2 Official warmup ✓ The teams may warm up for 15 minutes.
14 min. before GST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The referee measures the height and intactness of the net (antennas, side ribbons, level of tension, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Whistle while holding the net measuring stick and the hand signal instructing the teams to back away from the net. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The teams back away from the net area to allow the referee to measure without interference.
13 min. before GST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The referee performs the coin toss and informs the scorer of the results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Whistle while holding the coin in one hand above his head, signaling to both sides of the court. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The team captains approach the referee for the coin toss. ✓ After the coin toss, the team captains sign on the game sheet, and the coaches sign after them.
12 min. before GST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The referee indicates the beginning of the official warm up. ✓ Throughout it, the referee will make sure that the warm up is sportsmanlike. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Whistle while signaling 8 fingers with both hands - 8 min. for official warm up on the net. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The teams may begin the official warm up on the net.
6 min. before GST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The referee indicates that 2 minutes remain to warm up. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Whistle while signaling 2 fingers with one hand - 2 min. remain of official warm up. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Usually, the teams move to serving, one team to the other.
5 min. before GST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The referee will make sure that the opening line-up forms of both teams are received by the scorer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Verbal reminder to coaches (if necessary) to submit line-up form. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Coaches submit the opening line-up forms to the scorer.
4 min. before GST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The referee indicates the end of the official warm up. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Whistle while signaling the end of the warm up. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Players stop all activity related to the warm up and return to their bench.
3 min. before GST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The referee manages the pre-game ceremony. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Standing on the left side of the pole, on the long-side line closest to the scorer table. ✓ Raising both hands, while whistling, then moving forward to the middle of the court. ✓ Whistle and signal with hands moving from the direction of the team captain to meet towards the chest, to instruct teams to shake hands underneath the net. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The players stand side-by-side, on their side of the long-side line, behind the attack line, facing the width line of the team. Team captain first, "Libero" player, followed the rest of the players. ✓ When signaled by the referee, the players advance in a row, side-by-side, with the referee to the middle of the court. ✓ The teams huddle up and cheer, then immediately go to their right side of the net to shake hands with the other team.
1-2 min. before GST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The referee takes the game ball, climbs onto the referee podium, and instructs the teams to enter the court. ✓ The referee checks the readiness of the scorer and passes the ball to the serving player. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Whistle while holding hands forward towards the teams' respective courts to invite them to enter. ✓ Once the teams are ready on the court, pass the ball to the serving player. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ When the referee whistles, the players enter the court, turning with their backs to the referee, for him to compare their position against the opening line-up form.
Game Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The referee indicates the beginning of the game. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Whistle and signal for serve by the serving player. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The serving player performed the first serve.