

# Pre-Game Behavior Rules

Professional Committee

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