



Referee Information

Professionalism: We are providing a professional service. Please conduct yourselves as such at all times. Be courteous with players, parents and staff members. NO indulging in adult beverages while in uniform!

Referee Uniform: Standard USAV blue slacks, certified official shirt (with patch), white shoes. USAV approved outerwear is acceptable. Bring your line judge flags and DCR!

Friday: Blue shirt or white shirt

Saturday: White shirt or grey shirt

Sunday: Tournament polo preferred (no patch) or white shirt (with patch)

- Friday and Saturday, if you have a choice, the colored shirt is preferable to white (it is your option on that).

Championship Desks:

Juniors: There will be one centrally located championship desk

Most matches are match play (best 2 out of 3). First two sets are to 25 points. If a 3rd set (to 15 points) is necessary, perform another coin toss and switch courts at 8.

Adults: There will be a Yankee championship desk for picking up and returning score sheets Most pool play matches are two sets to 21 points.

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Sunday playoffs are one 25-point set (time permitting, finals may be 2 out of 3).

Game Balls: Obtain a game ball for your court from the correct Championship desk. Game balls tend to disappear. Either secure the game ball between matches or hand it off in person to the referee relieving you. When day is done, bring it back to Championship.

Starting early:

Juniors: First 2 matches of each wave start at scheduled time. After that, it's ASAP. However, all three teams (including work team) and referee must be present and AGREE to start early.

Adults: First 2 rounds start at match time. All others immediately following prior match.

Warm-ups:

Juniors: Standard 2-4-4 for all matches. The two-minute shared court period starts when the previous match ends, NOT after you've done the captains' meeting and coin toss. Provide coaches a warning when one minute is left in their team's warm-up. The team not using the court CANNOT handle the ball ANYWHERE!! But, they MAY shag balls for the team warming up.

Adult: For the first rounds of play, 7 minutes shared. Afterwards, 4 minutes shared.

Team uniforms/Libero jersey:

Juniors: Standard USAV rules apply. The color of the Libero's jersey must be in definite contrast to the color of other teammates' jerseys and not based on your personal opinion. ANY question about the legality of a Libero's uniform, send someone to Championship and request head referees (preferably before the match starts!)

Adult: Standard Yankee rules apply (<http://www.yankee.org/administration/yanRules.php>). If there are uniform issues, see Yankee TD.

Team officiating assignments: At the start of the last 4 minutes of timed warm-ups, keep track of and note on the scoresheet how late (in minutes) a team is until they have a complete crew (R2, SK, Asst SK, Flipper, 2 LJ, PLUS a coach must be at score table). Inform the Championship staff when you turn in your scoresheet after your match (if not sooner).

- Don't wait for the 4 minutes to look for the team. Help teams not be late by looking on the scoresheet to identify and assist them getting to the court before they are late.
- Referees should never tell teams they are not needed to officiate. Tell them to consult the online schedule.
- On Sunday, for most matches, the team that lost the previous match, will stay to officiate the next match on that court. Please gently corral those teams at the end of the match (regardless of who the referee for the match is).

14s and Under:

- For age groups 14 and under, the server has five seconds to contact the ball for service after the beckon for serve and is allowed one re-toss per serve.
- The head coach may serve as floor captain and file a protest but cannot walk across the court to talk to the first referee.

Score sheets: Pick up score sheets at appropriate championship desk. Turn in scores IMMEDIATELY after the end of the match (particularly Sunday). This is very important. We will be able to send results via smartphone. Details at the event.

Juniors: You may enter scores via your mobile phone/tablet. This will save you hassle and walking!
Phone should remain in referee bag (not in your pocket). Use phone to report scores.
Download and print instructions from event website.

Adults: Return completed score sheets in person to Yankee Championship Desk.

Protests: Accept protests from the floor captain on rules application only, not judgment calls. Stop the match and get off the stand. Send responsible person to Championship to notify them of protest. Please be sure you indicate that there is a protest and WHAT COURT is involved. Head referees, and one of the tournament directors will come to your court and make a ruling. Meanwhile, do not discuss the situation with coaches.

Sport Court rules: Standard sport court rules are in effect.

If your court is running late: Please notify championship if your court is more than an hour behind.

National Anthem: TBD

Who are you going to call?

Championship – Tournament format, equipment issues

Head referees – Rules of play, protests, uniforms

Arbitrator – Behavior issues beyond the scope of referee (off-court conduct, spectators, between matches)

For all of the above situations, send responsible person to Championship. Be sure to note why you are requesting assistance and what court (Protest on Court 15; uniform issue on Court 9; equipment issue on Court 52); Championship is in radio contact w/all key personnel.

Head referee phone numbers

Glenn Reid– (410) 967-1990

Kathy Ferraraccio – (413) 427-4140

Steve Webster – (617) 512-8635

Food: Convention center vouchers will be distributed for Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday lunch.

Pay Sheets/Checkout: Keep track of your matches ... **DO NOT** leave the tournament without checking out with Maria Horos (at championship) to verify your match count.

Payment:

To be paid, you must have a current W9 on file with the New England Region (if you have done so already, check this one off the list). Address this in advance. An online version of the form can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.

Complete and return to:

Lorene Beach (she will also be at tournament)

206 Forest St

N. Andover, MA 01845
beach206@verizon.net

Schedule changes: If a head referee has changed an assignment and sent a referee to a court, that schedule change is to remain in effect. The originally assigned referee should consult with head referee for any revisions.