

Game Day Best Practices

This section highlights what you would cover before a match and important topics of the day. Welcome everyone to the match. Explain where the restrooms are and that they should only be used between rounds. Provide information on any waivers that are required for visiting players, as well as any other particulars of your location, such as water, court numbers, & seating.

- Matches start no later than 5 minutes after the posted match start time. If a player has not arrived, the identified substitute may take their place, or the game can be forfeited. If forfeited the late may play ensuing games before the last of the other teams has started the second game in that round. If sub plays they will continue to play all remaining matches. See Rules for details.
- Ensure scoresheets from both teams match with player lineups and subs listed.
- Home team will stay on the same courts; Away team will rotate after each round.
- After each game, not each round, please report your score to the scorekeeper(s).
- The Away team has the choice of Serve, Side, Receive or Defer (Defer allows the Home team to choose) for the first game in each round.
- Games are to eleven and win by two.
- Teams will change sides after each game. Whichever team did not serve for the first game, will serve the second game of the match.
- Starting server wrist bands are recommended for each starting server, but not mandatory
- 1 Minute Time Out per team/per game
- 1 Minute Break between games in each round
- 5 Minute Break begins after the last team finishes each round
- Coaching by anyone is only allowed after the completion of each game, between rounds and during time outs. Not during water breaks.
- Players may leave the court for time-outs and breaks, but if a player is unavailable for more than the allotted time, their team risks forfeiting that game due to "retiring." Be reasonable.
- Players can bring their water bottles onto the court area and take 10 second drinks as needed, with no talking allowed.
- Cheering on your team is great, being disruptive is not. Captains should ensure their spectators are not leaning on fences or encroaching too closely to the players on the courts as to disturb the players.
- Please silence cell phones and spectators should take calls away from the match area.
- Captains, please check over the score sheets and initial or sign sheets. If only one team has a scorekeeper for the match, then it's recommended the team that doesn't have a scorekeeper take a picture and retain it until the season is over.
- Home team has 48 hours to report the score online.