

CYO Line Judge Instructions

All teams in the CYO Volleyball program must provide a line judge for each match. A line judge is part of the official team, and committed to upholding good sporting conduct by remaining polite, professional and neutral. Thus, no cheering or talking to players on the court or people in the stands, no food or drink and no cell phones or ear buds while on the court.

It is recommended that appropriate footwear be worn for your safety.

POSITION: Line judges should stand on their opponent's side of the court. This will assist in refraining from talking to and coaching the players on the court. Line judges will remain on the same side of the court for the match. Stand no more than 1 ft from the intersection of the endline and sideline. One line judge stands to the right of the 1st referee and the other stands at the corner diagonally across the court. If approached by the server, move back a few steps until the ball is contacted, then quickly move back to the corner. For the 5th and 6th grade - move up to the 25' serving line then quickly move back after the serve.

Signals

OBTAIN 1st REFEREE ATTENTION: SIGNAL - wave arm overhead

BALL INBOUNDS: Any part of the ball that touches the line is in.

SIGNAL - arms extended in front of body, hands open, palms down towards floor.

BALL OUT OF BOUNDS or ANTENNA VIOLATION: Ball lands outside the lines or crosses the net outside the antenna (imaginary line from ceiling to floor) or touches antenna. Ball must cross entirely inside the net antennas.

SIGNAL - hold forearms in front of chest, hands open and palms towards face.

BALL TOUCHED: On first contact, the ball is touched by a player, then lands out of bounds.

SIGNAL - hand held beside head, palm toward head, brush upward across fingertips one time with other hand palm facing outward.

LINE VIOLATION/SERVICE FAULT: Player touches the service line while contacting the ball. Players must contact the ball while their feet are above or behind the service line.

SIGNAL - extend arm, pointing toward line with index finger.

VIEW OF PLAY IS BLOCKED: You cannot judge or did not see the ball

SIGNAL - cross forearms in front of chest, palms face body

Tips

If the referee doesn't see your signal, wait until the play ends then go over to the referee.

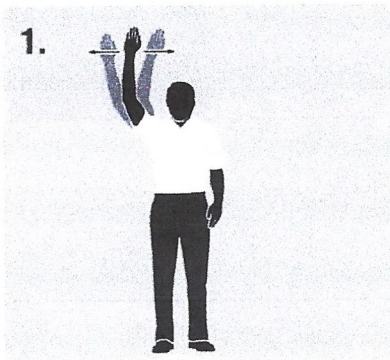
Look at the line, not the ball.

It is the players responsibility to retrieve/shag the ball, not yours.

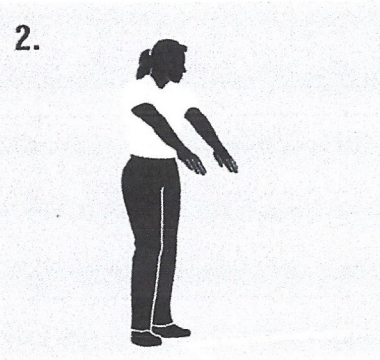
Hold the ball during timeouts.

Video of Line Judge instructions can be found at - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPbGhq13w5E&t=63s>

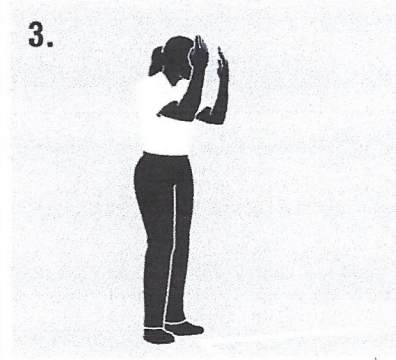
LINE JUDGE SIGNALS USING HAND SIGNALS



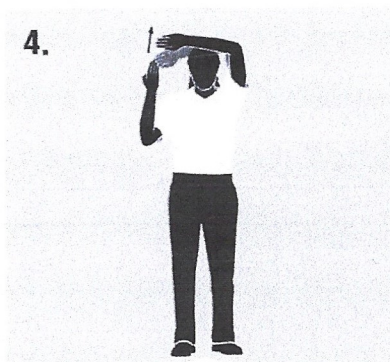
1. Obtain First Referee's Attention



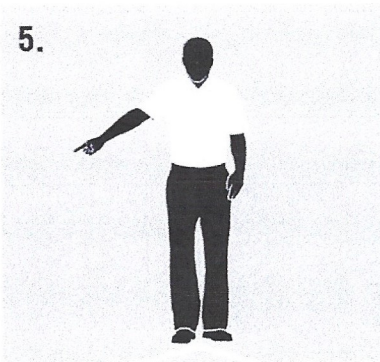
2. Inbounds



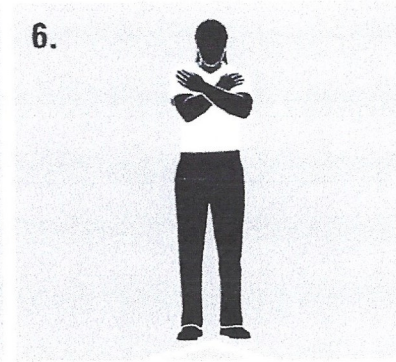
**3. Out-of-Bounds/
Antenna Violation**



4. Touch



**5. Line Violation/
Service Fault**



6. View of Play Blocked

- 1. Obtaining First Referee's Attention:** Wave arm overhead to obtain the first referee's attention, when necessary. (1)
- 2. Inbounds:** Arms extended in front of body, hands open (palms down) toward the floor area between the attack line and the net. (2)
- 3. Out-of-Bounds/Antenna Violation:** Hold forearms in front of chest, hands open (fingers together) and palms toward face. (3)
- 4. Ball Touched:** Hand on offending team's side held beside head, palm toward head, then brush upward across fingertips one time with other hand, palm forward. (4)
- 5. Line Violation/Service Fault:** Indicate the line where violation occurred by extending arm and pointing toward the line with the index finger. (5)
- 6. View of Play Blocked:** Cross forearms in front of chest, palms facing the body. (6)