

Hey Folks,

A couple of bullet points for everyone as we get started on the season:

1 - Team Rosters. As we stated in our pre-season clinics, each team needs to provide a roster at the score table throughout the tournament. This can be a pre-printed roster, a copy of the tournament entry roster, or they can fill out the roster on the OVR line-up sheet. (Yes, they can take that with them between matches, but when they are playing on the court, the roster needs to be at the score table.)

Some coaches may not be aware that they need to provide a roster at the court because they submitted a roster with their tournament entry; but they DO need to provide a roster at the court. There are several reasons for doing so, primarily for YOU (referees) to know how many rostered adults will be on the team bench, who the head coach is, and how many players are on the team. You may also use the information on the roster when you need to submit an Injury or an Incident Report involving a team.

2 - Non-traditional Match Formats. We often encounter modified playing formats when a pool has only three teams or when five teams are playing a pool on two courts. In these situations, an extra break(s) may be built into the schedule. Please ask the tournament director for those details so we correctly administer warm-ups. Ensure that all referees are aware of any modifications so there is consistency among the crew.

Let me know if you have any questions about either of these topics, or any other officiating topic!

Have a great weekend,

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