School Games Volleyball – Briefing Notes

**Try to brief teams on arrival regarding court size and service zone so that they can have had time to practice serving before briefing**

# Fire

* Thank hosts & get host teacher to explain procedure

# First Aid

* First point of call: Your teachers, organizer is back-up

# Photography

* Ask if there is anyone who would prefer not to be photographed for social media / press to let their coach know and pass that on to organizer / photographer

# Safety

* Bags, water, etc behind benches at ends of hall
* Be strict on feet going under net
* Ball on court, shout, chase, stop, replay

# Signpost to local clubs / camps (see overleaf)

# Substitutions

* Either roll-on-roll-off (at service) or
* Official substitutions (player off can come on, starting player can come back on for player who replaced them, but nobody else, original sub cannot be reused in that set)
* Captain to let referee know if using official subs

# Toss & Change Ends

* Only change if a clear advantage for one end
  + Change @ X points
* Rock-paper-scissors. Winner decides whether to serve, receive or choose end. Loser gets other choice

# Balls

* Which ones to use for matches

# Court Size

* In general
  + Width: Doubles badminton
  + Length: Specify line close to back wall
  + Explain “imaginary” side lines to join badminton courts side lines to base line
* Check “School Games in Suffolk” for Stoke High an others without net spanning multiple badminton courts

# Service Zone

Back white line

Can’t step on or over whichever line is being used

# Warm-up

If court size and service zone explained to all teams prior to briefing, just a couple of minutes before each match. Otherwise have two minutes serving practice for all teams at the same time after briefing.

# Line-judging, refereeing and scoring

Introduce volunteers

Explain scoreboard, ask to have it facing court

Explain which side refs should stand

Explain signals and rules for the following

* **Beckon to serve**
* **Point awarded**
* Foot fault on serve
* Ball can touch net
* **Can’t block serve**

1. **Playing the serve straight back when the ball is above the height of the net from inside the front court - we will use the badminton short service line to delineate the front court**

* Ball in (any part of the ball touching line is in)
* Ball out (includes roof, Basketball hoops, spectators,…)
* Ball touched
* Double touch (individual, but if first is block, that is OK)
* Four touches (if first is block it doesn’t count though)
* **Ball held (carry)**

1. **Two open hands under the ball**
2. **With back to the net, playing the attack hit with two open hands pushing ball**
3. **Playing the attack hit as a push with an open hand - tip using fingers is acceptable, hit using palm and fingers is acceptable, push using the palm and fingers is a fault**

* **No kicking / using leg below knee unless both feet are on floor**
* Net touch
* Foot over centre line
* Replay point (Let)
* **Timeout (up to two per set)**
* No restriction on back-court players

# Tournament format

Decided based on number of teams

* Match duration, do they have to win by two?
* What should happen at end of match with scores?
* Criteria for deciding ties, explain format for qualifying for today’s finals

### What next?

* [Who qualifies – dates & venue for future round]
* [Who gets certificates / medals?]

# COVID-19 Addendum

The following guidance is in-place whilst we are under the government’s 2021 “Plan B” measures plus face coverings in schools during lessons.

The following should have been covered in pre-event briefing to teams:

* Unless there is a sizeable non-playing zone, entries limited to three teams per badminton court
* Max squad size: Six players per team (four on court at a time)
* Reasonable steps to be taken to increase ventilation (e.g. fans on / fire doors open)
  + Players should being clothing to cover up whilst officiating to avoid getting cold
* Squistles will be used instead of regular whistles
* Players can choose to wear face coverings whilst playing; individual schools may choose to enforce / strongly encourage

The following should be added to the on-the-day briefing:

* Unless exempt, face covering to be worn when not playing
* Sanitise hands before and after each match
* Balls to be cleaned before each match
* Avoid touching face with hands; cough / sneeze into shoulder
  + Where this is not possible take a quick sanitsation time-out

# Where next

* Team Suffolk
  + Twitter & Instagram: @teamsuffolk\_vb
* Eastern Region Development Camps
  + Twitter: VballEast
  + Facebook.com/VballEast
  + Instagram: unleash\_the\_b\_east\_volleyball
* Ipswich Ravens
* Stowmarket VC
* Bury Bobcats

# Net height notes:

* U15 girls and boys: 2.15m.
* U16 girls and boys: 2.24m.
* U17 girls: 2.24m, boys:  2.35m