

CIAC VOLLEYBALL PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL

(Rev. Aug 16, 2025 - JB)

Officials are to arrive in the gym no later than **30** minutes prior to match start time. Upon arrival, officials will introduce themselves to the home coach, visitor coach, and site supervisor. Inspect the court and equipment for safety issues and proper padding. Check the net and the antennas. Determine facility playing rules and restricted areas. The scoreboard clock should be set to **20:00** minutes.

Approximately **25** minutes prior to the scheduled first match (JV or V) with the R1/R2 standing in front of the score table, *the R1 shall raise a coin & issue double-whistle bursts* to summon the captains & head coaches to the pre-match conference. Coaches submit their Roster/Lineup Sheet to the R2. After the conference, the R1 tells the clock operator to start the clock and the scorer who will serve first.

<u>Clock</u>	<u>Protocol (7-6-6-1)</u>
20:00 -	Court available for shared warm-up (7 min.)
13:15 -	<i>Warning - R2 whistle - 2 short bursts</i>
13:00 -	HORN - Serving team warm-up (6 min.)
11:00 -	<i>Roster Changes Deadline</i>
07:15 -	<i>Warning - R2 whistle - 2 short bursts</i>
07:00 -	HORN - Receiving team warm-up (6 min.)
03:00 -	<i>Lineup Submission Deadline</i>
01:15 -	<i>Warning - R2 whistle - 2 short bursts</i>
01:00 -	HORN - Teams LAST huddle at bench prior to start
00:15 -	<i>Warning - R2 whistle - 2 short bursts (If no announcements)</i>
00:00 -	HORN - Match ready to begin OR after the following: ▪ Announcements - starting lineups (6 + libero) to their endline ▪ National Anthem (non-starters may join on the endline) ▪ R1 steps onto court, whistle's & beckons teams (6 + libero) to enter via sideline to greet each other (non-starters go back to their bench area) ▪ R1/R2 stay & observe greetings, then move to their positions ▪ Line-up checks & start the match!

Note: Should the scoreboard HORN fail to sound, then the R2 blows *double-whistle-bursts* where HORN is listed above.