

# 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 and 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 bring 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 sanitisation 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