

HOW TO BE A VOLLEYBALL LINE JUDGE

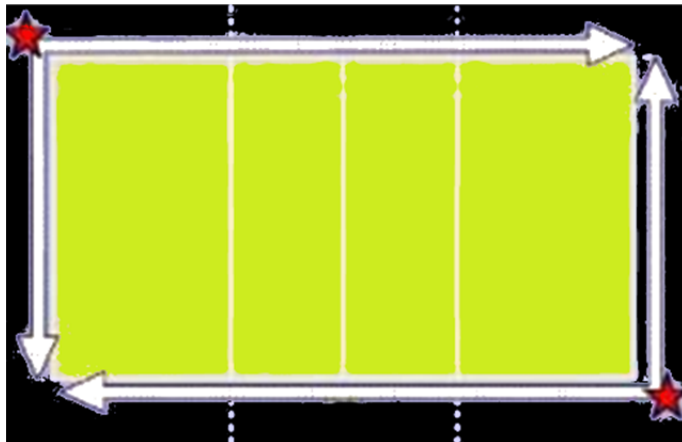
Line judges are to assist the referee make calls for balls landing on or near the sideline and end line closest to them.

LINE JUDGE POSITIONING

Each line judge stands at the intersection of end line and sideline. (No more than 1 foot from the corner in each direction)

The first line judge stands to the right of the referee on the same side of the court and the other line judge stands cattycorner to the first line judge.

Line judges hold these same positions throughout the match and do not alternate sides along with their team.



MAKING THE CALL

The court boundary lines are part of the court, so if the ball lands on the line, the correct signal will be "in".

It's important to be watching the ball, not the line. If you are watching the ball and not the line, there's a chance you could get the call wrong. This is because you won't have much time to focus on the line as the ball hits the ground.

1. **"IN"**---Every time the ball lands near a line that you are responsible for, you should be making a signal. When the ball lands on the ground inside the court, you will signal "IN" by placing two hands out with arms extended, palms down and in front of your body at approximately waste level. ----->



2. **"OUT"**---If the ball contacts the ground outside the court and hasn't been touch by a player on that side of the court, you will signal "out" by placing two hands UP at eye level with your palms facing backwards.----->



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3. **Antenna Fault.**

Another responsibility for the volleyball line judge is watching where the ball crosses the plane of the net.

The ball is "out" if the ball crosses outside of, or over either antenna. Also, if the ball contacts the antenna or the body of the net outside the antenna.

Point to the antenna with one hand and at the same time, hold your other hand over your head signaling out.

This will indicate to the referee that the ball illegally crossed the net.

Important Tips for Line Judges

1. **The referee will be looking at you during the match for help.** Always be ready to help out.
2. **Call everything you see no matter how obvious it might be.** Remember, a referee won't always see everything. A referee may not see a ball that lands 3 feet in the court because of being screened from the play.
3. **Always give great signals and really sell your calls.** Believe in yourself and be ready to give the signal with authority.
4. **When you make the call, be sure to make eye contact with the referee.**
5. **If the referee overrules you, don't worry about it.** This will happen because sometimes the referee will see things differently. If you are trying your best and always paying attention, the chances of being overruled are much less.
6. **Be ready for the next set to begin.** Be aware of when the teams take the court for the next set. You want to be ready to go when the line ups are being checked by the second referee.
7. **Get out of the way of a player.** When a player comes near you to make a play, be sure to step out of the way so you don't interfere with play