

Consequences of our actions?



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The Essence of a Good Official

- Lies in the concept of fairness & consistency:
- to be fair to every participant
- to be viewed as fair by the spectators.

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This demands a huge element of trust- the referee must be trusted to allow the players to entertain:

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- By being accurate in his /her judgment
- By understanding why the rule was written
- By being an efficient organiser
- By allowing the competition to flow
- By being an educator
- By promoting the game- that is by allowing the spectacular elements in the game to shine.

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Decisions?

- In accordance with the rules
- Awarding a sanction.
- Role responsibilities.
- In accordance with regulations
- Appeals
- Judicial Panel

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In accordance within the rules

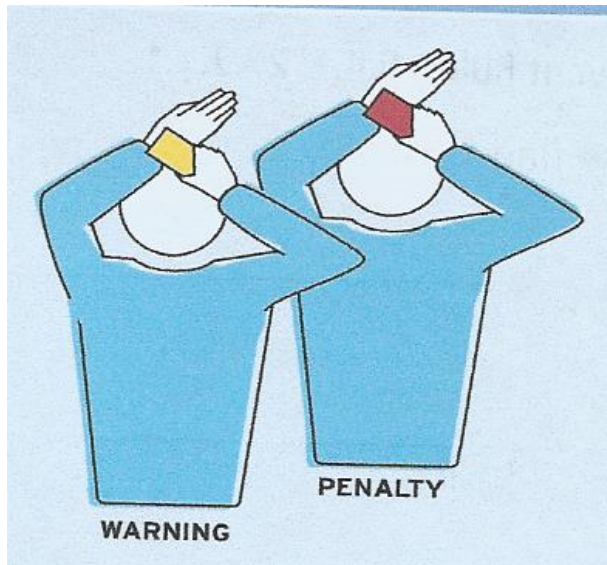
- A point is awarded
- Serve is awarded
- A set is won
- A match is won
- Sanctions may be given

- A timeout is taken
- A substitution may be made
- Game captain ask for interpretation.
- Protest
- Sanctions

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- Issue a time delay warning
- Issue a time delay penalty



Following a sanction

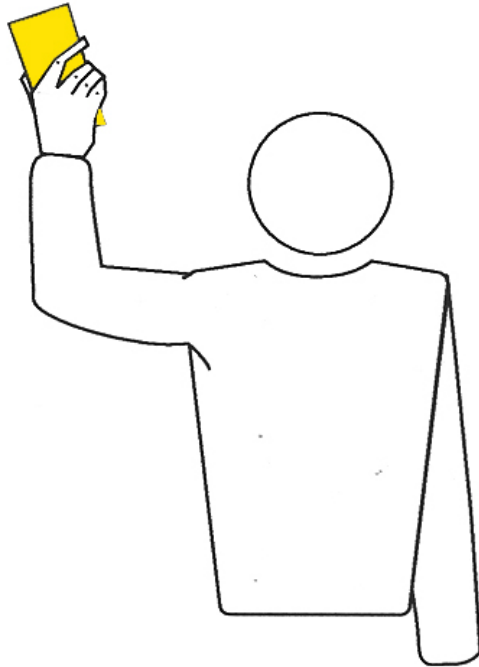
- No consequence
- A point is awarded each time shown.

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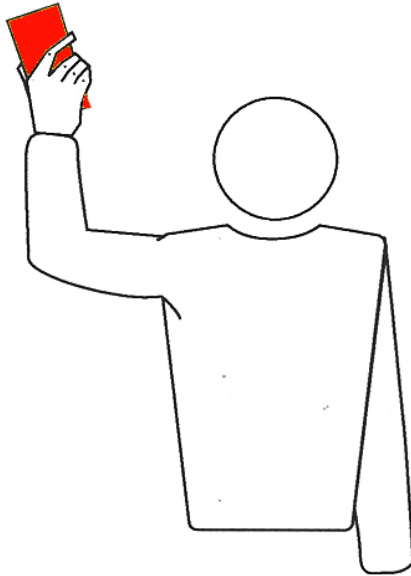
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Following a sanction

- Issue a Yellow card (Warning)
- No consequence
- Team Warning
- Recorded on the score sheet

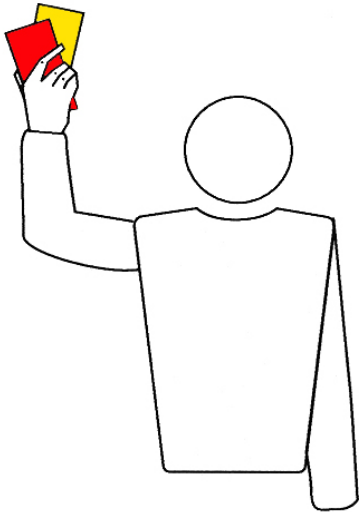


- Issue a Red Card (Penalty)



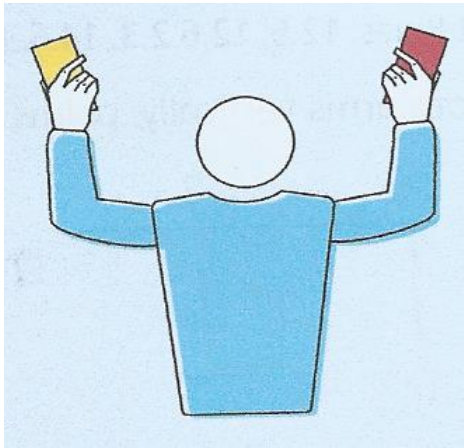
- A point is awarded and possible loss of service.
- Applies to an individual
- Recorded on the score sheet
- **3 disciplinary points added**

- Issue a Yellow and Red card together (Expulsion)



- Individual leaves the court for the rest of the set
- Must be substituted legally
- Recorded on the score sheet
- Report required to be sent to Comp Commission.
- **5 disciplinary points awarded**

- Issue a Yellow and Red card separately (Disqualification)



- Individual to leave the playing area
- Substituted legally
- Report required to be sent to Comp Commission.
- **9 Disciplinary points**

NVL Regulation; H3

(These do not apply to delay sanctions)

- i. A player, coach or authorised bench personnel who receives a penalty for misconduct (red card) will be charged 3 disciplinary points.
- ii. A player, coach or authorised bench personnel who is expelled (red and yellow card jointly) for repetition of a misconduct offence during the match will be charged 5 disciplinary points

- iii. A player, coach or authorised bench personnel who is expelled (red and yellow card jointly) for a single offence during the match will be charged 5 disciplinary points
- iv. A player, coach or authorised bench personnel who is expelled (red and yellow card jointly) following a penalty for a different offence during a match will be charged 5 disciplinary points. These five points are in addition to the 3 disciplinary points where a person has received a previous penalty.

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- v. A player, coach or authorised bench personnel who is disqualified (red and yellow card separately) during a match will be charged 9 disciplinary points.
- Where disqualification results from aggressive conduct, these 9 points will add to any previous disciplinary points received during the match. If disqualification occurs as a result of other misconduct following an expulsion, the 9 points will replace the 5 points awarded for expulsion.

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- vi. If disqualification occurs due to aggression then a minimum 1 match suspension will be incurred. This matter will then be automatically referred to the Disciplinary Sub Committee (See Regulation H7)

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NVL Regulation H4

Regulation H 4. Suspensions

- i. The following penalties shall apply when a player, coach or authorised bench personnel accumulates disciplinary points in the same season:
- 8 disciplinary points - 1 match suspension
- 16 disciplinary points - a further 3 match suspension

- It is the team's responsibility to ensure that suspended players do not participate in matches.
- ii. The points are cumulative during the season and anyone receiving additional disciplinary points shall have their case reviewed by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee shall be entitled to impose further penalties, as it deems appropriate. The Sub-Committee may require the attendance at an appropriate meeting of any player, coach or authorised bench personnel concerned. Equally, the person concerned has the right to attend or be represented at any meeting discussing their case.

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- iii. A Player, Coach or Authorised Bench Personnel shall have the right of appeal
- to the Competitions Commission from the decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee.
- iv. Player suspensions apply to the next fixture played in any competition covered by these regulations. All matches in which a suspended person participated will
- be forfeited. Such suspensions must be for either the same team or, if transferred, the new team in such competitions. The onus rests with the team to ensure that the suspension is served correctly.

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- v. In the case of triangular fixtures, both matches will count as one fixture and the suspension will take effect in the first match of the next fixture.
- vi. Coaches and Authorised Bench Personnel who receive suspensions will serve their ban in their next scheduled League / Cup match with the team they accumulated the points with regardless of their role within that team.

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- Regulation H 6. Disciplinary Sub-Committee
- i. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall consist of members nominated by the Competitions Commission and/or the Referee Commission. A member of Competitions Commission shall chair the Disciplinary Sub-Committee.

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- Regulation H 7. Conduct
- i. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee is empowered to discipline a player, coach, club, team or team follower whose actions are considered to bring the game into disrepute. The Sub-Committee is empowered within its absolute discretion to suspend or fine a coach, player, club or team in circumstances where it considers it appropriate. These provisions apply to NVL/KO Cup Competitions,
- Student, Beach tournaments and any other competition in which Volleyball England registered players may participate. **The Referee Commission is responsible for any disciplinary action relating to match Referees.**

- ii. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee, Competition Commission or Volleyball England Judicial Panel is empowered to discipline any registered player, coach, club, team or team follower. The penalties imposed shall be within the absolute discretion of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee, Competition Commission or the Judicial Panel as appropriate.

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- Club Officials and NVL Referees must respond, within a reasonable specified period of time, to legitimate requests for information made by the National Office, Competitions Commission or Referee Commission when conducting preliminary investigations. Failure to do so may result in a fine and will be taken into consideration when complaints and appeals are being considered.

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iv. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall be entitled in its absolute discretion to impose penalties for the following:

- (1) Aggressive behaviour to players/spectators
- (2) Aggressive behaviour towards Referees
- (3) Threatening behaviour
- (4) Abusive conduct
- (5) Behaviour likely to undermine the authority of match Referees
- (6) Conduct likely to bring the game into disrepute

- v. In the event of the Sub-Committee considering alleged behaviour as above, then the player/coach/club official/ spectator may be required to attend a disciplinary hearing.
- vi. There shall be a right of appeal to the Volleyball England Judicial Panel of any decision made by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee

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ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES

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23.2.1

- The first referee directs the match from the start until the end. He/she has authority over all members of the refereeing corps and the members of the teams
- .During the match the first referee's decisions are final. He/she is authorised to overrule the decisions of other members of the refereeing corps, if it is noticed that they are mistaken.
- He/she may even replace a member of the refereeing corps who is not performing his/her functions properly.

2nd Referee

24.2.1

- The second referee is the assistant of the first referee, but has also his/her own range of jurisdiction
- Should the first referee become unable to continue, the second referee may replace the first referee.

24.2.2

- He/she can, without whistling, also signal faults outside his/her range of jurisdiction, but may not insist on them to the first referee.

24.2.3

- He/she controls the work of the scorer(s).

24.2.4

- He/she supervises the team members on the team bench and reports their misconduct to the first referee.

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24.3.1

- At the start of each set, at the change of courts in the deciding set and whenever necessary, the second referee checks that the actual positions of the players on the court correspond to those on the line-up sheets.

24.3.2

- During the match, he/she decides, whistles and signals:

24.3.2.1

- penetration into the opponents' court, and the space under the net

24.3.2.2

- the receiving team's positional faults,,

24.3.2.3

- the faulty contact of the player with the net primarily on the blocker's side and with the antenna on his/her side of the court;

24.3.2.4

- the completed block by back row players or the attempted block by the Libero; or the attack hit fault by back row players or by the Libero

24.3.2.5

- the contact of the ball with an outside object,

24.3.2.6

- the contact of the ball with the floor when the first referee is not in position to see the contact.

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Consequence of not sticking to your respective role;

- 2nd referee having doubts in his/her ability or that of the 1st referee.
- Confused players
- Enquires from teams following video assessment.

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Judicial Panel

The process

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Panel:

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- Mr Bernard Kilkeny (Chair)
- Mr Graham Knight
- Mr Brian Stalker

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Judicial Panel

- The Judicial Panel hearing costs Volleyball England in the region of **£500** to host; it has occupied the time of professional staff at the national office, it has involved statements from or communications with sixteen volleyball volunteers and required the Panel members to give up a total of **around 120 hours** of their personal time. Most significantly it has undoubtedly had a significant emotional cost to the teams and officials involved.
- The members of the Judicial Panel in this case took **around eight hours** to reach a unanimous conclusion, and it has taken a similar amount of time to compile, draft and authorise this summary judgement.



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“I am sorry if this comes across like nit-picking but I have now seen this now on a couple of occasions and it is an irritant that make Volleyball England look weak.

I was watching with interest the XXXXXXXX vs XXXXXX women’s game at the weekend and pretty much on every time out, the two line judges were allowed to kick the ball to each other (from one corner to the other). Neither the first or the second referee thought that this was inappropriate and on one occasion they kicked the ball in the net and just laughed it off.

The game was being streamed live so there is no telling who would be watching this and I have to say it looked very bad as the camera angle had the closest line judge in very clear view.

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Now I recall physically being in xxxxxxxx and watching a game before my Men's team play when the same thing occurred. I even approached the referee asking why he was letting this happen....there was just a smile back.

Again, this just gives the perception that xxxxxxxx and the referees are "buddies" and so they can do what they want."

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- “.....as a new referee, striving to be as good as I can, I am very interested in receiving feedback from you or the Referee’s Commission on this matter. I am currently confused as my actions in match XX has been considered as “not intervening appropriately”, and should similar situation arise in my next appointment I will not know how to act to avoid similar critique.”

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- “.....I would appreciate your feedback to help me become a better referee. I am particularly interested in your suggestions how would you prefer for the second referee to handle similar situation in the future by intervening appropriately in order to avoid disappointing you and as extension disappointing the whole Referee's Commission. ”

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Complaint Procedure

If you feel you need to complain about a Player, Coach or spectators behaviour;

- At a tournament; please make it known to the V.E Staff overseeing the event, follow up with a written report to President of referee commission.
- At an NVL match; Written report to President referee commission
- At a local or regional match; initial written report to the local/regional association.



Any questions?

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