

Folks -

You've heard us say many times, especially for those seeking a Regional (or higher) rating -- make opportunities to work as a second referee whenever possible. This is one of our shortcomings because we don't have a lot of experience in this position.

In this regard, just a couple of guidelines:

1 - Plan ahead at the tournament and let the head referee know in advance that you want to work as an R2 at some point during the day.

2 - DO NOT step in to replace a junior player as R2 on a match that is in-progress. This changes the dynamics for the teams, and we need to be careful about that.

3 - DO NOT work one set of a match and then leave. That's not good either. Again, it changes the dynamics and expectations in the match.

Ideally, your R2 matches will be at the end of the day during play-offs.

If you work as R2 during pool play, you run the risk of working 5 matches in a row, and that's not good for you or the teams. Plan ahead. Get some experience. Seek feedback as R2.

Thanks for your work!

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