

Referees -

A reminder about the service step-line used for all 10s, all 11s, and 12R/12 & Under competitions (NOTE: The step-in line is NOT used for 12 National):

A 2-1/2" wide service line (tape or floor paint) must be placed across the full width of the court (NOT a dashed line). The back edge of this line (closest to the end line) is placed two meters (6'6-3/4") from the BACK edge of the end line.

After the serve, this line is ignored. The line judges should step forward to this line during the serve and then quickly return to their base position at the sideline/end line intersection after the serve. (We often see the little kids staying at the step-in line instead of returning to their base position after the serve.)

Ensure that the line is continuous across the width of the court. No additional serving space is permitted, even for our youngest players. The use of the Molten VB Lite, in addition to the service step-in line, help our youngest players compensate for the distance from the service zone to the net so that they can get the ball over the net. Again, 12N does NOT use the service step-in line, but they DO use the VB Lite ball.

Let me know if there are questions in this regard.

Thank you!

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