

Referees -

Let's make a concerted effort when instructing our work teams, especially the scorer & libero tracker, about substitution procedures - specifically how substitutions are RECORDED on the scoresheet and libero control sheet. We've had a couple of avoidable situations, which ultimately resulted in a mess.

Key points to remind your scoring crews:

1 - More than two players can play in each position in the service order/rotation. EX: #5 is the starter; #7 can sub for #5; then #9 can sub for #7. So 5, 7 and 9 can all play in ONLY that position.

2 - A player may play in ONLY ONE position in the service order. EX: if #2 is a starter in position 3 in the lineup, position 3 is the ONLY spot that #2 can play in during that set. If #2 is replaced by substitution, she (and the sub) can re-enter the lineup ONLY in position 3 for that set. (NOTE: As soon as a player attempts to enter the same set in a different position than the first one she played in, the referee needs to be notified by the scorer. Get off the stand if needed. The sub is denied and a delay sanction is assessed.)

3 - The libero tracker/asst scorer also has responsibility to ensure a player doesn't substitute for a second player in a different position in the starting lineup.

4 - Remind libero trackers to use SLASHES FOR SUBS on the tracking sheet. Libero replacements are NOT slashed in the tracking section; only an L is recorded next to the player replaced, with NO slash.

5 - The libero tracker should record each team's lineup directly from the LINEUP SHEET, not the scoresheet! If the scorer has made a recording error, the libero tracker will make the same error. It is important, especially if you have any concerns about the scorer's abilities, to double check that the lineup was recorded correctly.

6 - Ask the scorer to check team lineups from the scoresheet while the junior R2 is using the lineup sheets to check court positions. AND ask the libero tracker to also check lineups from the tracking sheet. This should result in THREE sets of eyes and THREE sets of lineups checking court positions. Hopefully this avoids a wrong player ever starting a set.

Thank you!

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