

Referees -

As you know, we are pretty firm about our guidelines for work teams in order to keep them focused on their duties during a match. A few important reminders in this regard:

Be firm about electronic devices. Give them one warning/reminder (this includes ALL members of the work team). If a cell phone, iPod, etc., is used after you have reminded them to put it away, a 10-point penalty must be assessed to the team for the first set of the their next match. Notify the tournament director, who will be responsible for ensuring the penalty is assessed.

Regarding FOOD/DRINKS at the scorer's table, our policy is that we don't want food/drinks \*ON\* the table. This helps us avoid messy or wet scoresheets or blocking spectators' view of the scoreboard. However, please realize that these student athletes may have few breaks to grab food or to stay hydrated between matches, especially if they play/ref/play back-to-back. So, we are OK with players eating while sitting at the table. The food should be in their laps. Drinks are fine as long as they keep them on the floor (capped if possible, to prevent spills).

So, remember these items:

Electronic devices - warn once, then 10-point penalty in their next match.

It's OK to have "food on their laps, drinks on the floor."

Thanks,

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