

CEV Official Match Protocols

WITH and WITHOUT National Anthems

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1.1.1 BEFORE THE WHISTLE FOR 1st SERVICE OF THE MATCH

Protocol A With Anthems	DESCRIPTION	REFEREE'S ACTION	TEAM'S ACTION
60 min. before the 1 st service		1 st and 2 nd referees, reserve referees as well as the scorer, the assistant scorer and the line judges should submit themselves to the alcohol test, carried out by the medical doctor of the organizer and referee delegate too.	
45 min. before the 1 st service	Time for Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referees check: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The match balls, substitution paddles, e-Scoresheet and tablets for e-bench; All other necessary equipment - buzzer, Lite score, libero jackets etc. plus the reserve equipment; The organizer should make disinfection of all equipment for the match. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams cannot enter the playing court before the start of the official protocol.
33 min before the 1 st Service	No entertainment		
32 min. before the 1 st service	Time for Official Team Photographs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervisor only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team(s) in their official playing uniforms are invited to enter the playing area and follow the instructions of the official photographer.
32 min. before the 1 st service		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referees check: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The height and tension of the net; The position of antennae and side markings; 	
18 min. before the 1 st service	Official Toss to decide who is serving and which courts the teams will play in.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The two Referees report to the area in front of the scorer's table, facing the scorer. The 1st Referee blows his/her whistle to call the Team captains. The coin toss takes place and the 1st Referee informs the E- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both Team Captains report to the scorer's table – no shake hands. After the Toss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Team Captains sign the Scoresheet; The teams go to their respective benches;

		scorer of the result. NO SHAKE HANDS BEFORE THE TOSS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other equipment is brought in and must be placed behind the team benches; • The Coach also signs the Scoresheet and identifies the starting libero if there are two listed on the Scoresheet.
17 min. before the 1 st service	<p>Start of the Official Warm Up at the net.</p> <p>Line-up sheet for the 1st set (latest 12 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1st referee whistles to announce the start of the official warm up at the net of both teams. (5 minutes for each team or 10 minutes together) • The 2nd referee must ensure that the coach or the assistant coach of each team submits an original and preferably two copies at least of the line-up sheet for the 1st set. <p>Then immediately gives the 1st copy (two – if there are more than two copies) of the line-up sheet to the Supervisor and the original to the scorer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Supervisor is the only one entitled to transmit the line-up sheets to the host TV-broadcaster and to the VIS runner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teams warm up at the net either together or one after the other • In the case of rule 7.2.3, i.e. "consecutive" warmups, the team serving first takes the first 5 minutes to use the net and playing court. • The other team may use the free zone surrounding the playing court without balls. • In case of teams' tablets are in use, the teams must send the line-up sheets electronically via tablet to the e-scorer (latest 12 minutes before the start of the match)
	Line up sheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If submitted via E-Scoresheet Bench app then the line ups are accepted and automatically transmitted to the relevant operators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Coach or Assistant Coach of each team submits the line ups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On paper with an original and 2 copies for the first set; - Or via the E-Scoresheet bench App and tablet provided to the teams;
7 min. before the 1 st service	End of the Official Warm Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1st Referee blows his/her whistle to announce the end of the official warm up. • The Referees go to the Jury table and request permission from the Supervisor to start the match – NO SHAKE HANDS WITH SUPERVISOR. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the whistle of the 1st Referee the teams must stop warming up and immediately return to their own team benches. • If players need to change their playing shirts, they must leave the playing area, change and return without delay. All team member must be in the match uniforms and be sat on their respective benches.

6.30 min. before the 1st service

Referees, Flag Holders and Teams stand ready to enter the court and Line up on the end lines.

The Team Captain stands with one foot on the end line with the libero(s) standing next to him/her and all other players along the Libero to the end line.

The flag holders enter the court in front of the team, in the middle of the court, behind the attack line.

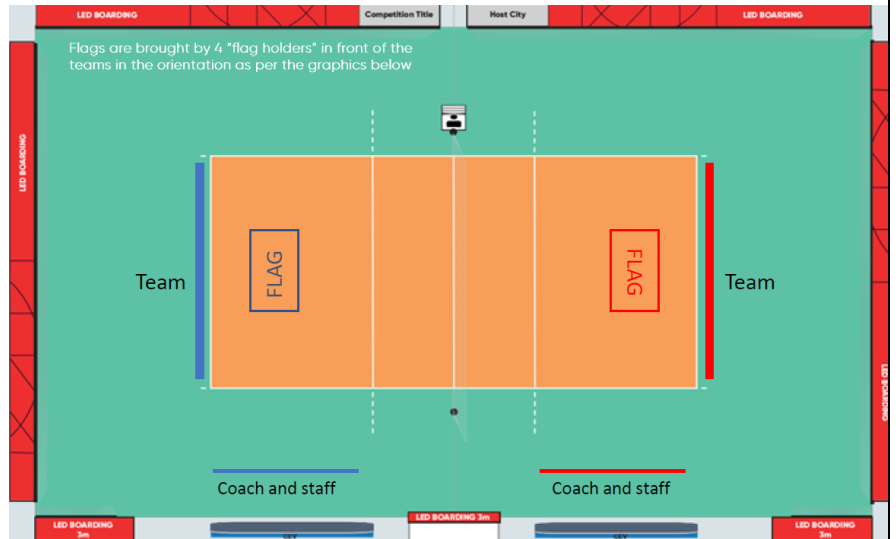
The Speaker announces the National Anthems of each team.

National anthems are played entirely as per the official versions provided by CEV.

During the respective national anthem, flag holders raise the flag in a 45-degree angle.

Immediately at the end of the anthems, flag holders march out, carrying the flags.

- The First Referee whistles the 12(14) players of each Team to walk to the end line; Flag holders have to walk in front of the teams; 1st referee walk in front of his chair and 2nd referee stay close to the his post.
- During the playing of each team's national anthem, the referees should turn their bodies at 45-degree angle to face the flag of the team whose national anthem is being played.
- After both anthems, and after 1st referee whistle, players applaud to opponent team and gather at their bench and get ready for the starting team announcement.



3 min. before the 1 st service	1 st fanfare Presentation of the referees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After introduction by the speaker the First Referee goes to the referee's stand and the Second Referee goes to the scorer's table (No shake hands) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both teams stand near their Team Bench
2.30 min. before the 1 st service	Presentation of Starting Six Players, Libero and Head Coach.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting Player of the visiting team and the Libero enter the court, waving their hands at the announcement of their name. The Coach stands up, raising his hands when his name is announced. Afterwards, the host team will be treated likewise. The other players will be presented when they enter the court as substitutes.
Just after presentation of all starting players the Libero and the coach.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2nd Referee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributes four match balls to the Ball Retrievers No. 1, 2, 4 & 5. Checks the players' standing position, comparing them with those on their respective line-up sheet. Permits the starting Libero to enter the court Asks the Scorer if he has also finished checking and is ready to start. Gives the ball to the server. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both teams are on court and ready to start the match
0.00 min. before the 1 st service	First Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The First Referee blows the whistle authorizing the first service, at the scheduled time. 	

1.2 WITHOUT NATIONAL ANTHEMS

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In addition, please note that provision has been made within the Match Protocol for 2 periods of entertainment and for the official team photographs in the case of single matches and the first match of a team in a tournament.

1.2.1 BEFORE THE WHISTLE FOR 1st SERVICE OF THE MATCH

Protocol B Without Anthems	DESCRIPTION	REFEREE'S ACTION	TEAM'S ACTION
45 min. before the 1 st service		1 st and 2 nd referees, reserve referees as well as the scorer, the assistant scorer and the line judges should submit themselves to the alcohol test, carried out by the medical doctor of the organizer and referee delegate too.	
30 min. before the 1 st service	Time for Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referees check: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The match balls, substitution paddles, e-Scoresheet and tablets for e-bench; All other necessary equipment - buzzer, Lite score, libero jackets etc. plus the reserve equipment; The organiser should disinfect all equipment for the match. 	
17 min. before the 1 st service		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referees check: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The height and tension of the net; The position of antennae and side markings; 	
16 min. before the 1 st service	Time for Official Team Photographs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervise only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team(s) in their official playing uniforms are invited to enter the playing area and follow the instructions of the official photographer.
15 min. before the 1 st service	Official Toss to decide who is serving and which courts the teams will play in.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The two Referees report to the area in front of the scorer's table, facing the scorer. The 1st Referee blows his/her whistle to call the Team captains. The coin toss takes place and the 1st Referee informs the E-scorer of the result. <p>No shake hands before the toss.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both Team Captains report to the scorer's table – no shake hands. After the Toss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Team Captains sign the Scoresheet; The teams go to their respective benches; Other equipment is brought in and must be

			<p>placed behind the team benches.</p> <p>The Coach also signs the Scoresheet and identifies the starting libero if there are two listed on the Scoresheet.</p>
14 min. before the 1 st service	<p>Start of the Official Warm Up at the net.</p> <p>Line-up sheet for the 1st set (latest 12 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 1st referee whistles to announce the start of the official warm up at the net of both teams. (5 minutes for each team or 10 minutes together) The 2nd referee must ensure that the coach or the assistant coach of each team submits an original and preferably two copies at least of the line-up sheet for the 1st set. Then immediately gives the 1st copy (two – if there are more than two copies) of the line-up sheet to the CEV Supervisor and the original to the scorer. The Supervisor is the only one entitled to transmit the line-up sheets to the host TV-broadcaster and to the Data Volley operator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The teams warm up at the net either together or separately In the case of rule 7.2.3, i.e. "consecutive" warmups, the team serving first takes the first 5 minutes to use the net and playing court. The other team may use the free zone surrounding the playing court without balls. In case of teams' tablets are in use the teams must send the line-up sheets electronically via tablet to the e-scorer (latest 12 minutes before the start of the match)
	Line up sheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If submitted via E-Scoresheet Bench app then the line ups are accepted and automatically transmitted to the relevant participants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Coach or Assistant Coach of each team submits the line ups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On paper with an original and 2 copies for the first set; - Or via the E-Scoresheet bench App and tablet provided to the teams;
4 min. before the 1 st service	End of the Official Warm Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 1st Referee blows his/her whistle to announce the end of the official warm up. The Referees go to the Jury table and request permission from the CEV Supervisor to start the match – NO SHAKE HANDS WITH SUPERVISOR. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the whistle of the 1st Referee the teams must stop warming up and immediately return to their own team benches. If players need to change their playing shirts, they must leave the playing area, change and return without delay. All team members must be in the match uniforms and be sat on their respective benches.
3.30 min. before the 1 st service	Announcer announces the name of the teams and the match number	<p>Position of the referees:</p> <p>Both referees must be located on the side line on either side of the post, on the side of the court nearest the scorer's table, 1st referee – on the</p>	<p>Teams enter the court and Line up on the end lines.</p> <p>After the 1st referee blows the whistle, the players enter the court? waving both hands</p>

		side of team A, 2 nd referee – on the side of team B. The 1 st referee blows the whistle immediately after the announcement	above their heads, without shaking hands with their "opposite number".
2.30 min. before the 1 st service	Presentation of the Referees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both Referees march to the middle of the court, close to the net, facing the Jury table. After introduction by the speaker the First Referee goes to the referee's stand and the Second Referee goes to the scorer's table (No shake hands) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both teams stand near their Team Bench.
	Presentation of Starting Six Players, Libero and Head Coach.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting Players of the visiting team and the Libero enter the court, waving their hands at the announcement of their name. The Coach stands up, raising his/her hands when his/her name is announced. Afterwards, the host team will be treated likewise. The other players will be presented when they enter the court as substitutes.
Just after presentation of all starting players the Libero and the coach.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2nd Referee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributes four match balls to the Ball Retrievers No. 1, 2, 4 & 5. Checks the players' standing position, comparing them with those on their respective line-up sheet. Permits the starting Libero to enter the court Asks the Scorer if he has also finished checking and is ready to start. Gives the ball to the server. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both teams are on court and ready to start the match
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1.3 DURING THE MATCH

a. REPLAY:

- i. The host broadcaster can ask for a "replay delay", from the first referee after the end of a rally if the necessary installations are made and agreed by the Organizer and the Supervisor.
- ii. The necessary installation is an electrical lamp fixed in front of the first referee, linked to the host broadcaster representative who gives a signal by switching on the lamp for a slight delay for an instant replay of a previous action.
- iii. This process can be used approximately 8 times per set and cannot delay the match between rallies by more than 7 seconds each time.

b. INTERVALS (Rule 18):

Teams:

- i. At the end of each set, the six players of each team line up on the end line of their respective courts.
- ii. At the direction of the first referee, the teams change courts (Rule 18.2.1); as the players pass the net poles they go directly to their team bench.
- iii. The interval between the second and the third sets can be extended up to ten minutes by the competent body at the request of the organizer (Rule 18.1). In this case the teams must go to their dressing rooms after the second set and return to the playing area 7 minutes later, where there can be a warmup of 2 minutes 30 seconds near the net.

Scorer:

- i. As soon as the Referee blows his whistle to end the last rally of the set, the Scorer must start the timer for the timing of set interval.
- ii. 2:30, the Second Referee blows his / her whistle, or the Scorer pushes the buzzer.

Teams, 2:30:

- i. At the direction of the Second Referee, the Six Players registered on the line-up sheet go directly onto the playing court.

Referees, 2:30:

- i. The Second Referee checks the standing position of the players comparing them with those registered on their respective line-up sheet.
- ii. The Ball Retriever will then give the server the ball. For the start of the deciding set, the ball will be given to the server by the Second Referee.

Referees 3:00:

- i. The First Referee whistles, authorizing the service.

c. INTERVAL OF DECIDING SET (TIE BREAK)

Teams:

- i. At the end of the set before the deciding set, the six players of each team line up on the end line of their respective courts. At the direction of the First Referee, the teams go directly to their team bench.
- ii. Teams Captains' report to the scorer's table for the TOSS.

Referees:

- i. At the end of the set before the deciding set, the Referees report to the scorer's table to conduct the TOSS.

1.3.2 AT THE END OF THE MATCH

Teams:

- i. At the end of the match, the six players of each team go to their respective attack line.
- ii. At the first referee's signal, the players applaud the opponent, facing the opponent, without shaking hands with their "opposite number" and thank the courtside assistants with applause (ball retrievers and floor moppers) who are lined up along the end of each court.
- iii. The players leave the playing court and walk to their respective team bench.

Referees:

- iv. Both referees position themselves on the side-line at the net by first referee's stand. No shaking hands with the players – they can also applaud all players; they must report to the scorer's table to complete their post-match administration.
- v. Remark:
 - o The referees' work is still not complete! They must monitor the behavior of the teams after the final whistle for the end of the match to ensure all participants behave in a sportsmanlike way until all participants have left the playing area and control areas in the competition hall.
 - o All unsportsmanlike behavior after the final whistle must be reported to the CEV Supervisor and noted on the score sheet under "REMARKS". If necessary, a special report must be made by both referees and posted/emailed to the CEV office and the President of ERC within 24 hours of the incident.

Courtside Assistants:

- i. At the end of the match, the courtside assistants go to the end line of the court where they have been performing.
- ii. They line up facing the net and await the players who will applaud them.

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