

Line Judge Technique for Events and Courses

Rules of the Game and Refereeing
Commission

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Line Judge Technique



Before the match

- Meet with International Referees at the room for International Referees one hour before the match.
- You are subject to alcohol testing at this time.



Line Judges are part of the team of Officials

- You must maintain neutrality
- You must be objective in your judgment



Concentrate and Relax

- You are an official during play – your judgment and appearance is important – concentrate on your duties.
- Relax between rallies and during interruptions.
- Focus on the line after watching trajectory of the ball and wait for the ball to arrive.



Giving signals

- Signal every ball within 3 meters of your line – Signal for your line only.
- Line Judge in the path of the ball is the primary judge of block touch



Giving signals

- Give signal quickly and with confidence
 - Make the flag snap
 - If you are confident with your judgment, the teams and spectators will be more confident that you are correct



Giving signals

- Establish eye contact with the First Referee
- Give your judgment but do not insist if the First Referee shows contrary decision
- Signals mean FAULT!



Use correct signals

- Ball “Out” after being touched by a player on that side
- Distinguish from ball blocked “Out” from the other side
- Antenna or service Fault signal



Rule 10.1.2

Ball crosses net plane through external space to opponent free zone.

- May be played back within team hits.
- If ball is returned through crossing space, it is a fault.



Maintain appearance consistent with your colleagues

- Ready position
 - Flag against leg
 - 2 meters from line
- Position for Line Judges #1 and #3 when server is on left part of service zone
- During time-outs and set intervals, #1, #3 & #4 back up to edge of free zone (#2 to corner of free zone) Don't cover advertising.
- Do not interact with the public while on court



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