

## LINE JUDGE TRAINING

Basic responsibilities:

- F** - footfaults: server's foot may not contact the serving line until after the ball has been contacted. Make sure you know which line is being used.
- L** - lines: the lines are part of the court in volleyball. If any part of the ball contacts any part of the line, the ball is **IN**.
- A** - antennas: ball must cross the net completely inside of the antenna (with imaginary extension to the ceiling). If the ball touches the antenna, it's out.
- T** - touches: signal "touch" if you see the ball contact a player (exception: loose hair) after the first contact and then land out-of-bounds.

Additional instruction: Listen carefully when the referee conducts the pre-match line judge instruction and ask questions if you don't understand.

- 1) Position yourself at the juncture of the end line and side line as close to the court as possible without being on the court. Line judges should always be on opposite corners so both sidelines are covered. Ask the referee if you're unsure where to stand.
- 2) Stay in position until the ball hits the floor and you make the call, unless you would interfere with the play by doing so. If you need to move, try to move in relation to whichever line might come into play if possible.
- 3) Use the correct signals to communicate with the official. If you're blocked or unsure, be honest about it.
- 4) Signal immediately - don't wait for the official to ask you, even if you think the call is obvious. If you're overruled for some reason, don't take offense.
- 5) As a line judge, you are part of the officiating team - you cannot be a parent, cheerleader, coach, etc. Your job is to be as impartial as possible and avoid any appearance of bias. Let the referee know if you are a victim of harassment from players, coaches and/or fans. This is unacceptable behavior in the Parochial League.
- 6) If you must have coffee, a drink, popcorn, etc. or if you're responsible for small children who are with you, please ask someone else to serve as line judge for that match. The players take these matches very seriously and we must try to provide the best environment possible.