



Line Judge Requirements and Signals

As much a part of the match as the team on the court, the Line Judges have an important role to fill for youth volleyball. Within the CMVL rules, each team is to provide one line judge per match. This document is intended to give some insights into making this a successful part of your game.

Who should line judge?

- CMVL rules require each team to provide one Line Judge for the match. Although it is not explicitly stated, it is highly preferred that this be an adult that can make timely and unbiased calls during a match.
- Prior to the match, the Line Judges will meet the Referee to quickly review the rules. If the referee has any concern about the Line Judge, it is up to him/her to ask for a replacement. If that is done, you will need to provide a replacement.

What do they have to do?

- The Line Judges will stand on opposite corners of the court and (mostly) call balls that are in or out, and foot faults on serve. Common calls include:
 - A ball is **IN** if any part of the ball touches the line on the court. Even if while compressed upon hitting the floor.
 - A ball is **OUT** if the entire surface of the ball hits outside the court lines.
 - A ball that crosses the net, outside of the antennae, is **OUT**.
 - Note, the antennae lines actually go all the way to the ceiling, so this may be a judgment call.
 - If any part of a player's foot touches the end line at any time prior to the serve, it is a **FOOT FAULT**.
 - Note: If a jump serve, the player may 'jump' across the line before touching/serving the ball, as long as the player does not land inside the court before serving or touch any part of the line on "take off".
- Line Judges are considered part of the court and should not interfere with the play going on in the match.
- Line Judges should remain unbiased and not get too emotional, or "cheer lead" during the match.

What are the Line Judge Signals?

- This will be reviewed with the Referee prior to each match, but the following are the most common calls and flag signals.

LINE JUDGE SIGNALS (using flags)



***Let your Line Judges know what to do – it is really not a difficult task. Unless they are overruled by the Referee, their call will stand. Remind them to not get riled by the fans, or too caught up in the game to do what they have been asked to do. We know they are volunteers, and we appreciate them helping out!*