



## C1) OFFICIALS - RESPONSIBILITIES

The officials for a volleyball match are a first referee, second referee, scorer, and two or four linesmen.

**First Referee.** This official is located at one end of the net in an elevated position that will allow a clear view of play. This person makes all decisions on ball handling plays, declares point or side-out, and has the power to overrule decisions of other officials. This official has full control of the match.

**Second Referee.** This official takes a position on the side of the court opposite the first referee. This person assists in calling violations regarding player position, the net, and the center line. In addition, the second referee keeps official time for time-outs and between games, supervises the conduct of coaches and substitutes on the bench, and supervises substitutions.

**Scorer.** The scorer is located on the side of the court opposite the first referee and behind the second referee. In addition to keeping an accurate record of the score and other pertinent information, the scorer notifies the second referee of any violations in regard to substitution, serving order, or time outs.

**Linesmen.** The linesmen are positioned in the corners of the court in a position to see balls landing near their assigned boundary line. When only two linesmen are used, they stand diagonally opposite each other at the corners away from the serving area. By using a small flag, the linesmen indicate whether the ball landing near a line is "out" (raising the flag) or "in" (pointing the flag).