

**CIAC VOLLEYBALL**  
**PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL**  
(Rev. July 2023 - JB)

Officials are to arrive in the gym no later than 30 minutes prior to match start time. Upon arrival, officials will introduce themselves to the home coach, visitor coach, and site supervisor. Inspect the court and equipment for safety issues and proper padding. Check the net and the antennas. Determine facility playing rules and restricted areas. The scoreboard clock should be set to **20:00** minutes.

Approximately 25 minutes prior to the scheduled first match (normally JV) with the R1/R2 standing in front of the score table, *the R1 shall raise a coin & issue double-whistle bursts* to summon the captains & head coaches to the pre-match conference. Coaches submit their Roster/Lineup Sheet to the R2. After the conference, the R1 tells the clock operator to start the clock and the scorer who will serve first.

<u><b>Clock</b></u>	<u><b>Protocol (7-6-6-1)</b></u>
20:00 -	Court available for shared warm-up (7 min.)
13:15 -	Warning - R2 single whistle
13:00 -	HORN - Serving team warm-up (6 min.)
11:00 -	Roster Changes Deadline
07:15 -	Warning - R2 single whistle
07:00 -	HORN - Receiving team warm-up (6 min.)
03:00 -	Lineup Submission Deadline
01:15 -	Warning - R2 single whistle
01:00 -	HORN - Teams LAST huddle at bench prior to start
00:15 -	Warning - R2 single whistle (If no announcements)
00:00 -	HORN - Match ready to begin OR after the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Announcements / Starting lineups (6 + Libero)</li><li>▪ National Anthem (Starting teams to their end lines)</li><li>▪ R1 steps onto the court, issues a single whistle &amp; beckons teams (6 + libero) to enter via sideline to greet each other</li><li>▪ Teams required to take their positions without delay</li><li>▪ Officials (&amp; Line Judges) move to their positions</li><li>▪ Line-up checks &amp; start the match!</li></ul>

**Note:** Should the score clock horn malfunction or become unavailable, then R2 uses a *double-whistle* where HORN is listed above.