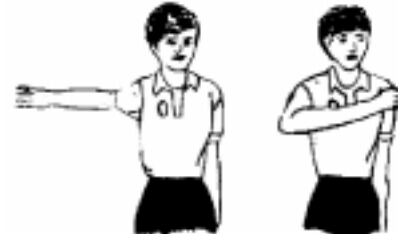


Understanding the Officials' Hand Signals

In volleyball, there are generally 2 officials. The first referee directs the game from a stand and a second referee stands opposite near the net. A whistle is blown to initiate and to end each play. The official will first signal the fault or cause of the play ending, and then signal which team won the point. This is a summary of hand signals that accompany the whistles.



Out of bounds
Ball is out of bounds, outside antenna or player illegally in adjacent court.



Begin Service
The official indicates that the server may now serve.



Out of rotation
At the time of service you must not overlap the person directly next to you.



Touch
Ball is out of bounds after contacting a player.



Net violation
The serve or a player touches the net.



Back row attack
Attacking the ball above the net and leaving from in front of the 3 meter line.



4 contacts
Four fingers up. You only get 3 contacts.



Play over
Two thumbs up. A fault by both teams, a serve over or official's inadvertent whistle or mistake.



Sanction card
A yellow card is a warning. A red card is a point. Red and yellow together is an ejection.



Point
Winner of the rally. One finger raised on the side of the court that won the rally



Carry
Held, thrown or carried ball. Too much contact time.



Time out
Each team gets two 60 second time outs per game.



Change sides
Between games or halfway through a deciding game.



Ball in bounds
Pointing to the area of the court where the ball landed.



Double hit
Two fingers up. Ball contacted more than once by a player. The block does not count.



Over the net
Contacting the ball before it has broken the plane of the net or before the opposition hits it.



Game over
Same for the end of the match.