



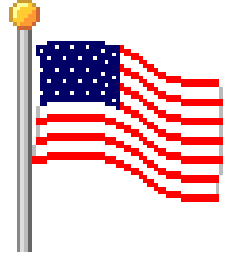
# **VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS EDUCATION PROGRAM**



# **Start of Match Protocol**



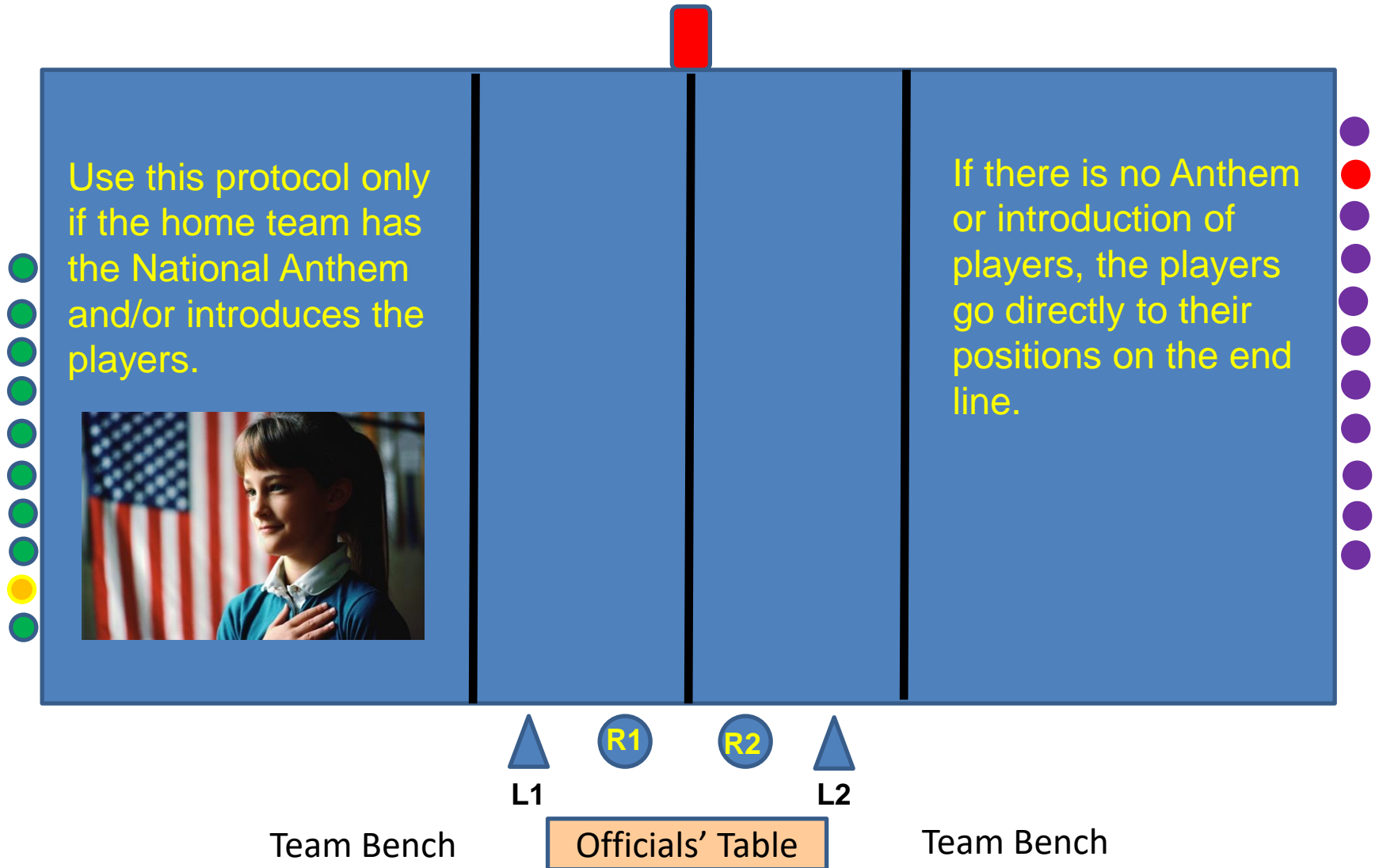
# INTRODUCTIONS AND NATIONAL ANTHEM PROTOCOL



**The following is the recommended protocol to be used by referees and line judges during IHSAA volleyball matches that include player introductions and/or the National Anthem.**

- 1. At the end of the timed warm-up and before the start of pre-match ceremonies, both referees and the two line judges walk across the court to the referee's stand.**
- 2. The first referee and one line judge should be on the left side of the net (looking from the score table), first referee closest to the net.**
- 3. The second referee and one line judge should be on the right side of the net (looking from the score table), second referee closest to the net.**
- 4. The line judge flags should be placed on the referee's stand.**

# PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL





# **INTRODUCTIONS AND NATIONAL ANTHEM PROTOCOL**

- 5. All four officials should face the flag and stand at attention during the National Anthem.**
- 6. All four officials should face the court during player introductions.**
- 7. At the completion of player introductions, the first referee should take a step toward the court, whistle and beckon both teams onto the court to shake hands. (If hands are not to be shaken, the first referee can motion for the starting players to take their court positions and the remaining team members to go to the bench area).**
- 8. The line judges retrieve their flags from the referee's platform and proceed to their respective corners.**
- 9. The first referee takes a position on the referee's platform while the second referee crosses the court to check the line-ups.**
- 10. The libero should be off the court during the line-up check.**



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After introductions all team members may go to the end line to participate in the traditional hand shake with the opponents prior to the match.

The starting players should remain on the court and may huddle briefly (the libero may be included) before the R2 checks the starting line-ups.z

The libero should be off the court during the line-up check.



# INTRODUCTIONS AND NATIONAL ANTHEM PROTOCOL







# **Start of Match Protocol with No Introductions or National Anthem**

- 1. If a match does not include the National Anthem and introductions, both referees assume their positions for the start of the match.**
- 2. The line judges move, with their flags, to their respective corners of the court.**
- 3. The second referee whistles and directs the players from their team benches to their respective end lines. The teams shall line up on the end lines until the first referee whistles and beckons the players to enter the court.**

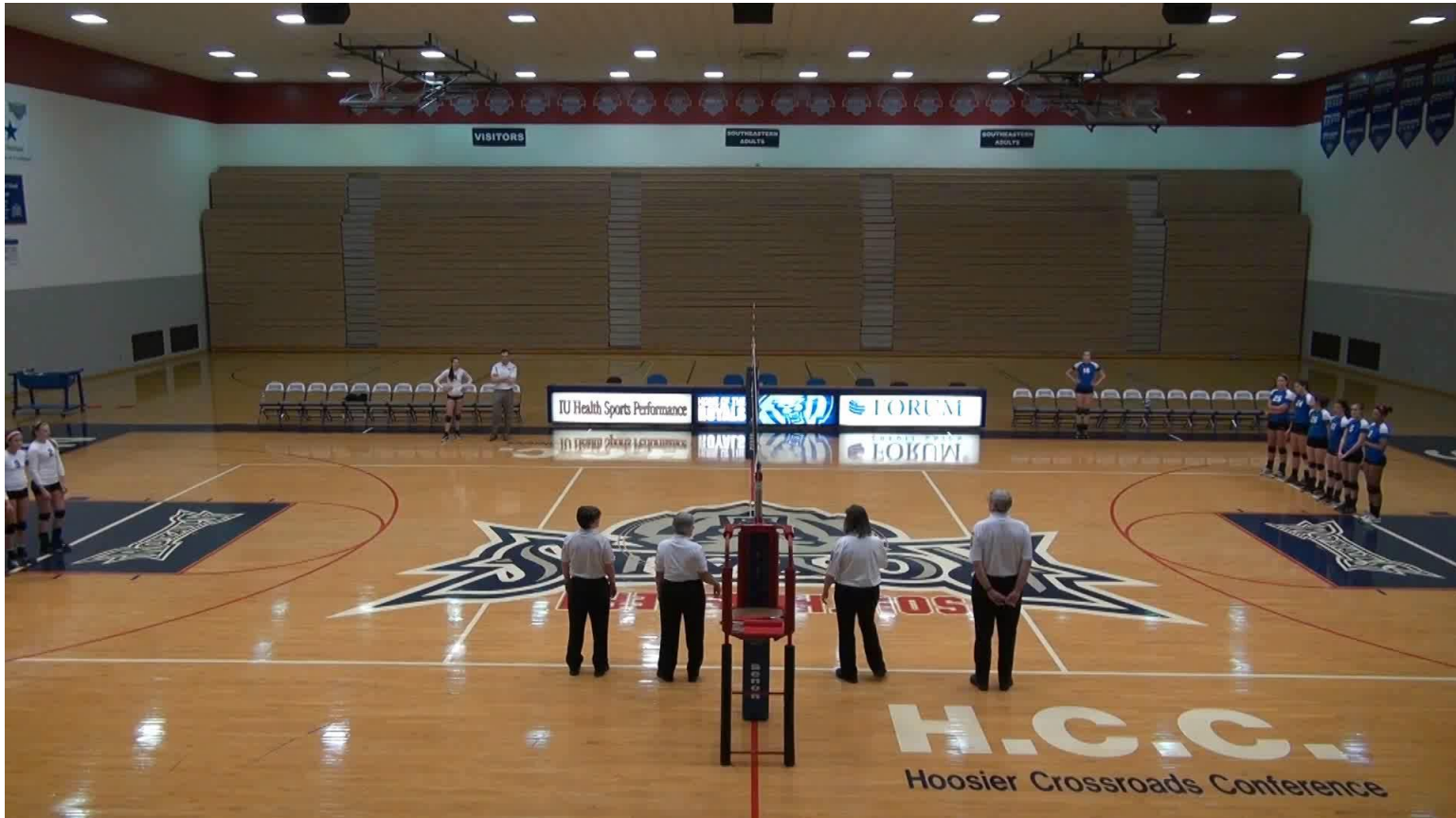
**In the case where no introductions are made, all team members may go to the end line to participate in the traditional hand shake with the opponents prior to the match.**

**After the hand shake, the teams may huddle briefly on the court. The first referee then motions for the starting players to take their court positions and the remaining team members are to go to the bench area. The libero, if used, should be off the court during the line-up check by the second referee.**





# Start of Match Protocol with No Introductions or National Anthem



1<sup>st</sup> with just starters on the end line—R1 whistles to shake hands at net

# Start of Match Protocol with No Introductions or National Anthem



- 2<sup>nd</sup> with the entire team on the end line and non-starters exit prior to line up check



# STARTING THE MATCH

1. The second referee moves to the sideline beside the court and uses his/her lineup card, *not the score sheet*, to verify that the players are in their proper positions on the court. The second referee checks the receiving team's line-up first, signals the libero (if used) to enter the court and identifies the floor captain to the first referee by using an open hand to designate that player. The captain shall respond by raising his/her arm toward the first referee. The first referee recognizes each team captain. The second referee then follows the same procedure for the serving team.
2. The second referee takes the game ball from the officials' table, rolls the ball to the server, checks that the scorer and libero tracker have finished checking the player positions on the court, takes a position on the receiving side of the net, and gives the ready-to-play signal to the first referee.
3. The first referee establishes eye contact to receive the ready to play signal from the second referee. The first referee then begins to scan the court beginning with the receiving team, to the bench area, the scorer and second referee, the serving team to the server. Assuring that everyone is ready for the match to begin, the first referee whistles and beckons for serve.



**Thoroughness in pre-match procedures enables the officials to be properly prepared for the match, thus setting the tone for the match to begin on time, in a smooth and efficient manner.**



# STARTING THE MATCH

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