

Referee Notes

1. Remember to write a 1 or a 2 on the back of each score sheet you take from the scorer's desk. **Ask one player to pick a number, 1 or 2.** If they name the number on the back of the score sheet, allow them the choice of **servicing, receiving,** or the **side** to play on. The opposing side gets the remaining choice. The serve alternates to the other side in game 2.
2. Issue a **wrist band** to the first server on each team so you know who was the beginning server in the even court. The bands will only fit on the wrist. Return them to the scorer's bench with the score sheet when you are finished.
3. Tell players the referee will announce the score prior to each serve. If they serve before you announce the score, have them serve again.
4. Stand on the side of the net that is serving and hold one or two fingers under the clipboard to remind you of the number of the server. Announce "side out" when the service changes to the other side.
5. Before the match begins tell the players that the referee will call the kitchen lines and they will call the side lines and the base line. Allow a few minutes for both teams to warm up. Wish both teams "good luck" and start the game.
6. Default to the players on the side where the disputed call (out of the kitchen area) is made for their decision.
7. Allow two time outs per game, per side, if wanted. When a time out is called tell players not to leave the court until they have placed their racket on their side of the court in the correct place.
8. Winners matches are the best two of three to 11, win by two and switch sides after each game. Switch sides in game three after one team reaches 6. Loser's matches are one game to 15 win by two and switch sides at 8.
9. Return, clipboard, score sheet (circle the winning team), pencil, wrist bands, and ball to the scorers table after each game. I have no real idea how long this tournament will last but it does depend on the referees' ability to keep the game moving. Remember, according the USAPA rules, a player has 10 seconds to serve after the referee has announced the score. We do not adhere to that rule but do try to keep things moving.

Note: Remember the serve must be made with the ball struck below the waist and the tip of the paddle below the wrist, when the ball is served. This is a rule violated by some players and if it happens, give the player a verbal warning and say the next time he/she will be given a fault for either violation.

Above all, referees need to be consistent and decisive. Do watch the kitchen lines for foot faults rather than watching the actual play. Championship games will have line judges to help out. Remember, in a championship match, if the loser's bracket team wins 2 out 3 games from the winner's bracket team, a final game to 15 is played and win by two is in effect. There could be 4 games in a championship game for 1st place.