

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL PRE-MATCH COUNTDOWN PROTOCOL*(Revised September 2014)***For 7:00pm Match Start**

7:00 Start	Clock	Alloted Time	Action
• 5:30 pm	90:00	30 minutes	Open court
• 6:00 pm	60:00	15 minutes	Ball control, own side of net, no balls crossing the net
• 6:15 pm	45:00	10 minutes	Serve and pass only, no stretching on court, no pepper
• 6:25 pm	35:00		Coin Toss with Clock Stopped
• 6:25 pm	35:00	10 minutes	Visiting Team on Floor
• 6:35 pm	25:00	10 minutes	Home Team on Floor
• 6:45 pm	15:00	5 minutes	Visiting Team on Floor
• 6:50 pm	10:00	5 minutes	Home Team on Floor
• 6:55 pm	5:00	5 minutes	National Anthem, Team Introductions (international protocol)
• 7:00pm	0:00		Match Begins

Notes:

1. Home team chooses its bench.
2. Coin Toss will take place 35 minutes prior to the match start time with clock stopped.
3. No ball handling on the playing area by the team off the court.
4. National Anthem: International protocol shall be used for introduction of teams and officials and for the national anthem. All players shall line up at center court and face their respective benches with referees and linespersons in the middle between teams; team captains shall be on the 3-meter line with starting libero next in line followed by the remaining players by order of jersey number. When a team has two liberos, the second libero will be the last player in the team presentation line. After the anthem, players shall shake hands of the opposing team and return to their benches. Introductions shall commence with the visiting team announce first.
5. Each host institution shall have balls and carts on the court(s) at 90 minutes prior to the official start time of the match with the court in game-ready condition including nets.
6. The host institution SID shall provide visiting teams and officials with the official match itinerary/protocol prior to the game.
7. The host institution SID will provide visiting team with a copy of the match scoresheet and box score immediately following the match and will immediately post the match result on that institution's website and convey the results to the MPSF's volleyball media relations contact Darren Preston at dp725@sbcglobal.net.
8. Host institutions shall provide 30 properly inflated balls and two ball carts, or if there is a separate warm-up court available, the host team shall provide balls and a ball cart on the warm-up court.
9. Intermissions: allowed but not mandated. MPSF institutions shall declare whether an intermission will take place at their home matches or not.
10. Celebrations or promotions such as Senior Night, etc., must start promptly at 7:00pm or the designated match start time, and will be limited to no more than five minutes maximum. Activities of longer duration may take place at the end of the match. Such events shall be noted on the game itinerary and the opposing coach shall be notified by 24 hours in advance.

Any changes to above protocol must be approved by both coaches and the conference office no later than one-week prior to the match and will be noted on the pre-match itinerary distributed to both head coaches, the officials, the scorer's table and game management personnel.

Time Outs shall be 90 seconds in duration with a warning whistle to be blown at 75 seconds

- Each team shall receive two timeouts of 90-seconds per set.

The following shall apply when media are present:

- There shall be a media timeout in sets 1 through 4 when the first team reaches 15 points.
- In set 5, the media timeout will be taken when the first team reaches 8 points.
- The media timeout (90 seconds) will be cancelled if either team calls a timeout prior to the scheduled media timeout. If media determines a time out is not necessary both teams shall defer to the producer's decision.
- The timing of timeouts shall be worked out with attendant media (including TV, radio and internet) and a timeline shall be provided to participating teams in a pre-match itinerary sheet.

MPSF MVB Media Timeouts

It has always been the philosophy of this group to accommodate media in order to promote the sport. In the spirit of this philosophy, legitimate requests for media time outs will be granted. Officials working MPSF matches have been instructed to accommodate such requests, regardless if the request is coming from media working home or road matches.