

# MPSF International Pre-match Protocol

- At the end of the official warm-up the following (after home team has completed their final warm up).
- At side line next to the net 1st referee “left side of court” to his/her left L1, At side line 2<sup>nd</sup> referee “right side of court” to his/her right L2
  - Teams line up facing the court in the following order:
    - At the intersection of the 3 meter line and the side line, captain, starting libero, balance of team numerically from low to high, second libero
- When both teams and officials are in position the 1<sup>st</sup> referee will motion/whistle all to enter the court and proceed to the middle of the court after which all will rotate and face their team bench/scorer’s table
- At this time the national anthem will be played
- At the completion of the national anthem the 1<sup>st</sup> referee will whistle for the teams to shake hands at center court while the officials will back up directly to the side line behind them.
- After teams have completed their handshakes at the net all will leave the court
  - 1<sup>st</sup> referee will take position on stand
  - 2nd referee will walk across the court and obtain line up cards
  - Lines people will walk across the court and obtain their respective game balls
- Team introductions (typically the six starters are to enter the court from the bench area when announced)
- Lines people will give balls to ball retrievers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> referee will verify positions on court for visiting team, authorize libero to enter court
- 2<sup>nd</sup> referee will verify positions on court for home team, authorize libero to enter court
- 2<sup>nd</sup> referee will give game ball to serving team
- \*\*\*At this time a special ceremonial server can be used\*\*\*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> referee to verify that scorer is ready, then signal to 1<sup>st</sup> referee both the scorer and the 2<sup>nd</sup> referee are ready
- 1<sup>st</sup> referee shall beckon for serve.