

# MPSF PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL

The following pre-game time schedule shall be followed for all Federation men's volleyball matches: Courts shall be game ready with the net set-up and available for both teams to begin pre-match warm-up ninety minutes (1½ hours) prior to match start time. For the initial portion of the warm-up period the court shall be shared by both teams with each having one side. Coaches shall set-up their shared court warm-ups and jump serving with student-athlete safety in mind. Courtesy shall be provided to opponents during shared-court warm-ups.

## **\*PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL for 7:00pm start time** (revised 5/09):

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| • 5:30 – 6:25pm | 90:00 | Shared Court (no hitting/stretching on court during serving/passing) |
| • 6:25pm        | 35:00 | <u>Coin Toss with Clock Stopped</u>                                  |
| • 6:25 – 6:35pm | 35:00 | Visiting Team on Floor   |
| • 6:35 – 6:45pm | 25:00 | Home Team on Floor   |
| • 6:45 – 6:50pm | 15:00 | Visiting Team on Floor   |
| • 6:50 – 6:55pm | 10:00 | Home Team on Floor   |
| • 6:55 – 7:00pm | 5:00  | National Anthem & Team Introductions                                 |
| • 7:00pm        | 0:00  | Match Start  |

### Notes:

1. Home team chooses bench.
2. Coin toss will take place 35 minutes prior to the match start time with clock stopped.
3. \*Home team will provide visiting team and officials with official match itinerary/protocol.
4. No ball handling on the playing area by the team off the court.
5. The host institution shall have balls and carts on the court(s) at 5:30pm or 90 minutes prior to the official start time of the match with the court in game-ready condition including nets.
6. Each host institution will provide 30 properly inflated balls and two ball carts, or if there is a separate warm-up court available, the host team shall also provide balls and a ball cart on the warm-up court.
7. 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. Activities of longer duration may take place at the end of the match. All such events shall be noted on the game itinerary and the opposing coach shall be notified more than 24 hours in advance.

*\*Any changes to above protocol must be approved by both the opposing coach 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.*

- Box Scores: All teams shall post box scores on their websites after each home match.
- Time Outs: All times shall be 75 seconds unless altered by television broadcast needs.