



GEVA MATCH PROTOCOL 2024-2025 Season

Rule and Procedure Modifications for Junior Play

- **Roster Checks**

- Two rosters will be provided to, and reviewed by the Site Directors upon a team's check in. One copy will be brought to the score table of each team's court.
- Referees will ask the players' names and verify their number on the roster.
- Adults on the roster must be confirmed.
- Only rostered team members may be in the bench area.
- Players' names may not be handwritten on the roster.
- Player numbers may be changed without penalty before the roster is submitted to the officials.
- Player number changes after rosters have been submitted to the officials will be penalized one point at the beginning of their first match of the day (as per rule).
- Players who will not be present that day will be lined out and initialed by the Head Coach.
- Players identified by the Coach as to arrive later in the day are to be left on the roster.
 - Players on the roster not verified prior to their team's first match must report to the Site Director before being allowed to participate.
- Rosters must be signed by the Head Coach.
- Rosters will be signed or initialed by the referee after verification.
- The roster for each playing team must be present on that court score table.

Note: GEVA Board of Director members are permitted to be on the bench when invited by the Head Coach. This may require introduction to the R1 by the visiting Board Member.

The GEVA Juniors Competition Chair, The GEVA Commissioner, and or the GEVA Director of Operations are permitted to sit on any team bench with or without invitation.

- **Warmups:**

- Each team's warmup will be 5 minutes until both teams have played their first match.
- Warmups thereafter will be 3 minutes for each team.
- When the officiating team of the previous match is to play in the next match, they will warm up second, regardless of the results of the coin toss. (This is intended to allow the officiating team extra time to complete their assigned responsibilities. and for other team activities prior to their match).
- Officials will not provide time remaining in the warmup warnings to coaches/teams unless requested.
- If one or both teams prefer not to shake hands, this will be stated at the captains' meeting and the choice will be honored.
- Pre-match Coach and Referee Greeting:
- Immediately prior to each match, the teams will line up on the end line. The First Referee and the two playing team Head Coaches will meet near center court for a pre-match greeting. **This is to be visible and is intended to display a congenial relationship between the parties.**

- **Officiating Team:**

- A rostered adult will be at the score table, at all times during a team's officiating assignment. Exception: (rare) if the officiating team's only rostered adult is serving as R1 or R2
- Cell phones are not to be used at the score table. This includes the rostered adult. Violations result in a one point per occurrence penalty which will be assessed to the officiating team's next match. (if no other device is available, a singular cell phone may be used for timing purposes).
- When a complete officiating team (including a rostered adult) is not present and ready to perform the duties of their assignment with 3 minutes remaining in the timed warm up period, a one point per minute late penalty will be assessed to their next match.
- Junior R2s will check the lineups, confirming them with the scorekeeper, for each team before every set, and then will ask the coaches to verify that the correct players are on the court and in their correct position. Officials and or the rostered adult will remind the players to do this if they appear to forget. This is intended to take the pressure off the officiating team should an error be found later.

Sporting Conduct for all members and spectators

GEVA has a Zero Tolerance Policy with Standards and Criteria.

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- All Participants are to adhere to the GEVA Zero Tolerance Policy and the Standards and Criteria published. The conduct of all is to remain above reproach. There are immediate sanctions available at the Officials discretion.
 - It is O.K, to politely ask for rule clarification.
 - It is never permissible to challenge a judgment call. Immediate Sanctions will be applied
- Teams have a protest option. Protests are limited to questions of application or interpretations of rules. Coaches should be aware of the proper protest procedure.
 - Officials will honor proper protest requests.

Spectator Conduct:

- When a spectator becomes abusive to an official, a player, or officiating team member:
 - The team captain(s) will be called to the ladder and asked to have their coach address the behavior.
 - If the behavior persists or is repeated, the First Referee will whistle, send the teams to the end line, call the coach of the apparent offending team to the ladder, ask the coach to address the behavior and explain that the next step will be forfeiture of the match.
 - The Site Director will be notified, and removal of the offending spectator may be considered. Any escalation will be addressed situationally by calling either facility staff and or local law enforcement.
 - If another stoppage becomes necessary, a forfeit/default will be declared.
- **Non-Playing Conduct:**
 - If a Coach or player's conduct is observed or heard by an official or Site Director, while they are a non-playing team, which would have resulted in a sanction had they been a playing team at the time, the same sanction will be applied to that Coach or player at the beginning of the next match they play.
 - This action will be reported immediately to the Site Director for application of the sanction.
 - This is true even if the sanction must be applied at the team's next tournament.

Miscellaneous:

- USAV rule 18.2.1 is in effect. Site Directors will make the determination as to whether there is a side advantage, and whether a clear disadvantage exists on one side of the court to switch sides between sets and during the deciding set.

- The first referee will evaluate the Junior R2 and Scorer in the Remarks section of the score sheet after every match. If the R2 or Scorer does not complete a minimum of the first 2 sets the first referee will note this on the score sheet and not award a passing evaluation.

PLAYERS PLAY - COACHES COACH - OFFICIALS OFFICIATE
SPECTATORS SHOULD FIND THE JOY IN THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING INVITED TO
VIEW THIS WONDROUS GAME THE **PLAYERS ARE PLAYING.**

(Applicable to GEVA Conducted and Authorized Events Only)