



**COVID-19 Related Protocol
Changes (TASO) and
Risk Mitigation Guidelines
(UIL) for Volleyball**

Please be aware of the changes TASO has implemented to mitigate the risk associated with COVID-19 and the Risk Mitigation Guidelines implemented by UIL for Volleyball.

With all the new and changing information, coaches and teams may still a bit confused. Our desire is to inform and educate everyone to avoid penalty or issues as we start the season.

Pre-match Conference (TASO directives)

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- **Only R1, R2 and each Head Coach are REQUIRED to be at the Pre-match Conference. ONE Captain is allowed to be at the Pre-match conference, but is not REQUIRED.**
- **Start conference with introductions - BUT NO HANDSHAKES OR HIGH FIVES.**
- **Only Scorekeeper, Timer and Libero Tracker are allowed at the table.**

Pre-match Conference (cont.)

Scorer, Tracker, Timer



Libero Tracker Scorer Timer

Pre-match Conference

- **The officials will:**
 - **Go over local ground rules such as non-playable areas, vertical backboards, change of surface, etc.**
 - **Review rules regarding hair devices and jewelry.**
 - **Ask Head Coach if all players are properly and legally equipped.**
 - **Remind everyone that players are responsible for retrieving the ball quickly to return to play.**
 - **Remind players to continue play until you hear the whistle.**

Pre-match Conference (cont.)

- **There are changes in match protocol that should be discussed in the Pre-match Conference:**
 - **Visiting Team will serve first.**
 - **Teams will NOT switch sides AT ALL throughout the match.**
 - **Remind Coaches that their rosters are to be turned in to the Score Table prior to 10 minutes left on pre-game clock. (Not to the Pre-match meeting like last year.)**

Pre-match Conference (cont.)

Protocol changes – points of emphasis (cont.):

- If there is a deciding set, the Captain from each team will meet the R2 at the center of the court for Coin Toss.
 - If there is a deciding set, Home Team Captain will call toss.
 - Winner of the toss chooses Serve or Receive.
 - Teams will continue to maintain the same side of the court they are on.

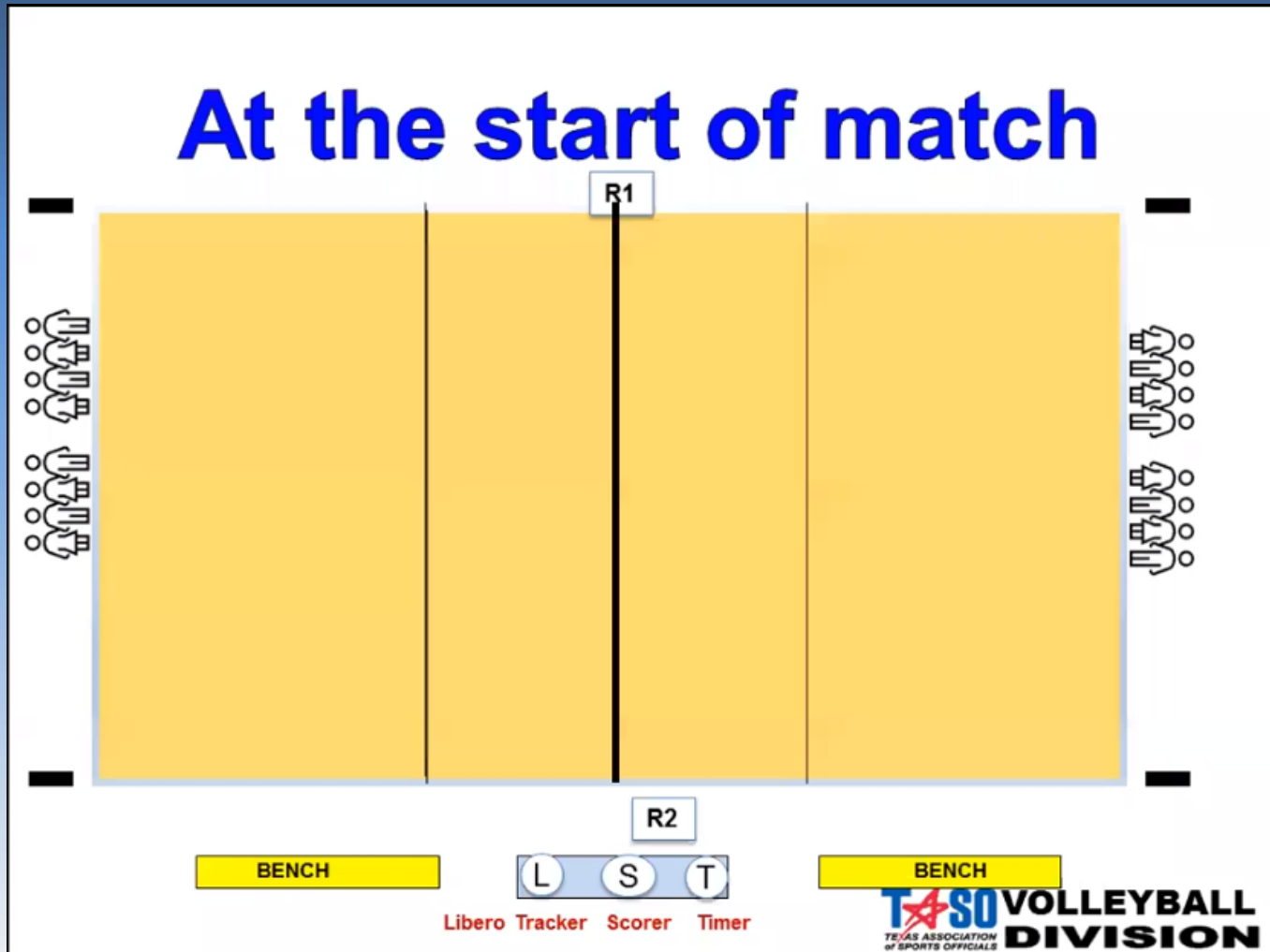
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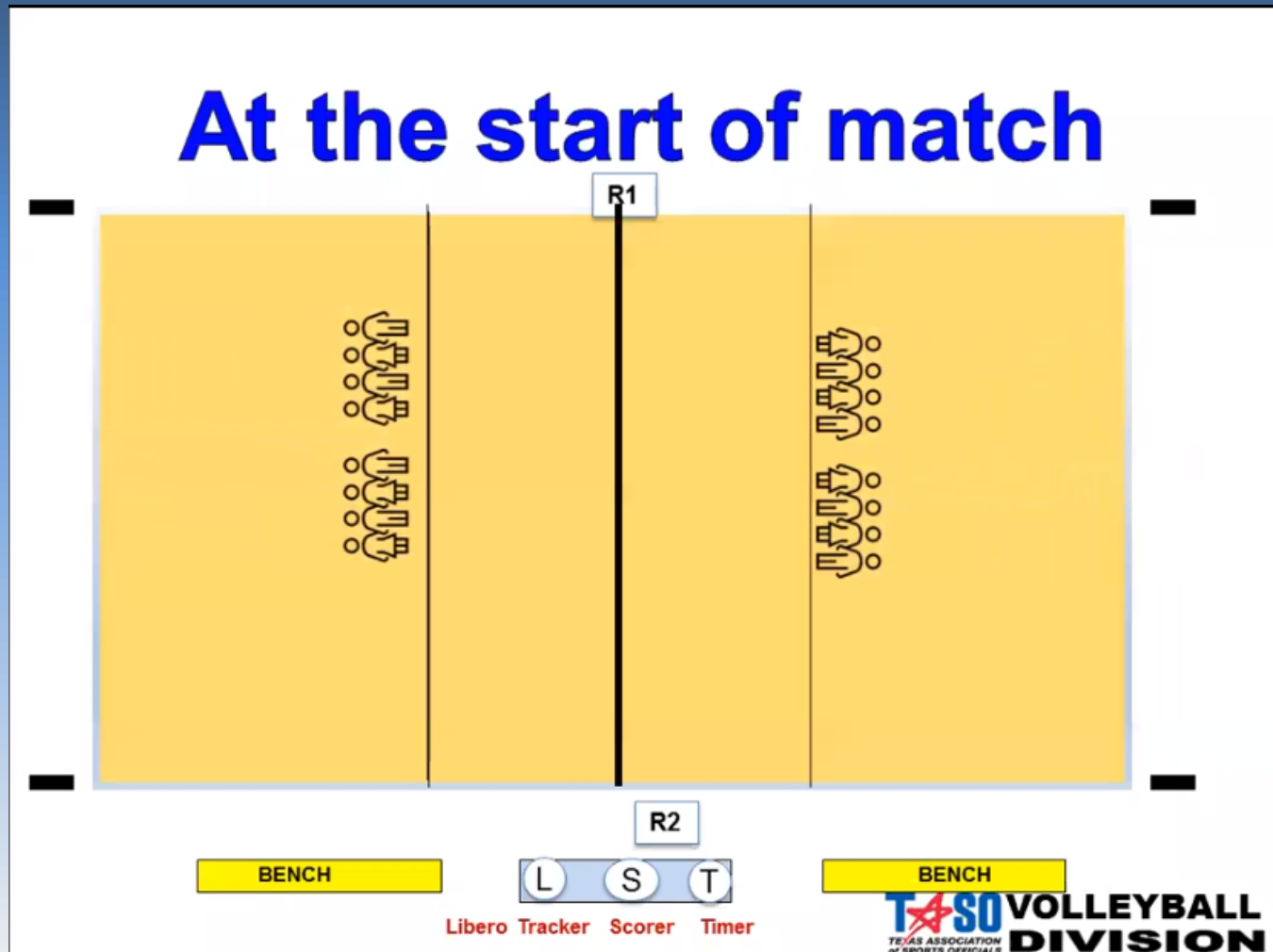
AT THE START OF THE MATCH

- Both teams will line up on their respective end lines. It can be entire team or just the starting players.
- R1 will whistle and motion for teams to advance to the Attack Line where the players will wave to their opponents.
- R1 will whistle to release players to their starting positions. Players can be allowed to return for a **BRIEF** meeting with the coach before coming back to the court.

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DURING THE MATCH

- R2 will maintain social distancing from both the players and the Score Table personnel while overseeing a substitution.
- During a Time Out, to maintain social distancing, R2 can ask Scorekeeper to show the scorebook and communicate that it is accurate rather than initial in the scorebook (as done in the past).

Protocol Changes (cont.)

AT THE END OF EACH SET

- R1 will whistle and signal for End of Set.
- R1 will motion for teams to return to their respective benches.

Protocol Changes (cont.)

AT THE END OF THE MATCH

- R1 will whistle and signal for End of Set.
- **R2** will motion for teams to move to their respective Attack Line. Entire team is allowed to go to Attack Line to wave at opponents at the conclusion of the match.
- R1 will whistle to release players to their benches.
- Officials exit safely and promptly.

UIL Risk Mitigation Guidelines

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UIL has set the following guidelines that schools are expected to follow. Volleyball Officials are not in charge of enforcing these rules; however, they should bring these matters to the attention of the administrator on duty or the coach, as applicable.

UIL Risk Mitigation Guidelines (cont.)

These guidelines are specifically listed on the UIL website:

- **The host site should provide sports and contest officials an area to enter and exit separate from fans when possible. Officials should be provided a dressing and meeting area, if applicable, that has been cleaned and disinfected prior to their arrival.**

UIL Risk Mitigation Guidelines (cont.)

- **Before each game, contest, or event, schools should follow the screening protocols...to screen all staff members, contractors, volunteers, sports officials, contest judges, and any individuals otherwise involved in working the event. These individuals should also self-screen as described in these screening protocols.**

Officials should expect to be screened prior to entry to the match.

UIL Risk Mitigation Guidelines (cont.)

- **Face coverings do not have to be worn while exercising or competing on the court, in the match.** Face coverings must be worn by all team personnel (coaches, managers, players not in the match) while on the bench.

Questions And Concerns

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During scrimmages and matches held at the start of the season, questions or concerns came up that were asked to officials. Here are just a few of the questions and the answer were given or what we found out.

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The team that does not have the court may pepper anywhere as long as they are not in close proximity to their opponents. *(answer provided by TASO)*

We recommend, if the team wants to pepper during the opponent's time at the net, please do so BEHIND the team on the court away from the opposing team.

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TASO has created an instructional video for coaches, to be distributed by each chapter, to use as an instructional video for players for calling lines during the season. We would greatly appreciate having your players see this training to assist our officials during the season. Our officials will also brief the line judges on these duties before each match where students are used as Line Judges.

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As we have researched the available guidelines from UIL, when students or parents from the schools are used as line judges, that all match participants WHO ARE NOT COMPETING are required to wear a face covering.

That being said, TASO Officials are NOT authorized to enforce UIL guidelines. If officials see or are concerned that COVID-19 risk mitigation guidelines are not being followed, they should bring it to the attention of the host administration. It is up to the host administration to manage and enforce UIL rules and regulations.



We appreciate you taking the time to see this presentation.

We fully expect more guidelines and changes to regulations as we all navigate through this ever-changing endeavor. We will do our best to keep you aware of the latest and best practices to help us all get through this.



**Do you have a question you
would like answered?**

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