PAVO/USAV SECOND REFEREE CRITERIA

Here are the expanded descriptions of the elements on the rating sheet:

A. Judgment

- Calls net faults; allows appropriate latitude on net contacts that do not interfere with play.
- 2. Recognizes & calls centerline faults.
- 3. Recognizes & calls position faults on the receiving team.
- Recognizes & calls back row player faults & illegal attacks from libero sets. Shows awareness when these situations occur, legally & illegally.
- Detects & indicates touches off the block immediately at the end of a rally.
- 6. Whistles antenna faults appropriately.
- 7. Anticipates unusual plays, including antennas, pancakes, views back row attack hits near 3-meter line, etc.

B. Mechanics

- Uses the correct hand signals. Signals are executed clearly & held long enough for communication.
- 2. Exhibits solid knowledge of current officiating techniques.
- 3. Uses correct signaling sequence in appropriate tempo.
- Mimics all appropriate signals given by first referee, & is visible to first referee while signaling.
- Whistle is clear, sharp, authoritative, & audible. Varies whistle tones to differentiate match situations (for example, timeouts versus infractions versus an object on the court).
- 6. Has quick reaction time with the whistle.
- Scans benches, court, & first referee prior to each serve & at the end of each play. Shows awareness of libero replacements (and libero serving for NCAA).

C. Positioning/Focus

- Obtains a clear view of the receiving team prior to each serve, but is positioned so that peripheral vision can detect activity from the serving team's bench.
- 2. Focuses attention on the blocking side of the net during play.
- 3. Position is 3-6 feet from the net post as facilities allow.
- Transitions at an appropriate time. Transitions quickly to the blocking side during rallies, but is stationary at ball contact.
- 5. After moving to blocking side, is able to further adjust position to see the play develop or assist first referee.
- Establishes a position that enables view of both blockers & attackers through the net, shoulders/feet slightly angled to open body to attacker's side.
- 7. Is able to follow fast play at the net & adjust to varying tempos during a rally.
- To give assistance or at the end of each rally, steps to one side of the net support & is clearly visible to first referee.
- 9. Broadens & narrows focus appropriately during play.

D. Match Control

- Controls, oversees & times warm-up periods. Obtains lineups at specified times, & uses preventive measures to correct potential problems. Affirms uniform & player equipment legality. Checks rosters (if applicable). Efficiently manages time during pre-match warm-ups, timeouts, and intervals between sets.
- Checks lineups on the court prior to each set & identifies captains for first referee. Authorizes pre-set libero entry.
- 3. Makes decisions quickly & accurately.
- 4. Facilitates communication among the benches, line judges, scorekeepers, first referee, game management, & media.
- Observes & reacts appropriately to occurrences during play & between rallies.
- Responds quickly to timeout & substitution requests from the bench while minimizing delays to the match.
- Facilitates substitution from position near the score table & authorizes entry. Communicates status of substitution process to coach, scorekeepers, & first referee.

E. Communication with Match Participants

- 1. Addresses players/coaches respectfully, in a dignified way.
- 2. Maintains an approachable demeanor & positive attitude.
- Initiates conversation with captains or other team members when appropriate; interacts professionally & efficiently without allowing unnecessary delay; displays & executes superior verbal & non-verbal communication skills.
- Acknowledges concerns of coaches & captains when they disagree, but minimizes delay of the match.
- Appropriately deals with questions & concerns from the bench. Addresses coaches' concerns out of the front zone, and does not delay the match. Answers & clarifies questions from the bench on decisions made by first referee.

F. Communication with Officiating Team

- 1. Reviews match responsibilities & techniques with first referee.
- Ensures lineup is correctly entered on scoresheet. Reviews duties with other score table staff. Communicates clearly with scorekeepers during the match.
- 3. Displays superior verbal & non-verbal communication skills with other officials; avoids inappropriate body language.
- 4. Makes frequent eye contact with first referee & score table.
- 5. Offers discreet assistance to the first referee on calls where the first referee may not have a clear view of the play.
- 6. Provides encouragement to first referee & line judges after difficult decisions.
- 7. Is alert to addressing questions or concerns from line judges. Clarifies calls made by line judges when needed.
- 8. Coordinates the work of speed wipers & ball crew.

G. Professionalism

- Wears a correct uniform that is clean & pressed; is wellgroomed & professional in appearance.
- Treats the match & participants with respect & attention. Dignified conduct.
- Recovers after controversial or adverse situations & maintains appropriate tempo for the established level of play; handles unusual situations well.
- Displays calm, but decisive manner & a low-key but cordial attitude.
- Projects confidence in oneself & in the performance of the entire officiating team.
- 6. Displays a spirit of cooperation toward officiating team, coaches, players, event management, & the media.
- 7. Maintains appropriate attitude throughout the match.
- Allows appropriate amount of time & ends timeout period with a warning whistle (if appropriate) & a final whistle. Informs first referee and coach/captain of the number of timeouts taken by each team.
- 9. Ensures that team members remain in the bench or warm-up areas as appropriate. Is aware of bench conduct.
- Gives verbal warnings at appropriate times with an appropriate demeanor.
- 11. Requests sanctions from first referee when warranted.
- 12. Stays alert to safety issues from arrival to departure.
- Protects officiating team from abuse by players, coaches, & spectators.
- Assists first referee in establishing & maintaining appropriate match tempo. Supervises floor wiping by players, minimizing delay.
- 15. Adapts to level of competition.