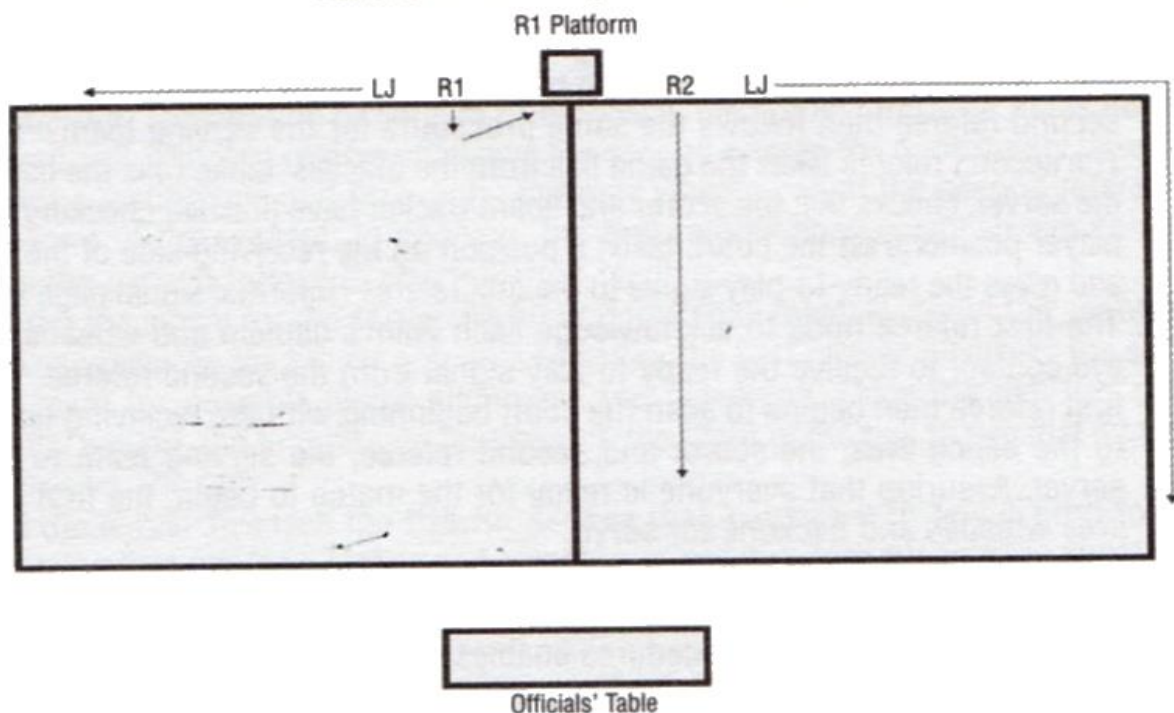


INTRODUCTIONS AND NATIONAL ANTHEM PROTOCOL

(Unless determined otherwise by state association)

1. At the end of the timed warm-up, both referees and the two line judges walk across the court.
2. The first referee and one line judge should be on the left side of the net (looking from the officials' table), first referee closest to the net.
3. The second referee and one line judge should be on the right side of the net (looking from the officials' table), second referee closest to the net.
4. The line judge flags should be placed on the referee's stand.
5. All four officials should face the flag and stand at attention during the National Anthem.
6. All four officials should face the court during player introductions.
7. At the completion of player introductions, the first referee should take a step toward the court, whistle and beckon both teams onto the court to shake hands (if hands are not to be shaken, the first referee can motion for the teams to go to the bench area).
8. The line judges go to their respective corners with their flags.
9. The first referee takes a position on the referee's platform while the second referee crosses the court to check the lineups (See Diagram 2).

National Anthem/Player Introductions



Note: If a match does not include the National Anthem and introductions, the line judges go to their respective corners of the court and both referees assume their positions for the start of the match. The teams shall line up on the end lines until the first referee whistles and signals the players to enter the court.