



Role of the Beach Monitor (v8.1)

1. Inspect playing site with Host to identify any safety issues (net poles padded, etc.). Establish any safety-related ground rules. Monitor safety issues including heat, humidity, and lightning.
2. Prior to start of competition, host a meeting for players, coaches and parents. Include a brief synopsis of rules of play, recent rule changes, and any specific *local ground rules*.
TIP: Use the current USAV Beach "Quick Guide" as your outline.
3. Promote good sportsmanship! Be an ambassador for "The Spirit of the Game" by encouraging players to make their own decisions during the match without outside assistance.
4. Remind coaches, parents, and fans to respect the "Spirit of the Game." *Instruction of any sort, including "calling shots" or offering specific feedback to the players is not allowed.* Courtside coaches are only permitted to instruct during timeouts and non-disruptively (without delay) during the side-switches.
5. Remain active and visible. Move from court to court; encourage servers to "call the score" and empower referee teams to make appropriate calls. Facilitate good time management!
6. **CRITICAL FUNCTION:** Ensure that results are submitted on-time. The correct match winner and scores must be reported *accurately*. Remind the players to update their Pool Sheet!
7. Ensure that the pools are running on time. If necessary, expedite the pace of play on lagging courts. Reminder: time-outs should only take 1 minute and should be taken *near court*.
8. Resolve rule interpretations when necessary. Encourage and empower the work teams to make appropriate decisions (ex. ball handling, net faults). Help the ref-team stay engaged!
9. Depending on the event schedule and flow, officiate where needed. Expect to whistle the semifinals and finals.
10. When possible, mentor local beach referees by providing appropriate feedback and training.
11. Assist event staff, by, among other duties:
 - Conduct a cursory check that courts are ready for competition: net heights, net tension, courts square and correct length, poles padded, ball pressure in acceptable range.
 - Retrieve pool play records.
 - Correct scoresheet and results entry errors (working with the players to do so).
 - Facilitate communication between event management desk/area and the courts/players.