



REFEREEING SITTING VOLLEYBALL

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What kind of people make good sitting volleyball referees?

- usually they are already volleyball referees
 - if not, they need to take a basic volleyball referee course to learn the rules of volleyball
- friendly and open
- flexible and ready to learn
- comfortable with people with disabilities

First referee (R1)

- do not be 'kind' because the athletes are disabled!
- R1 stands on the floor at the post
 - focuses on the attacker at net play
 - should move a little to the attacker's side to see lifting by the attacker
 - watches the net at service: eyes move from server *to net* to passer
 - because the game is fast, do not follow the flight of the ball—move the eyes ahead of the ball

Second referee (R2)

- R2 moves from side to side
 - to see lifting by the blocking team *rule*
24.3.2.8
 - move *early* to the block side—be there by the time the ball is in the setter's hands
 - look *down* first, to the buttocks, and then *up* to the hands
 - learn to look at the whole figure of the blocker(s)
 - move a little further when there are two or three blockers, to see all of their buttocks (composite block)

Second referee (R2)

- remember that it is legal to block service!
 - so start away from the net to see the blockers
- focuses on lifting much more than the net
 - R1 pays more attention to net contact: keep your eyes on the net for a moment longer than in volleyball

cooperation between the referees is very important because the game is



Referee training in England

- Grade C course for volleyball referees
 - focuses on differences in sitting volleyball
 - examination at the end of the course:
80% pass mark
- Practical assessment for Grade B
 - observed as *both* first *and* second referee
(normally in Grand Prix tournament)

Higher grades in England

- **Grade A**
 - after several observations
 - must also pass advanced theory examination, based on rules & World ParaVolley Referee Guidelines & Instructions
- **National**
 - best Grade A referees are given National grading
 - reviewed annually

World ParaVolley international referees

- are refereeing at the highest level in their own nation
- are recommended by their national federation
- must speak and understand English
- are under **45** years old when they take the course

World ParaVolley international referees

- take a one-week course taught by two World ParaVolley referee instructors
 - written and oral theory examinations
 - practical examinations as R1, R2, scorer
 - will also line judge during practical sessions