

# Casebook and Rules

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# VE Casebook

- You will be presented with a number of incidents that have actually happened in the NVL/UKSG over the last 10 years (and if you recognize yourself thank you for giving us a collective learning opportunity)
- You will be required to provide a series of options (if there are any options) and an explanation as to why each might be a viable course of action
- Your Spokesperson will be asked to offer what you believe is the correct decision/action based on the Rules of the Game and The VE Competition Regulations

# Wrong Player on Court 1

- UKSG Set 1 NI v Scotland West
- International match with Full protocol
- At 9-8 to NI the Scorer calls 'Wrong Server'
- Scoresheet shows player who served to be on the Bench and no Substitutions have taken place

# 1<sup>st</sup> Referee calls Positional Fault

- Div1 Men
- Tendring v Team Essex
- First Referee calls positional fault on Receiving Team
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee insisted there was no positional fault

# Referee awards Penalty

- Women's Div 2 North
- Team Sunderland v Sheffield Hallam
- Match Point in the 5<sup>th</sup> Set
- Warning already issued to Sheffield (behavior of Coach)
- Sheffield AC shouts comments at 1<sup>st</sup> Ref

# Wrong Player on Court 2

- Div 3 SE Men
- Set 1 Guildford v Portsmouth
- At 10-9 to Guildford the Scorer calls 'Wrong Server'
- Player 1 served but the score sheet (which agrees with the Line Up Sheet) indicates Player 10
- There is no Player 10 on the roster nor the bench

# Net Headline breaks Hitting Warm Up

- Women's Div 3 North
- Nottingham v Chester
- During the Hitting Warm Up the Net Headline snapped
- It took over 30 minutes to provide a replacement

# Sports Centre Manager calls 'Time'

- Men's S8
- Solent v London Lynx 1
- Before the 5<sup>th</sup> Set could commence the Sports Centre Manager announced that the booked slot (2½ hours) had expired and the match would have to conclude
- The Home Team asked for 'Time to negotiate an extension'

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee calls Positional fault

- M3SW
- Guildford v Cheltenham and Gloucester
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee indicated that the Player at Posn. 1 was closer to the Centre Line than the Player at posn. 2
- The Guildford Captain queried this and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee explained 3 times which 2 players were at fault. The Captain then approached the 1<sup>st</sup> Referee for an explanation and was told that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee had explained it. The Guildford Captain then indicated he wished to register a Protest

# Wrong Player on Court 1

- 15.9.2.3 the points scored by the team at fault *since the fault was committed* are cancelled; the opponent's points remain valid
- Need to identify when
- Potentially
  - Libero coming off court replaced with wrong player
  - Players returning after TTO
- Cannot have been at start as Protocol announced players onto court so likely after TTO

# Wrong Player on Court 1

- What Should the Ref have done?
  - Correct Line Up
  - Remove Points NI scored since TTO
  - Point and Service for Scotland West (Rotational fault)
  - Delay Sanction
- What did the Ref do?
  - Decided the LU had been wrong from the start
  - Removed all NI Points
  - Inevitably issued Penalty against NI coach for his reaction

# 1<sup>st</sup> Referee calls Positional Fault

- Not the 1<sup>st</sup> Referees call
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee should have insisted that his decision takes primacy
- If 1<sup>st</sup> Referee insists that his call is correct then the 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee *could* withdraw from the game as he cannot trust the 1<sup>st</sup> Referee to conduct his duties and presumably the 1<sup>st</sup> Referee doesn't trust him
- If the 1<sup>st</sup> Referee thought there was an issue with the LU then he could have called the 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee for a discussion

# 1<sup>st</sup> Referee calls Positional Fault

- What did happen
- 1<sup>st</sup> Referee insisted he was correct
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee accepted this
- 1<sup>st</sup> Referee was actually wrong and no Positional Fault had been committed
- Team deemed to be at fault did not enter a protest as the decision was immaterial to the result

# Referee awards Penalty

- Matches should *never* end on the award of a penalty point
- Referee had 3 options:
  - Call the Sheffield Captain across and remind them that a Warning has already been issued
  - Exclude the AC
  - Develop *selective hearing* (not ideal!)

# Referee awards Penalty

- What did happen
- Nothing – the 1<sup>st</sup> Referee was correct within the Rules of the Game although not the intent
  - (see similar FIVB casebook 6.4 - Penalties against each team no matter in which order. The score is counted only when each team has been penalized. Thus, a double penalty at the score of 24-25 would not end the set at 24-26, but the score would be 25-26.)

# Wrong Player on Court 2

- This is clearly an Administrative error by:
  - the Scorer who should have checked the LU Sheet against the roster and the players at the start of the set (and should have been checking shirt numbers as the players hit)
  - The Coach and captain for signing an incorrect Scoresheet
- What Should the Ref have done?
  - Have the error corrected by entry into the Remarks box
  - Delay Sanction
  - Allowed Player 1 to serve

# Wrong Player on Court 2

- What did the Ref do?
  - Removed all Points from the Serving Team
  - Point and Serve to the Opposition
- What did the Competitions Commission do?
  - Have the match replayed with the costs picked up by VE as it was felt that the Referees decision had a material affect on the result

# Net Headline breaks Hitting Warm Up

- Chester Coach persuaded the Referees that this fell within Regulation D 1.vi and applied the note which states that:
  - Any delay to the start of a match attributed to lack of equipment, the home team will be penalised in accordance with regulation E 5. Late Arrival
- and awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> Set to Chester 15-0
- The crux of this is that this about the *lack* of Equipment; as the equipment had been provided but had failed it should have been treated as an Exceptional Delay (the Warm Up is part of the match and as such should be considered to have started)

# Headline breaks Hitting Warm Up

- The Regulation has been clarified for this season:
  - Any delay to the start of a match attributed to lack of equipment, the home team will be penalised in accordance with regulation E 5. Late Arrival; this does not apply to equipment failures during the Warm Up or the match; these shall be dealt with in accordance with the Rules of the Game as Exceptional Delays.

# Sports Centre Manager calls 'Time'

- The Referee allowed this to be treated as an Exceptional Delay and gave the Home Team 15 minutes to negotiate an extra ½ hour of playing time
- This was agreed by the Sports Hall and London Lynx 1 went on to win the 5<sup>th</sup> set
- Solent appealed this decision and requested that the match should be awarded to them as London Lynx 1 had failed to book the required time for a Single Match (3 hrs.)
- The appeal was turned down as it was felt that the Referee had done the correct thing by ensuring a result on court

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee calls Positional fault

- When the protest was received it transpired that the Guildford Captain had had it explained that it was the Player at posn. 6 who was closer to the Centre Line than the Player at posn. 2.
- Whilst the 1<sup>st</sup> Referee was happy that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee was experienced and capable of dealing correctly with the situation it would have been better had he called the 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee to repeat the explanation so he could be satisfied there was no confusion at all