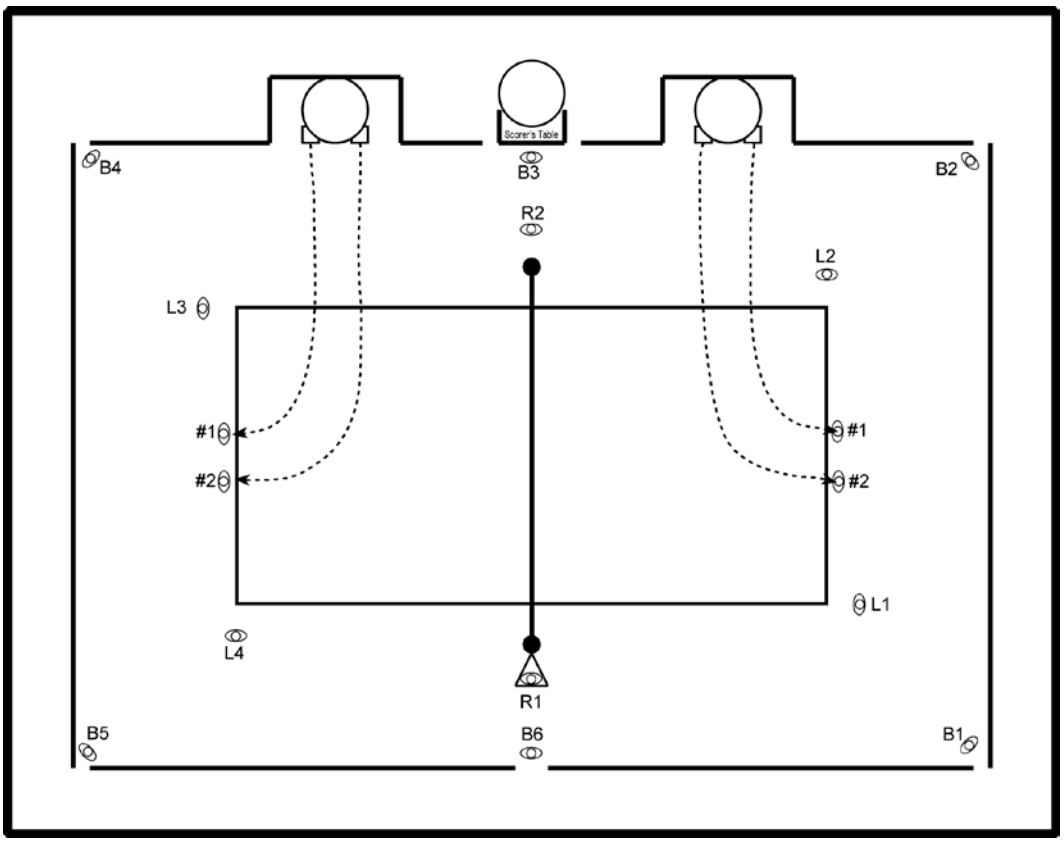
MATCH PROTOCOL

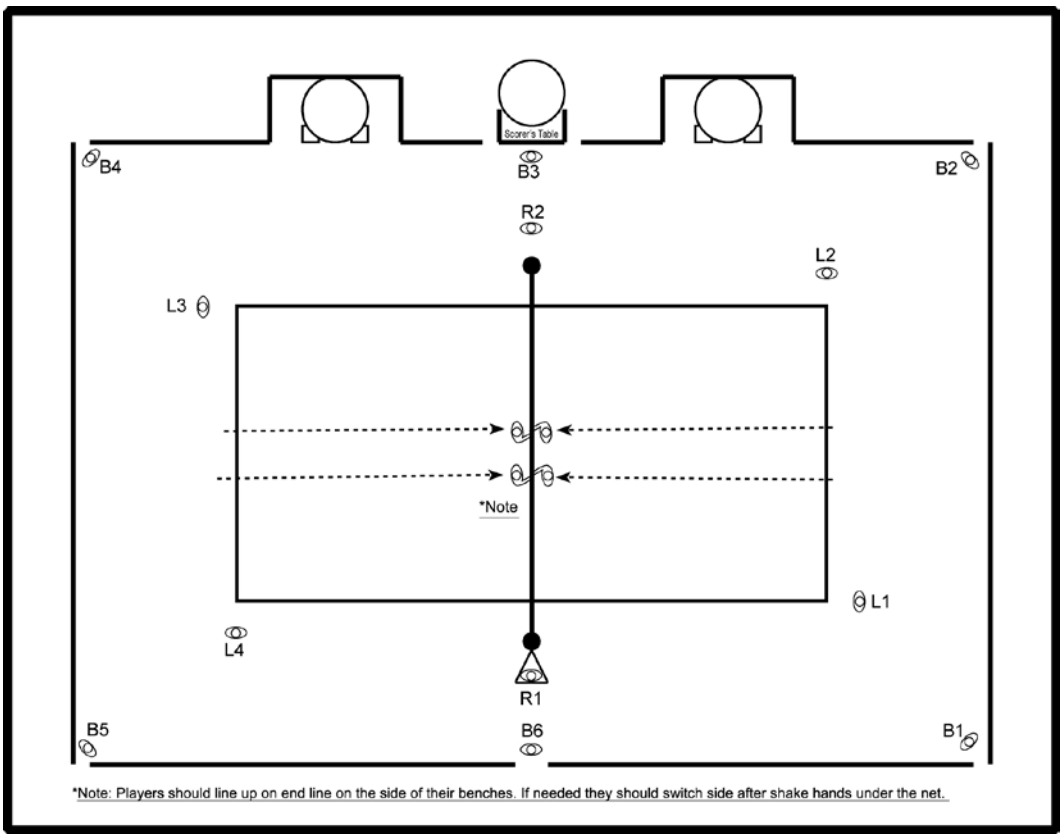
-10 min.	Previous match finishes, referees to complete post match formalities and exit court area.
-8 min.	Announcement of match as soon as court is prepared by the sand levellers, players and officials enter the court area. Players from this time must be in official match uniforms. Watering and raking should be complete by this time. Players warm up on court area and other preparations, officials check match equipment, scoresheet, conditions, players area, etc.
-5 min.	Coin toss taken in front of scorer's table. *(Note: If local conditions dictate, the coin toss time can be moved forward to allow extra warm up time).*
-4 min.	Beginning of official warm up period (3 min.)
-1 min	End of official warm up period, players to leave the court area to their respective player's area. First referee to their referee's chair, second referee to stand in front of the scorer's table, all other officials take their positions. Individual player's announcement and entry onto the rear of the playing court (Fig 1). After last players entry to rear of court, first referee whistle and players shake hands under the net (Fig 2).
0 min	Commencement of the match.
End of match	Players shake hands with their opponents and referees near the first referee's chair and proceed across the court to the scorer's table (Fig 3). The scoresheet is signed by the captains. All participants gather their belongings, and the referees lead the teams to exit the court so that it can be prepared for the next match.

Notes:

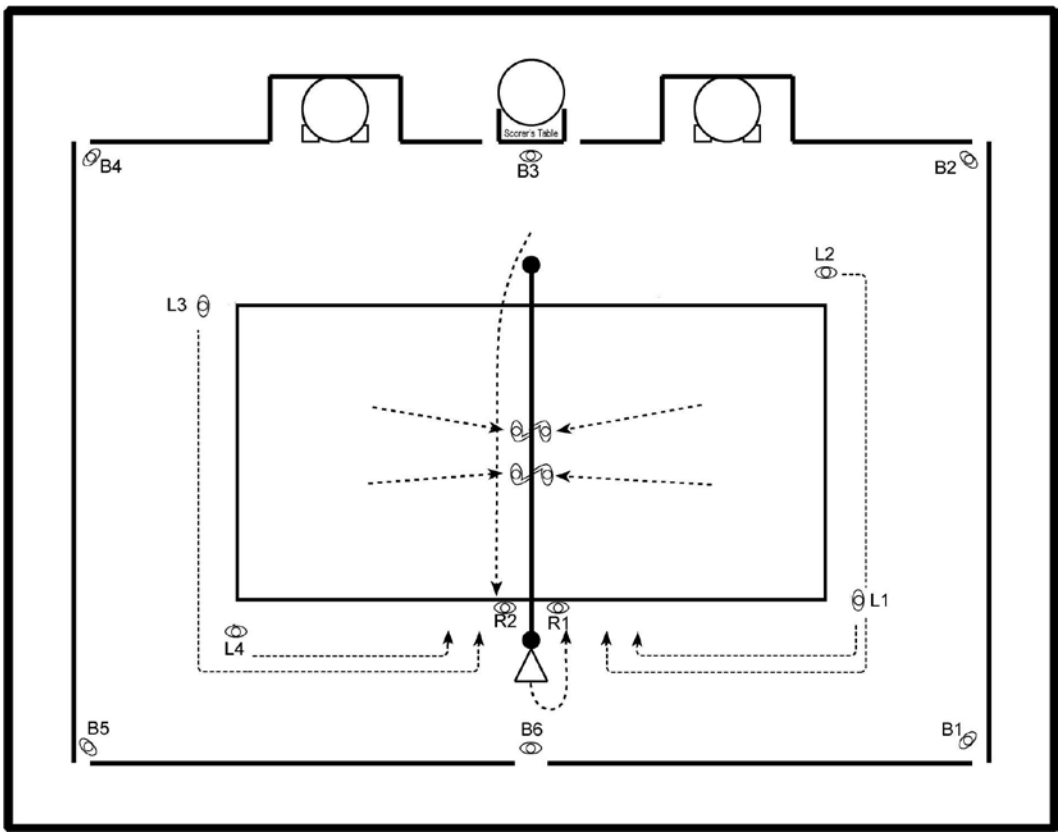
- This protocol may be altered from **3 min** to **5 min official warm up time** by altering the toss to (-7 min).
- This protocol may be further adapted for particular Television coverage or requirements if necessary.
- It is not necessary to excessively delay the exit from the court by waiting for the referees to sign the scoresheet. This can be done outside the court area.
- Coin toss can be taken off the court if required to speed up protocol.
- In cases where the length of the warm-up is extended, by FIVB officials, all officials should enter the court 10 min before the match and proceed with the protocol above from 8 min onwards.
- Coaches are allowed in the court during respective team's warm-up until the start of the official match protocol.



Match Protocol - Fig. 1



Match Protocol - Fig. 2



Match Protocol - Fig. 3