

TIPS FOR BETTER REFEREEING

Be confident (even if you don't feel it!)

Speak up and direct your words to the players in a strong voice.

Always: Write First, Look Up, Speak towards players

Learn the correct terminology and use it (you'll sound better that way!)

Practice using the score sheets so you can write down the new score quickly

During rallies, keep a mental note of any situations which might be appealed at the end of the rally, e.g. a pick-up you're not sure of; a shot near a line that you didn't call; a serve close to being a fault

If you're not sure whether a ball was not up, down, out, fault – say nothing. Affected player can appeal at the end of the rally and you can play a let if you're not sure

If you're sure a ball was not up, down, out, fault – call quickly and firmly.

Take every chance to improve your knowledge of the rules, e.g. read the rules or summaries of them (are on squash.ca, squashontario.com or worldsquash.org.uk); go to the World Squash Federation (worldsquash.org.uk) site and read some of the questions that have been posted from time to time and the answers (Home Page: Click on Rules, Click on Rules Questions). Try the Squash Ontario Online Officiating Exam

Don't be scared of refereeing – like playing, practice brings much improvement

When you have a chance, stand beside an experienced referee and learn from him or her

Don't hesitate to ask questions from a certified referee