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Communication between the Official and the Timer / Scorer's Table

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Perspective from Official:

- 1) Official wants to see the Timer looking at the Official when Official is ready to blow the whistle;
- 2) Official wants to see the Timer's open palm in the air if the Timer is not ready;
- 3) Official wants to see a signal from the Timer (i.e., thumbs up, point with index finger) when ready;
- 4) Official wants Timer / Scorer to call Official to the table to clear up confusion with time, score, etc.

Perspective from Timer / Scorer's Table:

- 1) Timer wants the Official to establish eye contact;
- 2) Timer wants the Official to wait for signal from Table that Table is ready (i.e., nod or thumbs up);
- 3) Timer wants Official to recognize that open palm in air means that Table is not ready - don't rush;
- 4) Table wants the Official to be emphatic on calls - especially when crowd noise is a factor;
- 5) Timer wants the Official to be consistent, using proper signals each and every time, when starting and stopping the match:
  - a) Timer wants the Official to be at the center of the mat;
  - b) Timer wants the Official to face the Timer;
  - c) Timer wants to see the same upward arm motion from the Official each time;
  - d) Timer wants to see "stop sign" from the Official when the Official is stopping the match.

Consistency from the Official helps the Timer / Scorer's Table to get in a rhythm when starting and stopping the clock, and when recording points awarded by the Official.

- 6) Scorer wants the Official to hold signals high (and for at least 4 seconds) so the Scorer can see them and record points awarded;
- 7) Scorer wants the Official to rotate wrist slowly when showing points, including a single point - doing so allows Scorer to distinguish between 1 & 2; 2 & 3, etc.;
- 8) Scorer wants the Official to make sure that the Scorer is aware that a Coach has been warned / penalized for Misconduct, so it can be recorded - this is important so ALL other Tables and Officials can be notified, and possibly prevent problems later on;
- 9) Table wants the Official(s) to interact with the Table workers before and between matches - Table workers want to feel part of the Team! Interaction between the Official(s) and Table workers makes the event more enjoyable for the Table workers.

Assistant Official:

- 1) Table wants Assistant to be IN the Match!;
- 2) Table wants to see Assistant checking the clock to see if it starts and stops on time;
- 3) Table wants to see Assistant check that points are posted correctly;
- A) Table wants Assistant to be aware, as much as possible, of Assistant's body position on the mat in relation to the Timer / Scorer's Table - keep in mind that Table workers also need to see the mat.

References: Case Book and Manual (Page 71; Page 74; Page 75 - 8d)  
Green Book (Page 9)