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PROCEDURE AND RULES FOR PROPER SCOREKEEPING

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The art of proper scorekeeping isn't being taught as refereeing is done, the consequences being an irregular, haphazard method, which causes confusion and delays. The following will do away with all that, and better, more uniform scorekeeping will result:

1. Be at the courts about one-half hour before starting time and first receive your court assignment from the Chairman of Scorekeepers.

2. Take your appointed place, equipped with pencil with an eraser, and a clean cloth to aid in keeping the board perfectly clean. Make sure there is a chair, chalk and erasers at the side of your board.

3. When play begins, stay seated until after the last disc has been played.

4. Give the Referee your undivided attention, especially when he announces the score, which you should post immediately; then always step aside for the Referee to check. Make plain, heavy figures. Use eraser sparingly and always post yellow first.

5. Never dispute the Referee's decision. If he has made an error, ask him to please repeat the score. Then post the corrected score and take your seat.

6. Never converse with the players, officials or spectators, and report any undue noise coming from spectators made during game.

7. At the end of a round, and after the Referee has checked the score, post the result on the score card. Then have each player at the head of the court verify it, finally writing the score on the back of the scoreboard.

8. After the final game, you will post the results, then have the Referee approve it, finally having the winners sign it, along with the Referee, and yourself.

9. If you desire to be released from scorekeeping in