

REFEREEING

After attending and helping to officiate in every one of the shuffleboard tournaments played in the West Coast District the past three years and at many of those played in Fla., N. J., N. Car., Ohio and Mich: in the past ten years I am fully convinced that less than five percent of all referees watch a shuffler until he or she completes the delivery of the disc. The others needlessly watch the disc glide down the court.

Violations of rules are made by the players, during, and sometimes after, the disc is started on it's way. There is plenty of time for the referee to watch the disc's final movement after the players have completed their delivery.

It has been conclusively proved, in the past two years, that "alleged" hook and hesitation shots, as well as other violations, were entirely eliminated when the players were aware that the referee kept his eyes on them until delivery of disc was complete.

When a large number of referees and scorers is necessary and inexperienced people are used to help out, the divisional and chief referees should supervise their actions, to prevent any unreasonable and incorrect decisions or actions which would result in an unfair score and possible loss of game or match by a deserving player.

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