

If you ref at Mt, Rainier Lutheran HS (their first home matches start next week) please be aware of the following:.

1. Matches are played in the old Parkland Elementary School location along Pacific Ave. Directions are on our website.
2. Park in lot behind school. I think there is a side door entrance on the left to enter.
3. **GO WITH THE FLOW.** There is no way for them to drill holes into the floor for the net standards to sink down into because there is a floor below and asbestos issues. So, they have a system all above ground with a weighted and properly padded system on the floor. It is huge and different but it works and is legal. **HOWEVER**, as of two days ago they had to take a referee stand and set it over this weighted system and because the stand is not made to go with this system it sits 18"-24" away from the pole. So, you are not up close and personal as usual. I did ask them to call the company that they purchased the net system from to see if they had a ref stand but I doubt that it would be here. Just do your best and **GO WITH THE FLOW.**
4. This same weighted system is also on the side of the R2 so you have to stand back about 6". There were some wheels on the back side and I told them to pad those so that the down ref doesn't trip over them if he/she gets to close. This area is a no play zone for the girls and the ref stands back.
5. They know that the ref stand needs to be padded up to 5 1/2' on the front and sides. No exceptions. I also told them to pad/cover the wheels on the back side so a player cannot trip over them.

6. There is a stage behind the R2 that is about 3" behind where you will be standing. There is **NO PLACE** for the score table to be other than **UP ON THE STAGE.** That will make communicating with the scorekeeper a bit of a challenge so you will need to work this out beforehand. If you need to check the score they will just have to hand you the sheet to look at. **GO WITH THE FLOW.**

7. They have a scoreboard. Will it work? GO WITH THE FLOW.

This gym was built in 1937. It isn't ideal but they have spent a lot of money on a new floor, lights, scoreboard, net system etc. They are really trying. I've been there three times to counsel them. They are doing their best therefore, GO WITH THE FLOW.

8. There is a spectator space opposite the stage that has storage lockers (closets) underneath. These have exposed locks on them and will need to be covered with padding to prevent injury

Let me know of any issues but help them out, encourage them and compliment them. They are giving it their best shot.

Please keep this handy and read it. You never know when you will be assigned to their school and I do not want any phone calls about this information since it has now been provided and you have been duly warned. Take a chill pill, deal with it, make it fun for all and GO WITH THE FLOW.

Thanks,

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