



Roving Umpire Coin Toss Verbiage

The toss should be made before the warm-up so the players warm-up on the same side in which they play their first point.

1. "Who brought the game balls out?" Acknowledge the ball numbers assigned. Note new ball change.
2. "I will be moving on and off the court as standard procedure" "I will confirm or overrule line calls if I clearly see them." "I will also call foot faults, so please watch your toes on your serve."
3. "There will be a 3 / 5 / 10 minute warm-up."
4. "Please call the score loudly when serving and remember to change the scoreboard on each change-over."
5. Point to the player who will call the coin toss. Ask "heads or tails" – confirm verbally, for example, "heads was called" – toss the coin.
6. Let the coin drop to the ground. "It is heads/tails." Point to the player or players winning the toss – "Serve/receive, side, or defer?"
7. Coin should remain on the ground until confirmation of serving and sides are confirmed --players move to the correct side before the warm-up is started. Remember to pick up your coin.
8. "Any questions? Good Luck / Have Fun."

There may be other circumstances in which we must alert players. Examples:

1. Windy weather or no curtain protectors – "For safety precautions, please call lets as soon as possible when there is an obvious ball hindrance from another court."
2. Tournament running behind schedule – "***Please turn in your scores and balls to the registration desk as soon as possible following your match.***"