

Lineup Check Made Easy

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The big idea: The lineup sheet lists players in **serving order** - *not* in court-position order. The **first player listed** is the team's first server.

1. Know the six court positions

NET		
IV	III	II
V	VI	I

Front row on top (by the net) - Back row on bottom

Positions are numbered with Roman numerals, **starting at the right back** and moving around the court.

Right Back = I (the serving position)

Right Front = II

Then III, IV, V, VI as shown.

When a team wins the serve, everyone rotates one spot clockwise and the player in **Right Front moves to Right Back to serve**.

2. The team that SERVES first

NET		
IV	III	II
14	9	20
V	VI	I
4	2	25

Front row on top (by the net) - Back row on bottom

Order	Player
1	#25
2	#20
3	#9
4	#14
5	#4
6	#2

First listed player (#25) starts in Right Back (I) and serves first.

The gold circle marks the first server.

Memory aid: Serving team = first number on the sheet is in the **Right Back**.

3. The team that RECEIVES first

NET		
IV	III	II
14	9	20
V	VI	I
4	2	25

Front row on top (by the net) - Back row on bottom

Order	Player
1	#20
2	#9
3	#14
4	#4
5	#2
6	#25

First listed player (#20) starts in Right Front (II) and will be the team's first server.

After the team wins the serve and rotates, #20 moves to Right Back and serves.

Memory aid: Receiving team = first number on the sheet is in the **Right Front**; the **last** number listed is in the Right Back.

Same six players, same spots on the court in both examples. Only the lineup order changes, because the order starts with whoever will serve first.

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Side by side: same court, two different lineup sheets

SERVING FIRST
1. #25
2. #20
3. #9
4. #14
5. #4
6. #2
#25 starts in Right Back and serves first

RECEIVING FIRST
1. #20
2. #9
3. #14
4. #4
5. #2
6. #25
#20 starts in Right Front and is the first server

What the R2 checks (4 steps)

1	Find out who is serving first and who is receiving first .
2	Look at the first player listed on the lineup sheet.
3	Serving first: that player should be in Right Back (I) . Receiving first: that player should be in Right Front (II) .
4	Keep going around the court in serving order to verify everyone else.

Order to follow around the court:

Right Front (II)	Center Front (III)	Left Front (IV)	Left Back (V)	Center Back (VI)	Right Back (I)
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Scorekeeper reminders

Serving first The lineup begins with the player in Right Back . #25, #20, #9, #14, #4, #2	Receiving first The lineup begins with the player in Right Front . #20, #9, #14, #4, #2, #25
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Record players in the **exact serving order** shown on the submitted lineup sheet. Do not rearrange them into court-position order.

Quick test

A team's players are on the court as shown: front row #14, #9, #20 (left to right); back row #4, #2, #25.

Q1. The team is serving first. Who is listed first?	Answer: #25
Q2. The team is receiving first. Who is listed first?	Answer: #20

Remember: Serving team - first player listed starts in **Right Back**. **Receiving team** - first player listed starts in **Right Front**.