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## **More Than Just Watching: My Journey as a Line Judge in Pickleball** *(Pathfit-3 Reflection Paper)*



Every sports event needs teamwork, not only from the players but also from the officials who make sure the game is fair. During the WMSU Palaro 2025, I was given the chance to be a line judge in the pickleball competition. At first, I thought it would be an easy job with little to do. But as the games went on, I realized that my role was more important than I expected.

When I first stood on the court as the line judge, I felt relaxed because the umpire was also doing some of my tasks. Later, I learned that I still had an important part to play. Watching the ball closely and knowing whether it was in or out required full attention. Even a small mistake could affect the score or cause an argument. It felt good to know that my focus helped the umpire make the right calls and kept the game fair for everyone.

While observing the umpire, I saw how busy and difficult their job was. They had to watch every movement of the players and the ball at the same time. There were times when they could not see the line clearly because they were focused on another part of the court. That was when my help mattered the most. Working together with the umpire taught me the importance of teamwork, trust, and good communication, even in small tasks like officiating.

Being a line judge in the WMSU Palaro 2025 pickleball event taught me a lot about responsibility and focus. I learned that every role in a game, no matter how small, is important in keeping things fair and organized. This experience helped me appreciate how much effort goes into every match and reminded me that doing your best in any task always makes a difference.