

**2009-2011 DOMESTIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS  
SIGNIFICANT VOLLEYBALL (INDOOR) RULE CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS**

**Add to 1.3.4: Coach's restriction line**

1. Delete 1.3.4: "On each court, an attack line, whose rear edge is drawn 3 m back from the axis of the center line, marks the front zone. For FIVB World and Official Competitions, the attack line is extended by the addition of broken lines from the sidelines, with five 15 cm short lines 5 cm wide, drawn 20 cm from each other to a total length of 1.75 m (70")."
2. Replace with 1.3.4: "On each court, an attack line, whose rear edge is drawn 3 m back from the axis of the center line, marks the front zone. For FIVB World and Official Competitions, the attack line is extended by the addition of broken lines from the sidelines, with five 15 cm short lines 5 cm wide, drawn 20 cm from each other to a total length of 1.75 m (70"). The "coach's restriction line" (a broken line which extends from the attack line to the end line of the court, parallel to the side line and 1.75 meters from it) is composed of 15 cm short lines drawn 20 cm apart to mark the limit of the coach's area of operation."

**Add 1.4.4: "Libero Replacement Zone"**

1. "The Libero Replacement Zone is part of the free zone on the side of the team benches, limited by the extension of the attack line up to the end line."
2. Renumber 1.4.4 to 1.4.5.
3. Renumber 1.4.5 to 1.4.6.

**USAV 2.1 – Change the net height for 60 years and above and Female/Reverse Co-ed from 2.13 m (7'0") to 2.19 m (7'2 1/8").**

**USAV 2.3 – Editorial**

1. Deleted USAV 2.3: "The side bands will be optional."
2. Replaced with USAV 2.3: "The side bands are optional."

**USAV 2.6 d to USAV 2.6 e**

1. Old USAV rule 2.6 d becomes USAV 2.6 e: "The front and sides of the referee's platform must be padded in the same manner as the posts to a height of 1.7 m (5'6")."
2. Add new USAV Rule 2.6 d: "A referee's platform is required. The platform must be on a support and adjustable in height; the referee's eye position shall be approximately 50 cm (19") above the top of the net. It should be constructed so that it presents the least potential hazard for players. Step ladders, jump boxes and other devices not specifically designed as referee platforms shall not be used."

**4.1.1: Team composition for FIVB competitions defined**

1. Deleted 4.1.1: "A maximum of 12 players and four coach/staff personnel are allowed. For FIVB World and Official Competitions, the medical doctor must be accredited beforehand by the FIVB."
2. Replaced with: "A team may consist of up to 12 players, one coach, one assistant coach, one trainer and one medical doctor. For FIVB World and Official Competitions, the medical doctor must be accredited beforehand by the FIVB. For FIVB and World Competitions for Seniors, a team may consist of a maximum of fourteen (14) players (a maximum of twelve [12] regular players)."

**4.3.2: Editorial – Replace "leather" with "composite"**

1. Deleted 4.3.2: "The shoes must be light and pliable with rubber or leather soles without heels. **For FIVB World and Official Competitions, it is forbidden to wear shoes which are predominantly black with marking soles.**"
2. Replaced with 4.3.2: "The shoes must be light and pliable with rubber or composite soles without heels. **For FIVB World and Official Competitions, it is forbidden to wear shoes which are predominantly black with marking soles.**"

**4.3.3: Editorial – Add: "For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 to 20."**

1. Deleted 4.3.3: "The players' jerseys must be numbered in a permanent manner from 1 to 18."
2. Replaced with 4.3.3: "Players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 to 18. For FIVB World and Official Competitions, players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 to 20."
3. USAV 4.3.3 remains unchanged.

**4.3.3.2: Editorial – Add: "Jerseys and shorts should comply with FIVB standards."**

1. Deleted 4.3.3.2: "For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, the player's number shall be repeated on the right leg of the shorts. The number must be of 4 to 6 cm in height and the stripe forming the numbers shall be a minimum of 1 cm in width."
2. Replaced with 4.3.3.2: "For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, the player's number shall be repeated on the right leg of the shorts. The number must be of 4 to 6 cm in height and the stripe forming the numbers shall be a minimum of 1 cm in width. Jerseys and shorts should comply with FIVB standards."
3. USAV 4.3.3.2 remains unchanged.

**USAV 4.5.1 – Add: "Casts, even if padded, are forbidden."**

1. Deleted USAV 4.5.1: "It is forbidden to wear hats or jewelry. An exception will be made for religious or medical medallions and, for adult competition, a flat band ring worn on the finger. If worn, medallions shall be removed from

chains and taped or sewn under the uniform. If a ring, other than a flat band, cannot be removed, it shall be taped in such a manner as not to create a safety hazard. Braces, prosthetic limbs or headgear that may cause an injury or give an artificial advantage to the player must not be worn. If a brace, prosthetic limb or headgear is used, padding or covering may be necessary.”

2. Replaced with USAV 4.5.1: “It is forbidden to wear hats or jewelry. An exception will be made for religious or medical medallions and, for adult competition, a flat band ring worn on the finger. If worn, medallions shall be removed from chains and taped or sewn under the uniform. If a ring, other than a flat band, cannot be removed, it shall be taped in such a manner as not to create a safety hazard. Braces, prosthetic limbs or headgear that may cause an injury or give an artificial advantage to the player must not be worn. If a brace, prosthetic limb or headgear is used, padding or covering may be necessary. Casts, even if padded, are forbidden.”

#### **Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation**

This change clarifies that under no circumstances will a player be allowed to play while wearing a cast.

#### **Add USAV 4.5.2**

New USAV 4.5.2: “If a player’s equipment falls to the floor and creates a safety hazard, play is stopped and a delay sanction assessed.”

#### **Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation**

This change clarifies how to handle a safety hazard caused by player equipment.

#### **USAV 5.1.1: Defines when and by whom the scoresheet is signed.**

1. Deleted USAV 5.1.1: “The coach and the captain do not need to sign the scoresheet before or after the match.”
2. Replaced with USAV 5.1.1: “The captain does not sign the scoresheet before the match.”

#### **5.1.2.3: Add: “in the absence of the coach”**

1. Deleted 5.1.2.3: “to request time-outs and substitutions.”
2. Replaced with 5.1.2.3: “in the absence of the coach to request time-outs and substitutions.”

#### **New USAV 5.1.2.3: “The captain may request a time-out.”**

#### **Add USAV 5.1.3: Defines when and by whom the scoresheet is signed.**

Add New USAV 5.1.3: “For junior competition, both coaches sign the scoresheet after the match to verify the results.”

#### **USAV 5.2.2: Defines when and by whom the scoresheet is signed.**

1. Deleted USAV 5.2.2: “The coach and captain do not need to sign the scoresheet before or after the match.”
2. Replaced with USAV 5.2.2: “The coach does not sign the scoresheet before the match.”

#### **Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation**

These changes clarify that neither the coach nor captain sign the scoresheet prior to the match and in junior competitions, the coach signs after the match to verify the results.

#### **USAV 5.2.3: Defines when the coach can request a line-up check.**

Add New USAV 5.2.3: “During the match the coach is authorized to speak to the referees to verify the positions of the teams.”

#### **5.2.3.4: Editorial – Add “For FIVB World and Official Competitions, the coach is restricted to performing his/her function behind the coach’s restriction line.”**

1. Deleted: “may, as well as other team members, give instructions to the players on the court. The coach may give these instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team’s bench from the extension of the attack line up to the warm-up area, without disturbing or delaying the match.”
2. Replaced with: “may, as well as other team members, give instructions to the players on the court. The coach may give these instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team’s bench from the extension of the attack line up to the warm-up area, without disturbing or delaying the match. **For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, the coach is restricted to performing his/her function behind the coach’s restriction line.**”
3. USAV 5.2.3.4 remains unchanged.

#### **5.3.2: Editorial – Add: “for any reason including sanction” and “for the duration of the absence”.**

1. Deleted: “Should the coach have to leave his/her team, the assistant coach may, at the request of the game captain, and with the authorization of the first referee, assume the coach’s functions.”
2. Replaced with: “Should the coach have to leave his/her team for any reason including sanction, the assistant coach may, at the request of the game captain and with the authorization of the first referee, assume the coach’s functions for the duration of the absence.”

#### **6.1.3: Editorial – Change “Consequences of winning a rally” to “Rally and completed rally”**

1. Deleted: “Consequences of winning a rally. A rally is the sequence of playing actions from the moment of the service hit by the server until the ball is out of play.”

2. Replaced with: “Rally and completed rally. A rally is the sequence of playing actions from the moment of the service hit by the server until the ball is out of play. A completed rally is the sequence of playing actions which results in the award of a point.”

**USAV 7.2.2 replaced with USAV 7.2.2a, USAV 7.2.2b and USAV 7.2.2c**

1. Delete USAV 7.2.2: “For nationally sanctioned adult competition, it is recommended that teams warm up together at the net for 10 minutes if both team captains agree; otherwise, each team will have five minutes separately. For consecutive warm-ups, the team with the first service has the court first. The protocols described on pages 165 and 166 will be used at the Open Division of the Adult Championships, High Performance Championships and any nationally sanctioned Junior Olympic Competitions.”
2. Add New USAV 7.2.2.a: “For adult competition, it is recommended that teams warm up together at the net for 10 minutes if both team captains agree; otherwise, each team will have five minutes separately. For consecutive warm-up periods, the team with the first service has the court first.”
3. Add New USAV 7.2.2.b: “For junior competition, when one team has exclusive use of the court, the other team must either be at its team bench or out of the playing area. Warming up with balls at the team bench or the spectator walkways is not permitted.”
4. Add New USAV 7.2.2.c: “For nationally sanctioned competitions, the protocols described on pages 165 and 166 will be used.”

**Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation**

These changes clarify the different warm-up procedures for adult and junior competitions.

**7.5.4.1: Editorial – replace “loss of rally” with “a point and service to the opponent.”**

1. Deleted 7.5.4.1: “the team is sanctioned with loss of rally;”
2. Replaced with 7.5.4.1: “the team is sanctioned with a point and service to the opponent;”

**7.7.1.1: Editorial – replace “loss of rally” with “a point and service to the opponent.”**

1. Deleted 7.7.1.1: “the team is sanctioned with loss of rally;”
2. Replaced with 7.7.1.1: “the team is sanctioned with a point and service to the opponent;”

**7.7.2 and USAV 7.7.2: Editorial – replace “loss of rally” with “a point and service to the opponent.”**

1. Deleted 7.7.2: “Additionally.....If that moment cannot be determined, no point(s) cancellation takes place, and loss of rally is the only sanction.”
2. Replaced with 7.7.2: “Additionally.....If that moment cannot be determined, no point(s) cancellation takes place, and a point and service to the opponent is the only sanction.”
3. Deleted USAV 7.7.2: “If the rotational fault.....If the points scored while the player is out of rotation order cannot be determined or the opponents have served, then a loss of rally is the only penalty charged. The opponents retain any points scored.”
4. Replaced with USAV 7.7.2: “If the rotational fault.....If the points scored while the player is out of rotation order cannot be determined or the opponents have served, then a point and service to the opponents is the only penalty charged. The opponents retain any points scored.”

**USAV 8.4.2 Add: “, other than a served ball.”**

1. Deleted USAV 8.4.2: A ball shall remain in play if it contacts the ceiling or other overhead objects 4.6 m (15') or more above the playing area.”
2. Replaced with USAV 8.4.2: “A ball, other than a served ball, shall remain in play if it contacts the ceiling or other overhead objects 4.6 m (15') or more above the playing area.”

**Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation**

This change clarifies that a served ball that contacts the ceiling or other overhead objects is out of play.

**USAV 8.4.2c: Add “, other than a served ball.”**

1. Deleted USAV 8.4.2c: “A ball is out of play and a playover directed...”
2. Replaced with USAV 8.4.2c: “A ball, other than a served ball, is out of play and a playover directed...”

**Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation**

This change clarifies that a served ball that contacts the ceiling or other overhead objects is out of play and a playover is NOT directed.

**9.1.3: Editorial – replace “reach” with “hit”**

1. Deleted 9.1.3: “ASSISTED HIT Within the playing area, a player is not permitted to take support from a teammate or any structure/object in order to reach the ball. However, a player who is about to commit a fault (touch the net or cross the center line, etc.) may be stopped or held back by a teammate.”
2. Replaced with 9.1.3: “ASSISTED HIT Within the playing area, a player is not permitted to take support from a teammate or any structure/object in order to hit the ball. However, a player who is about to commit a fault (touch the net or cross the center line, etc.) may be stopped or held back by a teammate.”

**9.3.2: Editorial – replace “reach” with “hit”**

1. Deleted 9.3.2: “ASSISTED HIT: a player takes support from a teammate or any structure/object in order to reach the ball within the playing area.”
2. Replaced with 9.3.2: “ASSISTED HIT: a player takes support from a teammate or any structure/object in order to hit the ball within the playing area.”

**Add 10.1.3: new under the net rule**

New 10.1.3: “The ball that is heading towards the opponent’s court through the lower space is in play until the moment it has completely crossed the vertical plane of the net.”

**11.2.2.2: new centerline rule**

1. Deleted 11.2.2.2: “To contact the opponent’s court with any other part of the body is forbidden.”
2. Replaced with 11.2.2.2: “to touch the opponent’s court with any part of the body above the feet is permitted provided that it does not interfere with the opponent’s play.”

**11.3.1: new net touch rule**

1. Deleted 11.3.1: “Contact with the net by a player is not a fault, unless it is made during the action of playing the ball, or it interferes with the play. Some actions of playing the ball may include actions in which the players do not actually touch the ball.”
2. Replaced with 11.3.1: “Contact with the net by a player is not a fault, unless it interferes with the play.”

**11.3.2: new net touch rule**

1. Deleted 11.3.2: “Once the player has hit the ball, he/she may touch the post, rope or any other object outside the total length of the net, provided that it does not interfere with play.”
2. Replaced with 11.3.2: “Players may touch the post, ropes, or any other object outside the antennae, including the net itself, provided that it does not interfere with play.”

**11.4.2: new centerline rule**

1. Deleted 11.4.2: “A player penetrates into the opponents’ space under the net, interfering with the latter’s play.”
2. Replaced with 11.4.2: “A player interferes with the opponent’s play while penetrating into the opponent’s space under the net.”

**11.4.3: new centerline rule**

1. Deleted 11.4.3: “A player penetrates into the opponents’ court.”
2. Replaced with 11.4.3: “A player’s foot (feet) penetrates completely into the opponent’s court.”

**11.4.4: new net touch rule**

1. Deleted 11.4.4: “A player touches the net or the antenna during his/her action or playing the ball or interferes with the play.”
2. Replaced with 11.4.4: “A player interferes with the opponent’s play by (amongst others):
  - a. touching the top band of the net or the top 80 cm of the antenna during his/her action of playing the ball, or
  - b. taking support from the net simultaneously with playing the ball, or
  - c. creating an advantage over the opponent, or
  - d. making actions which hinder an opponent’s legitimate attempt to play the ball.”

**Add USAV 12.6.1.2**

New USAV 12.6.1.2: “It is a serving fault if the service toss touches any obstruction before the service contact.”

**Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation**

This change further defines an improperly executed service.

**Add USAV 12.6.2**

New USAV 12.6.2: “After the ball has been correctly hit, it is a service fault if the ball touches any overhead obstruction.”

**Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation**

This change further defines an improperly executed service.

**12.7: Editorial – new title**

1. Deleted 12.7: “FAULTS MADE AFTER THE SERVE AND POSITIONAL FAULTS”
2. Replaced with 12.7: “SERVING FAULTS AND POSITIONAL FAULTS”

**13.1: Editorial – new title**

1. Deleted 13.1: “ATTACK HIT”
2. Replaced with 13.1 “CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ATTACK HIT”

**13.2.3: Editorial**

1. Deleted 13.2.3: A back-row player may also complete an attack hit from the front zone, if at the moment of the contact the ball is not higher than the top of the net.”
2. Replaced with 13.2.3: “A back-row player may also complete an attack hit from the front zone, if at the moment of the contact part of the ball is lower than the top of the net.”

**14.1.1: Editorial – Add: “regardless of the height of the ball contact” and “but at the moment of contact with the ball, part of the body must be higher than the top of the net.”**

1. Deleted 14.1.1: “Blocking is the action of players close to the net to intercept the ball coming from the opponents by reaching higher than the top of the net. Only front-row players are permitted to complete a block.”
2. Replaced with 14.1.1: “Blocking is the action of players close to the net to intercept the ball coming from the opponent by reaching higher than the top of the net, regardless of the height of the ball contact. Only front-row players are permitted to complete a block, but at the moment of contact with the ball, part of the body must be higher than the top of the net.”

**15: Add “An interruption is the time between one completed rally and the 1st referee’s whistle for the next service.”**

1. Deleted 15: “REGULAR GAME INTERRUPTIONS Regular game interruptions are TIME-OUTS and SUBSTITUTIONS.”
2. Replaced with 15: “REGULAR GAME INTERRUPTIONS Regular game interruptions are TIME-OUTS and SUBSTITUTIONS. An interruption is the time between one completed rally and the 1st referee’s whistle for the next service.”

**15.2: Editorial – new title**

1. Deleted 15.2: “REQUEST FOR REGULAR INTERRUPTIONS”
2. Replaced with 15.2: “REQUEST FOR REGULAR GAME INTERRUPTIONS”

**15.2.1: Add “Regular game”**

1. Deleted 15.2.1: “Interruptions may be requested by the coach or the game captain, and only by them. The request is made by showing the corresponding hand signal when the ball is out of play and before the whistle for service. For FIVB, World and Official Competitions it is obligatory to use the buzzer and then the hand signal to request time-out.”
2. Replaced with 15.2.1: “Regular game interruptions may be requested by the coach, or in the absence of the coach by the game captain, and only by them. The request is made by showing the corresponding hand signal, when the ball is out of play and before the whistle for service. For FIVB, World and Official Competitions it is obligatory to use the buzzer and then the hand signal to request time-out.”

**Add USAV 15.2.2**

New USAV 15.2.2: “A time-out before the start of a set is permitted.”

**Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation**

This change further clarifies when a time out may be taken.

**15.3.2 and USAV 15.3: Editorial – Replace “set” with “game”**

1. Deleted 15.3.2: “However, a team is not authorized to make consecutive requests for player substitution during the same set interruption. Two or more players may be substituted during the same set interruption.”
2. Replaced with 15.3.2: “However, a team is not authorized to make consecutive requests for player substitution during the same game interruption. Two or more players may be substituted during the same game interruption.”
3. Deleted USAV 15.3: “Rule 15.3.2 limits player(s) substitutions to one request during a set interruption. A subsequent request(s) by the same team during the same set interruption will result in an improper request.”
4. Replaced with USAV 15.3: “Rule 15.3.2 limits player(s) substitutions to one request during a game interruption. A subsequent request(s) by the same team during the same game interruption will result in an improper request.”

**15.7: Editorial**

1. Deleted 15.7: “An injured player (except the Libero) who cannot continue playing should be substituted legally. If this is not possible, the team is entitled to make an EXCEPTIONAL substitution, beyond the limits of Rule 15.6. An exceptional substitution means that any player who is not on the court at the time of the injury, except the Libero or his/her replacement player, may be substituted into the set for the injured player. The substituted injured player is not allowed to re-enter the match. An exceptional substitution cannot be counted in any case as a regular substitution.”
2. Replaced with 15.7: “A player (except the Libero) who cannot continue playing due to injury or illness should be substituted legally. If this is not possible, the team is entitled to make an EXCEPTIONAL substitution, beyond the limits of Rule 15.6. An exceptional substitution means that any player who is not on the court at the time of the injury, except the Libero or his/her replacement player, may be substituted into the game for the injured player. The substituted injured player is not allowed to re-enter the match. An exceptional substitution cannot be counted in any case as a regular substitution.”
3. USAV 15.7a and b remain unchanged.

**15.9.2.1: Editorial – replace “loss of rally,” with “a point and service to the opponent.”**

1. Deleted 15.9.2.1: “the team is penalized with loss of rally,”
2. Replaced with 15.9.2.1: “the team is penalized with a point and service to the opponent,”

**15.10.3: Substitutions are only recognized when the sub enters the zone. There is no longer a request from the coach or captain.**

1. Deleted 15.10.3: “At the moment of the substitution request, the substitute player(s) must be ready to enter the court, standing close to the substitution zone. If that is not the case, the substitution is not granted and the team is sanctioned for a delay. For FIVB World and Official Competitions, numbered paddles are used to facilitate the substitution.”
2. Replaced with 15.10.3a: “The actual request for substitution is the entrance of the substitute player(s) into the substitution zone, ready to play, during a regular interruption.”
3. Replaced with 15.10.3b: “If that is not the case, the substitution is not granted and the team is sanctioned for a delay.”
4. Replaced with 15.10.3c: “The request for substitution is acknowledged and announced by the scorer or second referee, by use of the buzzer or whistle, respectively.”  
For FIVB World and Official Competitions, numbered paddles are used to facilitate the substitution.”

**15.11.1: Editorial – replace “an” with “any game”**

1. Deleted 15.11.1: “It is improper to request an interruption.”
2. Replaced with 15.11.1: “It is improper to request any game interruption.”

**15.11.3: Editorial – replace “A repeated” with “Any further” and add “by the same team”**

1. Deleted 15.11.3: “A repeated improper request in the match constitutes a delay.”
2. Replaced with 15.11.3: “Any further improper request in the match by the same team constitutes a delay.”

**16.1.2: Editorial – add “game” and replace “set” with “game”**

1. Deleted 16.1.2: “prolonging other interruptions, after having been instructed to resume the set,”
2. Replaced with 16.1.2: “prolonging other game interruptions, after having been instructed to resume the game,”

**16.2.3: Editorial – replace “loss of rally” with “a point and service to the opponent”**

1. Deleted 16.2.3: The second and subsequent delays of any type by any member of the same team in the same match constitute a fault and are sanctioned with a “DELAY PENALTY”: loss of rally.”
2. Replace with 16.2.3: The second and subsequent delays of any type by any member of the same team in the same match constitute a fault and are sanctioned with a “DELAY PENALTY”: a point and service to the opponent.”

**USAV 17.1.1 Add: “, a legal Libero replacement (if the Libero is not on the court at the time of the injury)”**

1. Deleted USAV 17.1.1: “If the injured player cannot continue playing within 30 seconds, the player must be replaced by substitution or the team must take a legal time-out if the player is to remain in the set.”
2. Replaced with USAV 17.1.1: “If the injured player cannot continue playing within 30 seconds, the player must be replaced by substitution, a legal Libero replacement (if the Libero is not on the court at the time of the injury), or the team must take a legal time-out if the player is to remain in the set.”

**Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation**

This change provides another option that may be taken when an injured player must be replaced.

**18.1: Editorial - Define interval as the time between sets**

1. Deleted 18.1: “INTERVALS All intervals between sets last three minutes. During this period of time, the change of courts and line-up registrations of the teams on the scoresheet are made. The interval between the second and the third sets can be extended up to 10 minutes by the competent body at the request of the organizer.
2. Replaced with 18.1: “INTERVALS An interval is the time between sets. All intervals last three minutes. During this period of time, the change of courts and line-up registrations of the teams on the score sheet are made. The interval between the second and the third sets can be extended up to 10 minutes by the competent body at the request of the organizer.

**19.1.1 and USAV 19.1.1: Libero(s) designation.**

1. Deleted 19.1.1: “Each team has the right to designate among the list of players one (1) specialized defensive player: “Libero”.”
2. Replaced with 19.1.1: “Each team has the right to designate from the list of players up to two (2) specialized defensive players: Liberos.  
For FIVB and World Competitions for Seniors where a team chooses to have more than twelve (12) players, it is compulsory for the team to designate amongst the list of players two (2) specialized defensive players: “Liberos.”
3. Add new USAV 19.1.1: “Each team may designate one specialized defensive player (Libero) per set.”

**19.1.2: Libero(s) designation.**

1. Deleted 19.1.2: “The Libero must be recorded on the scoresheet before the match in the special line reserved for this. His/her number must also be recorded on the line-up sheet of the first set.”
2. Replaced with 19.1.2: “All Liberors must be recorded on the score sheet before the match in the special lines reserved for this.

**For FIVB World and Official Competitions, all Liberos must be recorded on the score sheet before the match only in the special lines reserved for this.**

3. USAV 19.1.2 remains unchanged.

### **19.1.3: Libero(s) designation.**

1. Deleted 19.1.3: "The Libero can be neither team captain nor game captain."
2. Replaced with 19.1.3: "One Libero designated by the coach before the start of the match will be the acting Libero. If there is a second Libero, he/she will act as the reserve Libero."

### **Add 19.1.4: (old 19.1.3)**

New 19.1.4: "The Libero cannot be either team captain or game captain at the same time as performing the Libero function."

### **19.2: Editorial – replace "player" with "players" and "jersey" with "jerseys"**

1. Deleted 19.2: "EQUIPMENT  
The Libero player must wear a uniform (or jacket/bib for the re-designated Libero) whose jersey at least must contrast in color with that of the other members of the team. The Libero uniform may have a different design, but it must be numbered like the rest of the team members.
2. Replaced with 19.2: "EQUIPMENT  
The Libero players must wear a uniform (or jacket/bib for the re-designated Libero) whose jerseys at least must contrast in color with that of the other members of the team. The Libero uniform may have a different design, but it must be numbered like the rest of the team members.  
For FIVB World and Official Competitions the re-designated Libero must wear the same style and color of jersey as the original Libero, but keep his/her own number.

### **19.3.2.1: Editorial – add "completed" and "unless due to injury/illness or there is a forced rotation caused by a penalty"**

1. Deleted 19.3.2.1: "Replacements involving the Libero are not counted as regular substitutions. They are unlimited, but there must be a rally between two Libero replacements. The Libero can only be replaced by the player whom he/she replaced."
2. Replaced with 19.3.2.1: "Replacements involving the Libero are not counted as regular substitutions. They are unlimited, but there must be a completed rally between two Libero replacements (unless due to injury/illness or there is a forced rotation caused by a penalty). The Libero can only be replaced by the player whom he/she replaced."

### **19.3.2.3: Editorial**

1. Deleted 19.3.2.3: "A replacement made after the whistle for service but before the service hit should not be rejected but must be the object of a verbal caution after the end of the rally. Subsequent late replacements must be subject to a delay sanction."
2. Replaced with 19.3.2.3: "A replacement made after the whistle for service but before the service hit should not be rejected but must be the object of a verbal caution after the end of the rally. Subsequent late replacements shall result in the play being interrupted immediately and the imposition of a delay sanction. The team to serve next will be determined by the result of the delay sanction."

### **19.3.2.4: Editorial – add "Libero Replacement Zone"**

1. Deleted 19.3.2.4: ""The Libero and the replacing player may only enter or leave the court by the side line in front of their team bench between the attack line and the end line."
2. Replaced with 19.3.2.4: "The Libero and the replacing player may only enter or leave the court by the "Libero Replacement Zone."

### **Add 19.3.2.5: Illegal Libero Replacement defined.**

New 19.3.2.5: "The consequences of an illegal Libero replacement are the same as those for a rotational fault."

### **19.3.3.1: Redesignation of Libero defined.**

1. Deleted 19.3.3.1: "In case of injury of the designated Libero, and with the previous approval of the first referee, the coach or set captain can re-designate as new Libero one of the players not on the court at the moment of the re-designation. The injured Libero may not re-enter to play for the remainder of the match."
2. Replaced with 19.3.3.1: "The coach has the right to exchange the acting Libero with the reserve Libero for any reason, but only once in the match, and only after the regular replacement player has returned to court. This exchange must be recorded in the Remarks section of the scoresheet and on the Libero Control sheet. The original Libero may not re-enter to play for the remainder of the match. In case of illness or injury to the reserve Libero, the coach may designate as Libero for the remainder of the match any other player (except the original Libero) not on the court at the moment of the re-designation. The team captain may relinquish all leadership privileges to be re-designated as the Libero, if so requested by the coach. Exchanges due to injury or illness of the Libero or re-designated Libero are not counted as replacements."
3. USAV 19.3.3.1 remains unchanged.

**21.2.1: Editorial – add “any action”**

1. Deleted 21.2.1: “Rude conduct: action contrary to good manners or moral principles, or expressing contempt.”
2. Replaced with 21.2.1: “Rude conduct: action contrary to good manners or moral principles, or any action expressing contempt.”

**21.2.3: Editorial – replace “intended aggression” with “or aggressive or threatening behavior.”**

1. Deleted 21.2.3: “Aggression: actual physical attack or intended aggression.”
2. Replaced with 21.2.3: “Aggression: actual physical attack or aggressive or threatening behavior.”

**21.3: Editorial – add “Penalty, Expulsion or Disqualification.”**

1. Deleted 21.3: “SANCTION SCALE  
According to the judgment of the first referee and depending on the seriousness of the offense, the sanctions to be applied and recorded on the score sheet are:
2. Replaced with 21.3: “SANCTION SCALE  
According to the judgment of the first referee and depending on the seriousness of the offense, the sanctions to be applied and recorded on the score sheet are: Penalty, Expulsion or Disqualification.”

**21.3.1: Editorial – replace “loss of rally” with “a point and service to the opponent”**

1. Deleted 21.3.1: “Penalty  
The first rude conduct in the match by any team member is penalized with loss of rally.”
2. Replaced with 21.3.1: “Penalty  
The first rude conduct in the match by any team member is penalized with a point and service to the opponent.”

**21.3.3.2: Editorial – add “physical attack or implied or threatened”**

1. Deleted 21.3.3.2: “The first aggression is sanctioned by disqualification with no other consequences.”
2. Replaced with 21.3.3.2: “The first physical attack or implied or threatened aggression is sanctioned by disqualification with no other consequences.”

**22.2.3: Editorial – replace “end” with “completion”**

1. Deleted 22.2.3: “Immediately after the referee’s whistle to signal the end of the rally, they have to indicate with the official hand signals:”
2. Replaced with 22.2.3: “Immediately after the referee’s whistle to signal the completion of the rally, they have to indicate with the official hand signals:”

**22.2.3.2: Editorial – replace “at all the fault and” with “either the nature of the fault or**

1. Deleted 22.2.3.2: “If the fault is whistled by the second referee, he/she will indicate:
  - a) the nature of the fault
  - b) the player at fault (if necessary)
  - c) the team to serve following the hand signal of the first referee.
 In this case, the first referee does not show at all the fault and the player at fault, but only the team to serve.”
2. Replaced with 22.2.3.2: “If the fault is whistled by the second referee, he/she will indicate:
  - a) the nature of the fault
  - b) the player at fault (if necessary)
  - c) the team to serve following the hand signal of the first referee.
 In this case, the first referee does not show either the nature of the fault or the player at fault, but only the team to serve.”

**Add 22.2.3.3**

1. New 22.2.3.3: “In the case of an attack hit fault by back row or Libero players, both referees indicate according to 22.2.3.1 and 22.2.3.2 above.”
2. Renumber old 22.2.3.3 as new 22.2.3.4.

**23.3.2: Editorial – delete “only”**

1. Deleted 23.3.2: “During the match, only the first referee is authorized.”
2. Replaced with 23.3.2: “During the match, the first referee is authorized.”

**23.3.2.3: Editorial – add “above net height”, “completely” and “g) the completed block by back-row players or the attempted block by the Libero.”**

1. Deleted 23.3.2.3: “to decide upon:
  - a) the faults of the server and of the positions of the serving team, including the screen,
  - b) the faults in playing the ball,
  - c) the faults above the net and at its upper part,
  - d) the attack hit faults of the Libero and back-row players,
  - e) a completed attack made by a player on a ball coming from an overhand pass with fingers by the Libero player in his/her front zone or its extension,
  - f) the ball crossing the lower space under the net.”

2. Replaced with 23.3.2.3: “to decide upon:
  - a) the faults of the server and of the positions of the serving team, including the screen,
  - b) the faults in playing the ball,
  - c) the faults above the net and at its upper part,
  - d) the attack hit faults of the Libero and back-row players,
  - e) the completed attack hits made by a player on a ball above net height coming from an overhand pass with fingers by the Libero in his/her front zone,
  - f) the ball crossing completely the lower space under the net.
  - g) the completed block by back-row players or the attempted block by the Libero.”

**24.3.2.4: Editorial – add “or the attack hit fault by back-row players or by the Libero”**

1. Deleted 24.3.2.4: “the completed block by a back-row player or an attempt to block by the Libero,”
2. Replaced with 24.3.2.3: “the completed block by back-row players or the attempted block by the Libero; or the attack hit fault by back-row players or by the Libero;”

**USAV 24.3.2.4 Add: “The first referee and”**

1. Deleted USAV 24.3.2.4: “The second referee decides, whistles and signals the attack hit faults of the Libero and back-row players.”
2. Replaced with USAV 24.3.2.4: “The first referee and the second referee decide, whistle and signal the attack hit faults of the Libero and back-row players.”

**Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation**

This change clarifies that both the first and second referee may call back-row and Libero attack hit faults.

**25.2: Editorial – add “notify irregularities or”**

1. Delete 25.2: “RESPONSIBILITIES  
He/she keeps the score sheet according to the Rules, cooperating with the second referee.  
He/she uses a buzzer or other sound device to give signals to the referees on the basis of his/her responsibilities.”
2. Replace with 25.2: “RESPONSIBILITIES  
He/she keeps the score sheet according to the Rules, cooperating with the second referee.  
He/she uses a buzzer or other sound device to notify irregularities or give signals to the referees on the basis of his/her responsibilities.”

**Add USAV 25.2.1.1: Defines when and by whom the scoresheet is signed.**

New USAV 25.2.1.1: “The captains and coaches do not sign the scoresheet before the match.”

**25.2.2.3: Editorial – acknowledges use of the buzzer**

1. Deleted 25.2.2.3: “records the time-outs and player substitutions, controlling their number; and informs the second referee;”
2. Replaced with 25.2.2.3: “is empowered to acknowledge and announce requests for player substitutions by use of the buzzer, controlling their number; and records the substitutions and time-outs, informing the second referee;”

**25.2.2.6: Editorial – add “improper requests”**

1. Deleted 25.2.2.6: “records any sanctions;”
2. Replaced with 25.2.2.6: “records any sanctions and improper requests;”

**USAV 25.2.3.3: Defines when and by whom the scoresheet is signed.**

1. Deleted USAV 25.2.3.3: “The team captains and the second referee are not required to sign the scoresheet.”
2. Replaced with USAV 25.2.3.3: “The second referee is not required to sign the scoresheet(s). For junior competition, the coaches sign the scoresheet(s) after the match to verify the results. For adult competition, the team captains sign the scoresheet(s) after the match to verify the results.”

**26.2.2.2: Editorial – acknowledges use of the buzzer**

1. Deleted 26.2.2.2: “notifies the referees of any fault of the Libero replacement;”
2. Replaced with 26.2.2.2: “notifies the referees of any fault of the Libero replacement by using the buzzer;”

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**7.4: Add: FIVB regulation** (Page B-14)

New wording to be placed at the bottom of Rule 7.4: **“For FIVB World Competitions whenever the Pool Play format is implemented, Rule 7.4 above may be subject to modifications as stated in the Specific Competition Regulations issued by the FIVB in due time, establishing the modality to be followed for treating the default and incomplete team cases.”**

**15 and 13: Move wording from Rule 15 to Rule 13** (Pages B-19 and B-23)

1. Deleted 15: “PLAYER AT THE NET  
Each team must play within its own court and playing space. The ball may, however, be retrieved from beyond the free zone.”
2. Replaced with 15: **“PLAYER AT THE NET”**
3. New wording 13: **“PLAYING THE BALL”**  
**Each team must play within its own playing area and playing space (except Rule 14.1.2). The ball may, however, be retrieved from beyond the free zone.”**

**USAV 13.4.2/13.4.3: Editorial – defines characteristics of the hit** (Page B-20 and B-21)

1. Delete USAV 13.4.2/13.4.3: “Plays involving finger action require special attention. If the play is defensive and reactive in nature, as in the case of a hard-driven ball, momentarily held or double-hit balls are not considered faults. If the player decides/intends to employ finger action, as in the case of off-speed hit defense or setting, the action must be “clean.”
2. Replace with USAV 13.4.2/13.4.3: “Plays involving finger action require special attention. If the play is defensive and reactive in nature, as in the case of a hard-driven ball, momentarily held or double-contacted are not considered faults. Furthermore, this may apply to the second touch of a team if the block contact was slight and the ball is still a hard-driven attack, or to the defensive action (team first contact) after a ball has been blocked. If the player decides/intends to employ finger action, as in the case of off-speed attack defense or setting, the action must be “clean.”

**23.4: Editorial – add “the sanction scale”** (Page B-35)

1. Deleted 23.4: “Any misconduct occurring before or between sets is sanctioned according to (Diagram 7) and the sanction is applied in the following set.”
2. Replaced with 23.4: “Any misconduct occurring before or between sets is sanctioned according to the sanction scale (Diagram 7) and the sanction is applied in the following set.

**26.3.1: Editorial – defines duties of the second referee** (Page B-39)

1. Deleted 26.3.1: “During the match, the second referee decides, whistles and signals:
  - a) the contact of the player with the lower part of the net and the antenna on the second referee’s side of the court (Rule 15.3.1),
  - b) interference due to penetration into the opponent’s court and space under the net (Rule 15.2),
  - c) the ball that crosses the net outside the crossing space or touches the antenna on their side of the court (Rule 11.4),
  - d) the contact of the ball with an outside object (Rule 11.4).
2. Replaced with 26.3.1: “During the match, the second referee decides, whistles and signals:
  - a) the faulty contact of the player with the lower part of the net and the antenna on the second referee’s side of the court (Rule 15.3.1)
  - b) interference due to penetration into the opponent’s court and space under the net (Rule 15.2),
  - c) the ball that crosses the net totally or partly outside the crossing space to the opponent’s court or touches the antenna on their side of the court (Rule 11.4),
  - d) the contact of the ball with an outside object (Rule 11.4).

**Edit REFEREES’ HAND SIGNALS (Diagram 8)** (Page B-42)

**Edit LINE JUDGES FLAG SIGNALS (Diagram 9)** (Page B-42)

**Replace current Diagrams 1-4 with FIVB Beach Volleyball Diagrams 1-9** (Pages B-43-B-55)