



2018-19 VOLLEYBALL RULES CHANGES

- 2-4-1b** A referee shall stop play when any player gains an illegal advantage by contacting any team member while playing the ball.
- Rationale:** Clarifies that no team member may assist a player during an attempt to play the ball.
- 5-5-3b(10) (NEW)** The second referee has the responsibility to ensure that the head coach remains in the replacement zone no closer than 6 feet to the sideline, when standing during play.
- Rationale:** Supports the second referee's responsibilities as outlined in the Officials Manual.
- 5-5-3b(13), 5-5-3b(20), 5-8-3a NOTE (NEW)** When multiple courts are in use, the second referee may end a time-out or interval between sets with a long whistle in place of the timer sounding an audio signal (horn).
- Rationale:** Clarifies timer and second referee responsibilities during time-outs/intervals when multiple courts are in use.
- 9-8-2 EXCEPTION (NEW), 11-4-1b (NEW)** When a replay is signaled due to an injury/illness and the injured/ill player cannot continue play, the head coach may request a substitute or complete a legal libero replacement for the injured/ill player or take a team time-out(s) if the team has remaining time-outs.
- Rationale:** Clarifies the procedures for a replay due to an injured/ill player and adds the option of a legal libero replacement.
- 10-2 PENALTIES 2** After a team is charged with an unnecessary delay, the coach may request no further substitutions until the next completed rally.
- Rationale:** Eliminates further delay of the set by removing the option to request additional substitutions after a team is charged with an unnecessary delay.
- 11-5-3 (NEW)** Between sets, teams may warm up in their playing area, but may not hit volleyballs over the net into the opponents playing area.
- Rationale:** Establishes parameters for warming up between sets that minimize the risk of injury.
- SIGNAL #21** To signal unnecessary delay, raise the hand on the side of the offending team beside head, palm facing shoulder, hold the appropriate card on the wrist of the raised hand.
- Rationale:** Simplifies mechanics for unnecessary delay signal and clarifies side at fault.

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- 1-5-2c (NEW),
1-7-2 thru 4** Provides consistency by listing all reasons why a match shall be declared a forfeit and clarifies that a forfeit is considered a termination of a match and not a suspension.
- 5-4-1c** Clarifies that the inspection of net antennas is a prematch responsibility of the first referee.
- 5-5-3b (13) &
(20)** Clarifies that the second referee shall use a double whistle to indicate the warning during a time-out and when an intermission is used.
- 6-4-5 NOTE
(NEW)** Clarifies that when a team is playing with fewer than six players, the vacant position remains open when rotating to the front row.

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2-1-4, 5-2-1b, 5-4-4d(1) & (4), 10-4-3c, 12-2 Procedures for Unsporting Conduct Violations 4 and 5, How to Use the Signals #20

2018-19 Volleyball Points of Emphasis

1. Safety of Referee Stands
2. Warm-Up Safety
3. Treatment of Line Judges
4. Net Fault Signal Mechanics