

**2013-2015 DOMESTIC COMPETITION
REGULATIONS
SIGNIFICANT VOLLEYBALL
(INDOOR) RULE CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS**

Add to 4.1.1: “For the match, a team may consist of up to 12 players, plus Coaching Staff: one coach, a maximum of two assistant coaches; Medical Staff: one team therapist and one medical doctor. Only those listed on the score sheet may normally enter the Competition/Control Area and take part in the official warm up and in the match.”

Add to USAV 4.3.3.1: “a) Uniform numbers must be clearly visible and centered (**both horizontally and vertically**) on the **player’s** chest and **upper** back. b) Each jersey must use the same color and number height for all players, except for the Libero’s jersey, which may have different color and size numbers, provided it still meets the minimum criteria stated in USAV 4.3.3.2. c) Color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black, navy/black, white/light yellow or navy/maroon are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.”

Add to 4.3.3: “Players’ jerseys must be numbered from 1 to 20.”

Add to USAV 5.3.1: “One assistant coach at a time may stand to give instructions to players on the court, but has no right to intervene in the match. During play this assistant 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, and no closer to the court than 1.75m (5’10”) from the sideline and its extension, without disturbing or delaying the match.”

Add to 5.3.2: “Should the coach have to leave his/her team for any reason including sanction, but excluding entering the court as a player, an assistant coach may assume the coach’s functions for the duration of the absence, once confirmed to the referee by the game captain.”

Delete USAV 7.3.5.3

Add 7.3.5.4: “Where a player is found to be on court but he/she is not registered on the score sheet list of players, the opponent’s points remain valid, and in addition they gain a point and service. The team at fault will lose all points and/or sets (0:25, if necessary) gained from the moment the non-registered player entered the court, and will have to submit a revised line-up sheet and send a new registered player into the court, in the position of the non-registered player.”

Add to 7.5.1: “The team commits a positional fault, if any player is not in his/her correct position at the moment the ball is hit by the server. This includes when a player is on court through illegal substitution.”

Delete USAV 7.5.4

Add USAV 7.7.1: “A rotational fault is committed when a Libero serves in a second rotation position in the same set.”

Delete USAV 7.7.2

Add 9.2.4: “It is a fault, during the reception of service, to make a double contact or catch using an overhand finger action.”

Add USAV 11.2.2: “Encroachment into the opponent’s court with any part(s) of the body is permitted, provided some part of the body remains either in contact with or directly

above the center line, and there is no interference with opponents. In addition, completely crossing the center line with the foot, feet or hands, or encroachment with other body parts, must not present a safety hazard to opponents.”

Add USAV 11.4.3: “Regarding penetration by a player’s foot (feet), see USAV 11.2.2.”

Add to 12.5.2: “A player or a group of players of the serving team make(s) a screen by waving arms, jumping or moving sideways during the execution of the service, or by standing grouped to hide the server and the flight path of the ball.”

Add 15.5.2: “When the substitution is enforced through injury to a player in play this may be accompanied by the coach (or game captain) showing the corresponding hand signal.”

Delete USAV 15.9.2.3b

Add to 15.10.3a: “The actual request for substitution starts at the moment of the entrance of the substitute player(s) into the substitution zone, ready to play, during an interruption. The coach does not need to make a substitution hand signal except if the substitution is for injury or before the start of the set.”

Add USAV 19.1.1: “Each team has the right to designate from the list of players on the scoresheet up to two specialist defensive players: Liberos per match or the team may choose to designate one Libero per set.”

Add to USAV 19.2: “NOTE: It is recommended now and required beginning Sept. 1, 2014, the Libero shall wear a uniform top that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team. The Libero and his/her teammates shall wear a solid colored uniform top. Regarding the solid colored top:

(a) the solid color uniform top shall clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the teammates' uniform top. Predominant color(s) is the color(s) appearing on approximately half of the uniform; (b) sleeves shall be the same color as the body of the uniform top; (c) piping/trim not exceeding 2.5 cm (1") in total at its widest point may be placed along the seas and may be a different color(s) than the uniform top; (d) lettering and collars may be different color(s) than the uniform top; (e) uniform numbers shall be a contrasting color to the uniform top and meet all other specifications in USAV 4.3.3.1."

Add USAV 19.3.1.3a: "The Libero may not block or attempt to block."

Add USAV 19.3.1.3b: "In one position, a Libero may serve after replacing the player in position 1."

Add USAV 19.3.2.1: "In one rotation, a Libero can replace the player in position 1 and serve the next rally, even if he/she is already on the court in replacement of another player. In this situation, the Libero does not have to exit the court before replacing the player in position 1, and there does not need to be a completed rally between Libero replacements."

Add to 19.3.2.9: "An illegal Libero replacement should be considered in the same way as an illegal substitution: should the illegal Libero replacement be noticed before the start of the next rally, then this is corrected by the referees, and the team is sanctioned for delay; should the illegal Libero replacement be noticed after the service hit, the consequences are the same as for an illegal substitution."

Add to 19.5.1: “If the Libero is expelled or disqualified, he/she may be replaced immediately by the team’s second Libero. Should the team have only one Libero, then it has the right to make a re-designation.”

Add to 21.1: “Minor misconduct offenses are not subject to sanctions. It is the 1st referee’s duty to prevent the teams from approaching the sanctioning level. This is done in two stages: Stage 1: by issuing a verbal warning through the game captain; Stage 2: by use of a YELLOW CARD to the team member(s) concerned. This formal warning is not in itself a sanction but a symbol that the team member (and by extension the team) has reached the sanctioning level for the match. It is recorded in the score sheet but has no immediate consequences.”

Add to 21.2.2: “Offensive conduct: defamatory or insulting words or gestures or any action expressing contempt.”

Add to 21.6: “Summary of Misconduct and Cards Used
Warning: no sanction – Stage 1: verbal warning; Stage 2: symbol Yellow card

Penalty: sanction – symbol Red card

Expulsion: sanction – symbol Red + Yellow cards jointly

Disqualification: sanction – symbol Red + Yellow card separately”

Add Diagram 9: Sanction Scales