

RULES CHANGES MOTIONS FROM USA VOLLEYBALL

Proposal #1: To modify the language for the screening rule to prohibit players from raising their hands above the head during service until the ball has passed beyond the net.

Rationale: To enhance fair play and as a safety precaution.

Rules Book Language:

12.5.3: Any player of the serving team is forbidden to raise their hands above the head during service, until the ball has passed beyond the net. The 1st referee may warn a team through the game captain, if he/ she suspects that the team is deliberately screening.

Proposal #4: To modify the rule for substitutions to allow 15 team substitutions per set.

Rationale: To create opportunities for more players to enter the match and to allow more playing time for players.

Rules Book Language:

USAV 15.1: Each team may request a maximum of two time-outs and 15 substitutions per set.

USAV 15.6: d. Unlimited individual entries by a substitute within the team's allowable 15 substitutions are permitted.

Related rules and techniques will be updated as needed.

Proposal #5: To allow multiple contacts on a team's second hit if the ball is next contacted by a teammate.

Rationale: To allow more exciting rallies and reduce the number of rallies ended by a fault.

Rules Book Language: (Will adopt the FIVB language for this rule change)

9.2 Characteristics of the Hit

9.2.3: The ball may touch various parts of the body, provided the contacts take place simultaneously.

Exceptions:

9.2.3.2: at the first hit of the team, the ball may contact various parts of the body consecutively, provided that the contacts occur during one action. At the second hit of the team, the ball may contact various parts of the body consecutively, provided that the contacts occur during one action, and the ball is next touched by a teammate.

9.3 Faults in Playing the Ball

DOUBLE CONTACT: a player hits the ball twice in succession or the ball contacts various parts of his/her body in succession on the third team hit or on the second team hit and the ball is not next touched by a teammate. (see also 9.2.3)

Rules Interpretations (additional interpretations will be written):

A double contact is called if a player hits the ball twice in succession or the ball contacts various parts of his/her body in succession on the third team hit or on the second team hit and the ball is not next touched by a teammate.

SCENARIO 1: The Team S setter clearly double hits the team's second contact. The ball travels toward teammate S #4 but crosses the net without being touched by S#4 or any other teammate.

RULING: *The 1st referee whistles a double contact and awards a point and the serve to Team R.*

SCENARIO 2: The Team S setter clearly double hits the team's second contact. The ball travels toward teammate S #4 and is contacted simultaneously by S #4 and a Team R blocker.

RULING: *The 1st referee allows play to continue. After a double contact, if there is simultaneous contact in the plane of the net between a teammate and an opponent, the double contact is not a fault.*

Proposal #6: To modify the rule on Libero designation to allow a team to designate zero, one, or two Liberos for each set.

Rationale: To allow create more flexibility in team lineups and allow teams to use more players in the Libero position if desired.

Rules Book Language:

USAV 19.1.1: Each team has the right to designate from the list of players on the score sheet (roster) up to two specialized defensive players called Liberos. A team may designate zero, one, or two Liberos for each set. ~~If the team chooses to designate two Liberos at the start of the match, they are designated as Liberos for the entire match. If the team chooses to designate only one Libero (or no Libero) at the start of the match, the team may choose to change the player designated as Libero for each set, including playing any set with no Libero, but may not designate a second Libero for any subsequent set in the match.~~