



## 2013-14 VOLLEYBALL MAJOR RULES CHANGES

**4-1-4** Deletes reference that a towel tucked in a player's uniform waistband is an automatic violation.

**Rationale:** The rule is clear in its intent as stated and an example is not required. All decisions must be judged by the individual referee on site.

**5-1-1** All contest officials shall be secured by the host school. Line judges, unless  
**NOTE** determined otherwise by state association policy, shall be provided by the host  
**New** school.

**Rationale:** Clarifies the host school shall secure match officials, including providing both line judges for the match, unless state association policy determines otherwise.

**5-2-1 New** The order in which the referees display the hand signals sequence is changed to indicate the result of the rally, followed by the fault. Specific mechanics shall apply for second referee-initialed calls.

**Rationale:** The change in signal sequence to indicate the result of the rally (point or replay), followed by the fault, allows the scorer to record the score immediately and then prepare for other responsibilities such as recording time-outs, substitutions, etc. The flow of play is more consistent as there is no delay as to which team shall have the next serve.

**5-3-4b,e** Following the first referee's signal for end-of-set, teams are directed to the appropriate team benches and no longer report to the end lines. At the end of the match, the teams are released, without going to the endlines, to follow any local or state protocol.

**Rationale:** It is difficult to have teams report to the end lines at the end of the set and unnecessarily creates management issues, thus it is no longer required. There is no need for the first referee to verify the score, as this is done when the second referee confirms set/match point to the first referee.

**5-3-4d** Clarifies the protocol and mechanics for the second referee for conducting the coin toss for the deciding set at the officials table.

**Rationale:** Clarifies the protocol and whistle sequence for the referees prior to the deciding set.

**5-3-4e** The second referee shall initial the scoresheet after each set and for final verification of match results.

**Rationale:** It is more efficient for the second referee, when verifying the set score, to also verify the match results at the same time. It is not necessary to have the second referee wait for the first referee to travel the court and verify match results, which are technically done when the second referee verifies the score for the final set.

- 9-2-1,2** The use of electronic devices is permitted during the match; however, they may not  
**New** be used for any review of a referee's decision or for direct communication with a  
**11-3-2** player on the court.

**New**

**Rationale:** Technology advancements in the area of electronic audio and video devices have made such items easy to use and very accessible. Their use, if not used during the actual competition when a competitor is on the court, no longer creates an advantage or disadvantage among competitors or teams. The contest officials should be responsible for what takes place in the competition venue, and not monitoring who is using an electronic device in various locations in the facility or on the bench, which is difficult, at best, to identify.

- 11-4-2** A special time-out may be called by the referee when a team has an injured player,  
**New** no time-outs remaining and no legal/exceptional substitutes available.

**Rationale:** Provides an additional opportunity for a team with only six players to continue playing with a full complement of players after all avenues of substitutions are exhausted.

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- 5-4-3a** When the second referee provides assistance to the first referee on plays that may be out of the view of the first referee, such assistance is provided with a visual, informal signal and not a whistle.
- 5-6-3e** At the beginning of each time-out, the libero tracker shall inform the second referee  
**New** of a team's libero status.
- 5-7-3b** Both the second referee and the official scorer will now time the 30-second time-out for an injury/illness without use of the visible scoreboard.
- 11-2-3** Clarifies the state association policy for electronic media time-outs may also include the length and protocol for the time-out.
- 11-4-1** Either referee may stop play in the event of an injured/ill player.

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Court Diagrams, 1-2-3 New, 1-7,8,9, 2-3-1a, 2-3-1b, 3-1-1 New Note, 4 Note 2, 4-2-1, 5-4-3(13) New, 5-4-3(16), 5-4-3(20), 9-8-1f(2), 10-4-5a, 12-2 Procedure for Unsportsing Conduct Violations, Scoresheet Key, Instructions for Libero Tracker New e, Terms in Rules Book, Case Book/Officials Manual

#### **2013-14 VOLLEYBALL POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

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