

2011-12 Volleyball Rules Changes

- 1-3 New 3** Outlines the procedure for scoring when a vacant position rotates to serve in the right back position due to the team playing with fewer than six players as a result of illness, injury or disqualification.
- 2-1 New 9 and 10** Adds the definitions for playable and nonplayable areas and stipulates the first referee has the authority to identify other area(s) as unsuitable for play.
- 3-1-1** The overall width and length of the net may now fall within a range with the width being 36 inches to 39 inches and the length being 31 feet, 6 inches to 33 feet.
- 3-1-1** The plain white tape along the top of the net shall be 2 inches up to 2 ¾ inches wide. A white net sleeve, no wider than 3 3/8 inches, with the school name, insignia, school mascot and/or advertising may be installed along the top of the net.
- 4-1-5** Expands the style of items that may be worn in the hair to include unadorned flat barrettes no longer than 2 inches.
- 5-1-3** Once the match is concluded, the referees continue to maintain administrative responsibilities through the completion of any required reports or correspondence related to action occurring during the match. If necessary, the state association may intercede due to unusual incidents after referees' jurisdiction ends or the match is terminated prior to conclusion of regulation play.
- 5-2-1 New Note 2** The individual state association may make a temporary adjustment in the official's uniform and permit the wearing of a white, long-sleeved, collared polo shirt or sweater to address cold conditions within competition facilities.
- Volleyball Signals #1, Case Book** The illegal alignment signal shall be used for a libero replacement after the whistle/signal for serve. It is also used to communicate a penalty being assessed for failing to submit an accurate lineup.

Major Editorial Changes

- 4 New Note** Clarifies the authority and criteria for the state association to authorize exceptions to the playing rules to provide a reasonable accommodation to individual participants.
- 8-1-1** Reference to a "let" serve is removed from the rules and replaced with language indicating a serve contacting and crossing the net entirely within the antennas remains in play.
- 9-5-5 Note** An illegal back-row attack is called when the ball completely crosses the net or is contacted by the opponent.

Points of Emphasis

(For a complete discussion of the points of emphasis, see page 47.)

1. Referee stand
2. Libero uniform
3. Host school providing assistant officials
4. Suspended net systems