



SIGNIFICANT RULES CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS

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)

New 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.

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

USAV 15.6a: Fifteen substitutions are the maximum permitted per team per set. Substitution of one or more players is permitted at the same time.

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

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.

USAV 24.2.7a: He/she controls the number of time-outs and substitutions used by each team and reports the second time-out and substitutions 12, 13, 14, and 15 to the appropriate coach or game captain. (see also 15.1, 25.2.2.3)

USAV 24.2.7b: He/she notifies the 1st referee of a team's second time-out and 15th substitution.



New USAV 20.3: Filming and Recording of Matches

20.3.1 Athletes, Coaches, and team members on the bench are permitted to record audio and video for team use. However, these recordings must not be used to intimidate, demoralize, or bully other teams, officials, the work team, support staff, or spectators. Additionally, teams may not record a conversation with a referee or the work team. If a team is found to have recorded these groups and used the audio or video to engage in such behavior, USA Volleyball will enforce regional and national policies accordingly, and content will be evaluated through the Code of Conduct lens and other protection-focused programs such as HIROS.

20.3.2 Players on the court are not permitted to wear microphones. If the referee(s) discover a player on the court wearing a microphone, the match is stopped, and the player is asked to remove the microphone. The offending team is issued a delay warning due to unauthorized equipment.

20.3.3 Teams may not post any audio and/or video in a public forum (including social media accounts) with the intent of making fun of, criticizing, or mocking the officials, the work team, the opponent, or the tournament. Discovery of such audio and/or video will result in penalties as determined by USA Volleyball.



SUMMARY OF EDITORIAL UPDATES

USAV 4.3.3.1c: adds clarification on the requirement for numbers to contrast with the body of the jersey

Rule 9.2.3.2: removes the double contact fault on a team's second hit if the ball is next touched by a teammate

Rule 9.3: removes the double contact fault on a team's second hit if the ball is next touched by a teammate

Rule 12.5.3: adds to the screening rule that players on the serving team may not raise their hands above their head until the ball crosses the net

USAV 15.1: increases the number of team substitutions from 12 to 15 substitutions

USAV 15.6a: increases the number of team substitutions from 12 to 15 substitutions

USAV 15.6d: increases the number of team substitutions from 12 to 15 substitutions

USAV 19.1.1: allows teams to designate zero, one, or two Liberos for each set

USAV 19.2a: adds clarification on Libero jersey contrast requirements

USAV 20.3: adds specific parameters regarding the recording and use of audio and video during and after matches

USAV 24.2.7a and USAV 24.2.7b: clarifies 2nd referee responsibilities for notifying coaches of team substitutions

Referee Techniques #16 – clarifies 2nd referee responsibilities for notifying coaches and the 1st referee of team substitutions