



NAIA Men's Volleyball

RULE MODIFICATIONS

NAIA Men's Volleyball will follow USA Volleyball - Indoor Playing Rules with approved NAIA modifications. The modifications listed below are the only current modifications to the USA Volleyball - Indoor rulebook. Any future modifications must be passed by the NAIA Men's Volleyball Coaches Association (NAIA-MVCA) and approved by the NAIA National Administrative Council (NAC).

USAV RULE S6.2 – LIBERO SERVING MODIFICATION

The Libero is allowed to serve.

USAV SECTION V.2 – COIN TOSS

Allow coin toss winner to choose to serve or receive. Home team will select benches before coin toss.

USAV RULE 15.4.1 – TIMEOUT DURATION

The timeout duration should be increased to 75 seconds. There will be a 15 seconds warning whistle. Play will resume early if both teams are ready.

USAV RULE 15.4.3 – TECHNICAL TIMEOUTS

Technical timeouts are only to be used as requested by media.

USAV RULE 15.6 – SUBSTITUTIONS

The NAIA allows the number of substitutions per set to be unlimited.

USAV RULE 11.2.2.2 – CENTERLINE

The Centerline Rule shall be observed as the USAV-Indoor rules state, except that an unobtrusive push off completely across the centerline by the setter is to be ignored.

USAV RULE 15.4.2 – BALL HANDLING DURING TIMEOUTS

Ball handling during timeouts shall be permitted in the free zone.

USAV RULE 4.2.4 – ATTACKING BETWEEN SETS

Attacking between sets shall be permitted into own court.

USAV RULE 18.1– INTERMISSION

Intermission between sets two and three shall be 3 to 10 minutes with prior notification to the visiting coach.

USAV RULE 9 – PURSUIT

Players may pursue the ball beyond the sport court as long as the play does not extend into the bleachers.

USAV RULE 18.2.1– CHANGE COURTS

Teams will change courts after each set.

CHALLENGE REVIEW SYSTEM

The Challenge Review System (CRS) procedures are found on the next page of this document.



WARM-UP PROTOCOL

The NAIA strongly recommends using the following warm-up protocol for all regular-season and postseason play. Each Conference/CAC/Unaffiliated Grouping may modify this warm-up protocol, as needed, but must communicate any modifications with both visiting teams and officials.

CLOCK	COURT	TEAM
70:00	Half Court Available – No Volleyballs Crossing Net	Home/Visitor
40:00	Full Court	Visitor
30:00	Full Court	Home
	Coin Toss – Team Captains & Officials	
20:00	Full Court	Visitor
15:00	Full Court	Home
10:00	Full Court	Visitor
5:00	Full Court	Home
00:00	Teams Return to Benches – Anthem/Introductions	

CHALLENGE REVIEW SYSTEM

The challenge review system can be utilized throughout the season.

1. DEFINITION

- 1.1 The challenge review system (instant replay) is a process whereby video review is used to confirm, reverse or replay specific decisions made by the officiating team.
- 1.2 The second referee may reverse a ruling only if the video review reveals by indisputable evidence that the referee's ruling was incorrect.
- 1.3 If the second referee determines that the video review is inconclusive, the original decision stands.
- 1.4 All reviews shall be limited to the challengeable action.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

Any member institution or conference may use the CRS, but there is no requirement to do so. It will be utilized throughout the National Tournament.

3. EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL AND LOCATION

- 3.1 Personnel
 - 3.1.1 Instant replay personnel shall consist of a video review technician to operate the review equipment in an efficient and timely manner.
 - 3.1.2 A third official (review official) may be used to decide the outcome of a challenge by viewing the video instead of the second referee. The review official sits at the scorer's table next to the video review technician and makes the final decision to confirm or reverse the original ruling. Use of a review official is not required.
- 3.2 Equipment
 - 3.2.1 The type, location and number of cameras used for the CRS shall be determined by each conference or member institution.
 - 3.2.2 A monitor must be located at the scorer's table. The second referee should have direct and easy access to the monitor.
 - 3.2.3 Any camera used shall not alter the integrity of the net or interfere with the officials' performance of their duties.



3.2.4 The challenge card shall be a minimum of 3x5 square inches and may not exceed 4x6 inches. The color of the challenge card shall be jasmine green. It is recommended that the cards be laminated.

3.3 Location

3.3.1 During a challenge review, the players currently in the game must remain on the court. The coaches, non-playing members and bench personnel may approach the sideline beyond the substitution zone.

4. REVIEWABLE DECISIONS

The following decisions may be reviewed:

- 4.1 Ball ruled in or out, as defined in Rule 8.2 and Rule 8.3 of the USAV Indoor Rules Book, whether the ball contacted a player and whether a player touched the net or antenna.
- 4.2 Whether a team may have had four or more ball contacts before returning to the opponents' court.
- 4.3 Whether a player may have contacted the ball twice, in two separate and distinct attempts to play the ball.
- 4.4 A decision on an illegal attack, block or illegally contacting the ball over the opponent's court is challengeable only if the decision is dependent on whether there was contact by an involved player. The position and/or height of the ball or a player are not challengeable.
- 4.5 Whether a service foot fault occurred as defined by Rule 12.7.1 of USAV Indoor Rules Book.
- 4.6 Whether a backrow player was an illegal attacker as defined by Rules 13.2.2 and 13.2.3 of the USAV Indoor Rules Book.
- 4.7 Whether the libero's foot/feet or take-off point is in the front zone when they set the ball to a teammate as defined by Rule 19.3.1.2 of the USAV Indoor Rules Book.
- 4.8 Whether or not a player's foot/feet or other body part completely crossed the line resulting in interference with the opponent's play.
- 4.9 Whether or not the encroachment presented a safety hazard to opponents.

5. PROCEDURES

- 5.1 Number of challenges per match.
 - 5.1.1 A coach begins each match with three (3) challenges per match. If a coach is successful in challenging the result of a play using CRS, the coach will retain the use of that challenge.
 - 5.1.2 If a fifth set is played, each team is awarded an additional challenge at the start of the set not to exceed three (3) total challenges.
- 5.2 Only one challenge per team is allowed each time the ball is out of play.
- 5.3 Only the team that lost the rally may challenge. If the call is reversed as a result of that challenge, the team that lost the review would be able to challenge another aspect of the previous play.
- 5.4 Only the head coach may request a challenge. The head coach may request a challenge by holding up the challenge card.
- 5.5 A challenge must be requested before the first service after the play in which the challengeable action occurred. Replay requests must take place within 8 seconds after the rally is over. To ensure that the 8 second rule is appropriately followed for a challenge, the resolution of a challenge could dictate whether a timeout is needed.
- 5.6 The R1 will determine if the challenge occurred within 8 seconds. A challenge must be accepted by the second referee provided it is one of the challengeable actions. If an attempt is made to challenge a non-challengeable action, the challenge shall be denied and a delay sanction may be assessed.
- 5.7 If a replay is indicated, either team may challenge. If the decision is reversed as a result of the challenge, the team that lost the point after review can challenge an earlier fault during the same play.
- 5.8 After the challenge is accepted, the R2 will let the scorer and the announcer know what is being challenged. When the R2 (R3 when applicable) has made a decision on the challenge, they will inform the scorer and announcers of the outcome and give the proper results to the R1.



- 5.9 If the video review results in a reversal of the original outcome, that challenge is retained by the challenging team. If the original outcome stands or is confirmed, the challenging team loses that challenge.
- 5.10 If the referee is informed after accepting a challenge that a camera(s) that was available prior to the challenge has a mechanical failure, the referee will inform the challenging coach of the failure, and allow the coach to decide to continue with the challenge using the available cameras, or withdraw the challenge.