



RULE MODIFICATIONS for VOLLEYBALL CANADA FOR 2017-18
(changes are in red)

| Rule Text 2016-17 | Rule Text 2017-18 |
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| <p>2.1 Height of the Net</p> <p>2.11 Volleyball Canada Youth Competition - 15/16 & under men - 2.35m, 15/16 & under women - 2.20m, 14 & under men - 2.20m, 14 & under women - 2.15m.</p> | <p>2.1 Height of the Net</p> <p>2.11 Volleyball Canada Youth Competition - 15/16 & under men - 2.35m, 15 & under women - 2.20m, 16 & under women - 2.24m, 14 & under men - 2.20m, 14 & under women - 2.15m.</p> |
| <p>2.5 Posts</p> <p>2.5.1 <i>For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, the posts supporting the net are placed at a distance of 1 m outside the sidelines.</i></p> | <p>2.5 Posts</p> <p>2.5.1 <i>For all FIVB, World and Official Competitions, the posts supporting the net are placed at a distance of 1 m outside the side lines and must be padded.</i></p> |
| <p>3. Balls</p> <p>3.1 Standards For Volleyball Canada competition the inside pressure of the ball shall be 0.40-0.45kg/cm² (392-441 mbar pr hPa).</p> | <p>3. Balls</p> <p>3.1 Standards For Volleyball Canada competitions, the inside pressure of the ball shall be 0.330 - .0360 kg/cm² (323-353 mbar or hPa)</p> |
| <p>4.1 Team Composition</p> <p>4.11 <i>For FIVB, World and Official competitions for Seniors, up to 14 players may be recorded on the score sheet and play in a match. The maximum five staff members on the bench (including the coach) are chosen by the coach him/herself but must be listed on the score sheet, and be registered on the O-2(bis).</i></p> <p><i>For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, a medical doctor and team therapist should be part of the Delegation and accredited beforehand by the FIVB. However, for FIVB, World and Official Competitions for Seniors, if they are not included as members on the team bench, they must sit against the delimitation fence, inside the Competition-Control Area and may only intervene if invited by the referees to deal with an emergency to the players. The team therapist (even if not on the bench) may assist with the warm up until the start of the official net warm up session.</i></p> | <p>4.1 Team Composition</p> <p>4.11 <i>For FIVB, World and Official competitions for Seniors, up to 14 players may be recorded on the score sheet and play in a match. The maximum five staff members on the bench (including the coach) are chosen by the coach him/herself but must be listed on the score sheet, and be registered on the O-2(bis).</i></p> <p><i>The Team Manager or Team Journalist may not sit on or behind the bench in the Control Area.</i></p> <p><i>Any Medical doctor or team therapist used in FIVB, World and Official Competitions must be part of the official Delegation and accredited beforehand by the FIVB.</i></p> <p><i>However, for FIVB, World and Official Competitions for Seniors, if they are not included as members on the team bench, they must sit against the delimitation fence, inside the Competition-Control Area and may only intervene if invited by the referees to deal with an emergency to the players. The team therapist (even if not on the bench) may</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>assist with the warm up until the start of the official net warm up session.</i></p> <p><i>The Official Regulations for each event will be found in the Specific Competition Handbook.</i></p> |
| <p>4.3 Equipment</p> <p>4.33 Volleyball Canada - The uniform relates to only the shirt and shorts. Players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 to 99.</p> <p>4.3.3.1 The number must be placed on the jersey at the centre of the front and of the back. The colour and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the colour and brightness of the jerseys.</p> <p>4.3.3.2 The number must be a minimum of 15 cm in height on the chest and a minimum of 20 cm in height on the back. The stripe forming the numbers shall be a minimum of 2 cm in width.</p> <p><i>For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 to 20.</i></p> <p>Volleyball Canada - For Volleyball Canada competitions, the number shall be a minimum of 10 cm on the chest and a minimum of 15 cm on the back.</p> | <p>4.3 Equipment</p> <p>4.33 Volleyball Canada - The uniform relates to only the shirt and shorts. Players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 to 99. <i>For Volleyball Canada competitions, the number shall be a minimum of 10 cm on the chest and a minimum of 15 cm on the back.</i></p> <p>4.3.3.1 The number must be placed on the jersey at the centre of the front and of the back. The colour and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the colour and brightness of the jerseys.</p> <p>4.3.3.2 The number must be a minimum of 15 cm in height on the chest and a minimum of 20 cm in height on the back. The stripe forming the numbers shall be a minimum of 2 cm in width.</p> <p><i>For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 to 20 and where larger playing squads are used, numbers may be extended.</i></p> |
| <p>4.5 Forbidden Objects</p> <p>4.5.3 Compression pads (padded injury protection devices) may be worn for protection or support.</p> <p><i>For FIVB, World and Official competitions for seniors, these devices must be of the same colour as the corresponding part of the uniform.</i></p> | <p>4.5 Forbidden Objects</p> <p>4.5.3 Compression pads (padded injury protection devices) may be worn for protection or support.</p> <p><i>For FIVB, World and Official competitions for Seniors, these devices must be of the same colour as the corresponding part of the uniform. Black, white or neutral colours may also be used.</i></p> |
| <p>5.2 Coach</p> <p>5.22 PRIOR TO THE MATCH, the coach records or checks the names and numbers of his/her players on the score sheet, and then signs it.</p> <p>5.2.3.4 <i>For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, the coach is restricted to performing his/her function behind the coach's restriction line.</i></p> | <p>5.2 Coach</p> <p>5.22 PRIOR TO THE MATCH, the coach records or checks the names and numbers of his/her players on the score sheet team roster, and then signs it.</p> <p>5.2.3.4 <i>For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, the coach is restricted to performing his/her function from behind the coach's restriction line throughout the entire match.</i></p> |
| <p>6.1 Point</p> <p>6.1.1 Point</p> <p>6.1.1.1 by successfully grounding the ball on the opponent's court;</p> | <p>6.1 Point</p> <p>6.1.1 Point</p> <p>6.1.1.1 by successfully landing the ball on the opponent's court;</p> |

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| <p>6.1.3 Rally and completed rally</p> <p>A completed rally is the sequence of playing actions which results in the award of a point. This includes the award of a penalty and loss of service for serving faults out-with the time limit.</p> | <p>6.1.3 Rally and completed rally</p> <p>A completed rally is the sequence of playing actions which results in the award of a point. This includes the award of a penalty and loss of service for service hit made after the time-limit.</p> |
| <p>7.3 Team Starting Line-Up</p> <p>7.3.2 Before the start of each set, the coach has to present the starting line-up of his/her team on a line-up sheet. The sheet is submitted, duly filled in and signed, to the second referee or the scorer.</p> <p>7.3.5.4 Where a player is found to be on court but he/she is not registered on the score sheet list of players, the opponent's points remain valid, and in addition they gain a point and service.</p> | <p>7.3 Team Starting Line-Up</p> <p>7.3.2 Before the start of each set, the coach has to present the starting line-up of his/her team on a line-up sheet or via the electronic device, if used. The sheet is submitted, duly filled in and signed, to the 2nd referee or the scorer – or electronically sent directly to the e-scorer.</p> <p>7.3.5.4 Where a player is found to be on court but he/she is not registered on the team roster, the opponent's points remain valid, and in addition they gain a point and service.</p> |
| <p>7.5 Positional Fault</p> <p>7.5.1 The team commits a positional fault, if any player is not in his/her correct position at the moment the ball is hit by the server (Rules 7.3 & 7.4). This includes when a player is on court through illegal substitution.</p> | <p>7.5 Positional Fault</p> <p>7.5.1 The team commits a positional fault, if any player is not in his/her correct position at the moment the ball is hit by the server. When a player is on court through illegal substitution, and play restarts, this is counted as a positional fault with the consequences of an illegal substitution.</p> |
| <p>7.7 Rotational Fault</p> <p>7.7.1.1 the team is sanctioned with a point and service to the opponent (Rule 6.1.3);</p> <p>7.7.1.2 the players' rotational order must be rectified (Rule 7.6.1).</p> | <p>7.7 Rotational Fault</p> <p>7.7.1.1 the scorer stops play by the buzzer; the opponent gains a point and next service; If the rotational fault is determined only after the completion of the rally which started with a rotational fault, only a single point is awarded to the opponent, regardless of the result of the rally played (Rule 6.1.3).</p> <p>7.7.1.2 the rotational order of the faulty team must be rectified (Rule 7.6.1).</p> |
| <p>8.4 Ball "Out"</p> <p>8.4.1 the part of the ball which contacts the floor is completely outside the boundary lines;</p> | <p>8.4 Ball "Out"</p> <p>8.4.1 all parts of the ball which contact the floor are completely outside the boundary lines;</p> |
| <p>9 Playing the Ball</p> <p>Each team must play within its own playing area and space (except Rule 10.1.2). The ball may, however, be retrieved from beyond the free zone.</p> | <p>9 Playing the Ball</p> <p>Each team must play within its own playing area and space (except Rule 10.1.2). The ball may, however, be retrieved from beyond its own free zone.</p> |

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| <p>9.2 Characteristics of the Hit</p> <p>9.2.3 Volleyball Canada, 16U and younger competitions, receiving serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of the contact. The first referee will use the "double-contact" signal to indicate this infraction.</p> | <p>9.2 Characteristics of the Hit</p> <p>9.2.3 Volleyball Canada, 15U and younger competitions, receiving serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of the contact. The first referee will use the "double-contact" signal to indicate this infraction.</p> |
| <p>11.3 Contact with the Net</p> <p>11.3.1 Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault. The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, hit (or attempt) and landing.</p> | <p>11.3 Contact with the Net</p> <p>11.3.1 Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault. The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, hit (or attempt) and landing safely, ready for a new action.</p> |
| <p>11.4 Player's Fault at the Net</p> <p>11.4.3 A player's foot penetrates completely into the opponent's court.</p> <p>11.4.4 Players close to the ball as it is played, or who are trying to play it, are considered in the action of playing the ball, even if no contact is made with the ball.</p> | <p>11.4 Player's Fault at the Net</p> <p>11.4.3 A player's foot (feet) penetrates completely into the opponent's court.</p> <p>11.4.4 Any player close to the ball as it is played, and who is him/herself trying to play it, is considered in the action of playing the ball, even if no contact is made with it.</p> |
| <p>12.5 Screening</p> <p>12.5.2 A player or group of players of the serving team make(s) a screen by waving arms, jumping or moving sideways during the execution of the service, or by standing grouped to hide the server and the flight path of the ball. (see Diagram 6)</p> | <p>12.5 Screening</p> <p>12.5.2 A player or a group of players of the serving team make(s) a screen by waving arms, jumping or moving sideways during the execution of the service, or by standing grouped, and in so doing hides both the server and the flight path of the ball until the ball reaches the vertical plane of the net. (see Diagram 6)</p> |
| <p>15.1 Number of Regular Game Interruptions</p> <p>Volleyball Canada - For Volleyball Canada competitions in the 14U, 15U (boys and girls) as well as for 16U boys', 12 substitutions is the maximum permitted per team per set. The 12 substitutions are limited. Refer to substitutions rules for Age Class on Page 43.</p> | <p>15.1 Number of Regular Game Interruptions</p> <p>Each team may request a maximum of two time-outs and six substitutions per set.</p> <p>Volleyball Canada - For Volleyball Canada competitions in the 14U*, 15U (boys and girls) as well as for 16U boys', 12 substitutions is the maximum permitted per team per set. The 12 substitutions are limited.</p> <p>*For Volleyball Canada 14U and younger competitions "Fair Play" rules apply, which are as follows: Substitutions are not permitted in the first or second set. In the case of injury, an Exceptional Substitution may be made. The injured/ill player may not return to the same set, but may return to play in subsequent sets. If a player is expelled or disqualified, there must a legal substitution allowed for the set to continue. If a player is expelled in the first set, the expelled player may not start the second set but would be allowed to start the third</p> |

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| | set. Any line up can be used at the start of the third set. In the third set 12 'limited' substitutions are permitted. |
| <p>15.2 Sequence of Regular Game Interruptions</p> <p>15.2.3 There must be a completed rally between two separate substitution requests by the same team.</p> | <p>15.2 Sequence of Regular Game Interruptions</p> <p>15.2.3 There must be a completed rally between two separate substitution requests by the same team. (Exception: a forced substitution due to injury or expulsion/disqualification (15.5.2, 15.7, 15.8)).</p> |
| <p>15.4 Time-Outs and Technical Time-Outs</p> <p>15.4.4 During all time-outs, the players in play must go to the free zone near their bench.</p> | <p>15.4 Time-Outs and Technical Time-Outs</p> <p>15.4.4 During all time-outs (including Technical Time Outs), the players in play must go to the free zone near their bench.</p> |
| <p>15.10 Substitution Procedure</p> <p>15.10.3 c <i>For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, numbered paddles are used to facilitate the substitution.</i></p> | <p>15.10 Substitution Procedure</p> <p>15.10.3 c For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, numbered paddles are used to facilitate the substitution (including when electronic devices are used).</p> |
| <p>15.11 Improper Requests</p> <p>15.11.1.3 for a second substitution by the same team during the same interruption, except in the case of injury/illness of a player in play.</p> | <p>15.11 Improper Requests</p> <p>15.11.1.3 for a second substitution by the same team during the same interruption (i.e. before the end of next completed rally), except in the case of injury/illness of a player in play.</p> |
| <p>19.1 Designation of the Libero</p> <p>19.1.1 Volleyball Canada - Use of only 1 libero is permitted except for 14U and 15U (boys and girls) as well as for 16U boys' competitions.</p> <p>19.1.4 Only one Libero may be on court at any time.</p> | <p>19.1 Designation of the Libero</p> <p>19.1.1 Volleyball Canada - Use of only 1 libero is permitted except for 14U and 15U (boys and girls) as well as for 16U boys' competitions where no Liberos are permitted. The Libero may be re-designated after each set. The number of the Libero must be on the line-up sheet for each set. If the coach decides to re-designate the Libero between sets, the new Libero may be any player registered on the score sheet. Any re-designated Libero must comply with the uniform rule. The number of the uniform for the re-designated Libero must be the same as that player's number recorded on the score sheet. The replaced Libero can now act as a regular player, providing he/she has the correct uniform.</p> <p>19.1.4 Only one Libero may be on court at any time. NOTE: Duplicate rule. See Rule 19.1.3</p> |
| <p>19.1.5 The Libero cannot be either team captain or game captain at the same time as performing as a Libero.</p> | <p>19.1.4 (Renumbered) The Libero cannot be either team captain or game captain at the same time as performing as a Libero.</p> |
| <p>19.2 Equipment The Libero player(s) must wear a uniform (OR JACKET/BIB FOR THE REDESIGNATED Libero) which has a different</p> | <p>19.2 Equipment The Libero player(s) must wear a uniform (OR JACKET/BIB FOR THE REDESIGNATED Libero) which has a different</p> |

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| <p>dominant colour from any colour of the rest of the team. The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team.</p> <p>The Libero uniforms must be numbered like the rest of the team.</p> | <p>dominant colour from any colour of the rest of the team. The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team.</p> <p>The Libero uniforms must be numbered like the rest of the team.</p> <p>Volleyball Canada - The Libero must wear a uniform which has a different dominant colour from any dominant colour of the team jersey.</p> |
| <p>21.3.3 Disqualification</p> <p>21.3.3.1</p> <p>A team member who is sanctioned by disqualification must be substituted legally and immediately if on court and must leave the Competition-Control Area for the rest of the match with no other consequences.</p> | <p>21.3.3 Disqualification</p> <p>21.3.3.1</p> <p>A team member who is sanctioned by disqualification must be substituted legally and immediately if on court and must leave the Competition-Control Area for the rest of the match with no other consequences. Leaving the Competition-Control Area includes any viewing spaces (spectator seating, viewing boxes, or any area overseeing the playing area). The disqualified participant is not allowed to return to the Competition Area following the conclusion of the match.</p> |
| <p>Age Class Variations</p> <p>13U</p> <p>Any line up can be used at the start of the third set. Teams are strongly encouraged to distribute playing time among all players on the team.</p> <p>14U</p> <p>Any line up can be used at the start of the third set. Teams are strongly encouraged to distribute playing time among all players on the team.</p> <p>Triple Ball Sequence</p> <p>Guidelines for Tossers:</p> <p>d) The free ball must be tossed directly to the athlete in the centre back position, otherwise a replay will occur.</p> | <p>Age Class Variations</p> <p>13U</p> <p>Any line up can be used at the start of the third set. Teams are strongly encouraged to distribute playing time among all players on the team.</p> <p>14U</p> <p>Any line up can be used at the start of the third set. Teams are strongly encouraged to distribute playing time among all players on the team.</p> <p>Triple Ball Sequence</p> <p>Guidelines for Tossers:</p> <p>d) The free ball must be tossed directly to the athlete in the centre back position (rotationally in position 6), otherwise a replay will occur</p> |
| | <p>23.3 Responsibilities</p> <p>23.3.2.3</p> <p>h) the ball that crosses the net totally or partly outside of the crossing space to the opponent's court or contacts the antenna on his/her side of the playing court.</p> <p>i) the served ball and the 3rd hit passing over or outside the antenna on his/ her side of the court</p> |
| | <p>24.3 Responsibilities</p> <p>24.3.2.8</p> <p>the served ball and the 3rd hit passing over or outside the antenna on his/ her side of the court.</p> |

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| <p>25.2 Responsibilities He/she keeps the score sheet according to the Rules, co-operating with the second referee.</p> <p>25.2.1.2 records the starting line-up of each team from the line-up sheet;</p> | <p>25.2 Responsibilities He/she fills the score sheet according to the Rules, co-operating with the second referee.</p> <p>25.2.1.2 records the starting line-up of each team from the line-up sheet (or checks the data submitted electronically.)</p> |
| <p>26.2 Responsibilities</p> <p>26.2.3 <i>For FIVB, World and Official Competitions which use an e-score sheet, the Assistant Scorer acts with the Scorer to announce the substitutions and identify the Libero replacements.</i></p> | <p>26.2 Responsibilities</p> <p>26.2.3 <i>For FIVB, World and Official Competitions which use an e-score sheet, the Assistant Scorer acts with the Scorer to announce the substitutions, to direct the 2nd Referee to the team requesting an interruption, and identify the Libero replacements.</i></p> |