



## volleyball association of ireland

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The following rule changes will take effect in all Volleyball Ireland Association League Games and Cup Competitions with effect from start of 2010/2011 season:

### CENTRE LINE MODIFICATION

***Touching the opponents' court with any part of the body above the feet is permitted, providing that it does not interfere with the opponents' play.***

This means that for example, a hand or knee can cross over the centre line. There must, however, be NO "interference" with the opponents' play, or a significantly increased health and safety risk.

Note: The foot remains prohibited from making contact completely across the centre line.

### NET CONTACT

***Contact with the net by a player is not a fault unless it interferes with play.***

Examples of net contacts which are still considered as faults would include any contact with the top band of the net (or antenna) during any action of playing the ball. Contacts which either creates an unfair advantage, or which hinder an opponent's legitimate attempt to play the ball, would also continue to be penalized as net contacts. However, any player who brushes the mesh of the net whilst playing the ball should no longer be penalized [for example player at the net a setter, blocker or hitter (on the way up or down) is no longer considered to be making a net fault, unless there is contact with the top band of the net].

Any "taking support" from the net – leaning into the net, or holding the mesh, or any action which significantly distorts the position of the top band of the net – is still a

FAULT, as is any contact which prevents the opponent from being able to play the ball.

### REFEREE COOPERATION

***The second referee may signal and whistle illegal back-court attack hits and blocks.***

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### SUBSTITUTION PROCEDURES

***This rule is not being implemented by VAI this season, substitutions will be still requested by the team captain, or coach.***

[“Quick substitution” process is NOT to be used due to the fact “paddles” or “plaquettes” (used for substitution) are not on the VAI list of required team equipment.]

### ADDITIONAL LIBERO PLAYER

***This rule is not being implemented in VAI this season, each team panel will contains up to 12 players (max).***

[For FIVB and World Senior events, teams may declare up to 14 players and include the addition of a second “libero” player into the squad.]

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