



FIVB Rules Amendments

General, worth note

Diagram 9 Misconduct Warnings and Sanctions - Minor Misconduct has been added to the table of sanctions showing the Stage 1 and Stage 2 approach as a warning to the teams.

General, Minor

5.2 Coach

5.2.2 on prior to the match now includes for e-score the wording that the coach checks the players on the 'scoresheet team roster, and then signs it'.

6.1 To score a point

6.1.1.1 has a wording change with the word 'landing' replacing 'grounding'

6.1.3 on Rally and Completed now changes the wording to be more explicit in what constitutes a completed rally. The old wording used a phrase 'out-with' and this is now clarified as 'loss of service for service hit made after the time limit'

7.3 Team Starting Line up

7.3.2 notes the introduction of e-bench that the line-up sheet may be sent electronically direct to the scorer

7.3.5.4 has changed the words scoresheet with team roster but essentially means the same thing; this again refers to e-score

7.5 Positional Fault

7.5.1 the rule is clarified in the case of an illegal substitution '... When a player is on court through illegal substitution, and play restarts, this is counted as a positional fault with the consequences of illegal substitution.'

7.7 Rotational Fault

7.7.1.1 the text clarifies that 'the scorer stops play with the buzzer;' and then on what happens if the rally has been played and the rotational fault has then been identified '...If the rotational fault is determined only after the completion of a rally which started with a rotational fault, only a single point is awarded to the opponent, regardless of the result of the rally played.

11.3 Contact with the net

11.3.1 in order to help referees understand the playing action the words the definition is extended and reads 'The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, hit (or attempt) and landing safely, ready for a new action.'



12.5 Screening

12.5.2 the rule wording is extended to help referees understand how to apply the screen rule. In addition to describing how a team creates a screen the wording is amended to say'... 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.

15.2 Sequence of Regular Game Interruptions

15.2.3 the rule now clarifies that there can be two separate requests for substitution where this is required because of injury, expulsion/ disqualification.

15.4 Time out and Technical Time Outs

15.4.4 the wording now includes that Technical Time outs are the same as Time outs and the team 'must go to the free zone near their bench'.

15.11 Improper Requests

15.11.1.3 the rule confirms that a second request for substitution in the same interruption is an improper request except in the case of injury or expulsion / disqualification and clarifies the interruption is '...before the end of the next completed rally').

23.3 1st Referee Responsibilities

23.3.2.3 The rule which lists the situations where the 1st referee can decide upon now include two further situations: 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) the served ball and the 3rd hit passing over or outside the antenna on his/her side of the court.

24.3 2nd Referee Responsibilities

24.3.2.8 has been added and says 'the served ball and the 3rd hit passing over or outside the antenna on his/her side of the court.' – this clarifies as the situation h) in the 1st referee responsibilities already exists for the 2nd referee (24.3.2.7) and the second clause has been added to both referees.

Section 3 Diagrams

Diagram 1a Competition Control Area - The Diagram 1a shows now the detailed court layout for competition and with the measurements added, for example the bench should only be 5.8m in length.

Definitions Ball Retrievers and Moppers - Moppers are added and the definition reads: 'Moppers: are personnel whose job it is to keep the floor clean and dry. They mop the court before the match, between the sets and, if necessary, after each rally.



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1.1 Court Dimensions – the word ‘minimum’ has been removed from the text clarifying the court size as ‘the free zone shall measure 5m from the side lines and 6.5m from the end line.’

2.5 Posts – the addition of ‘and must be padded.’ This ensures that posts must have the necessary protection.

4.1 Team Composition – addition for clarification ‘The Team Manager or Team Journalist may not sit on or behind the bench in the Control Area’ and also ‘Any Medical Doctor or teat therapist... must be part of the official delegation.’ where the previous rules said ‘should’. The rules also now note that ‘The Official Regulations for each event will be found in the Specific Competition Handbook’ – this refers to the fact that even in FIVB competitions e.g. WL and WGP there are different regulations in place.

4.3 Equipment 4.3.3 the rule on player numbers between 1-20 now notes that ‘where larger squads are used, numbers may be extended’

4.5 Forbidden Objects 4.5.3 the rule allows compression pads but has added from the Sport Regulations the notes that the colours may now include ‘ Black, white or neutral colours.’

5.2.3.4 clarifies that the coach must remain behind the coach’s restriction line ‘throughout the entire match’

15.10 Substitution Procedure

15.10.3c wording added ‘...(including when electronic devices are used)’. This clarifies as there was talk that where the e-bench system was used then paddles would not be required. This confirms that paddles are required in all circumstances.

25 Scorer & Rule 26 Assistant Scorer - The rules for the scorer acknowledge that the e-score now predominates and that the scorer should not stop any checks because of this. For example 25.2.1.2 states that the scorer records the starting line-up of each team from the line-up sheet (or checks the data submitted electronically).

26.2.3.2 adds that where e-score is used the Assistant Scorer acts with the scorer to announce substitutions, to direct the 2nd referee to the team requesting an interruption, and identify the Libero replacements.