

BEACH VOLLEYBALL RULE MODIFICATIONS AND ITS IMPACTS

RULE	RULE TEXT 2017-20	RULE TEXT 2021-24	TYPE OF MODIFICATION
3.3	<p>THREE-BALL SYSTEM</p> <p>For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, three balls shall be used. In this case, six ball retrievers are stationed one at each corner of the free zone and one behind each referee.</p>	<p>FOUR-BALL SYSTEM</p> <p>For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, four balls shall be used. In this case, six ball retrievers are stationed one at each corner of the free zone and one behind each referee.</p>	<p>Rule modification (avoid unnecessary interruption of the flow of the game)</p>
4.5.3	<p>Compression pads (padded injury protection devices) may be worn for protection or support.</p> <p>For FIVB, World and Official competitions for Seniors, these devices or visible underwear must be of the same colour as part of the uniform.</p>	<p>Compression pads (padded injury protection devices) may be worn for protection or support.</p> <p>For FIVB, World and Official competitions for Seniors, these devices or visible underwear must be of the same colour as part of the uniform. Black, white or neutral colours may be also used provided that all using players wear the same colour.</p>	<p>Completion</p>
9	<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>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 and over the scoring table in its complete extension.</p>	<p>Rule modification (allow spectacular actions)</p>
11.1.1	<p>In blocking, a player may touch the ball beyond the net, provided that he/she does not interfere with the opponent's play, before or during the latter's attack hit.</p>	<p>In blocking, a player may touch the ball beyond the net, provided that he/she does not interfere with the opponent's play, before or during the latter's attack hit.</p>	<p>Impacted by modification of Rule 14.6.1</p>
11.3.2	<p>Players may touch the post, ropes, or any other object outside the antennae, including the net itself, provided that it does not interfere with the play</p>	<p>Players may touch the post, ropes, or any other object outside the antennae, including the net itself, provided that it does not interfere with the play (except Rule 9.1.3)</p>	<p>Punctuation</p>

11.4.1	A player touches the ball or an opponent in the opponent's space before or during the opponent's attack hit.	A player touches the ball or an opponent in the opponent's space before or during the opponent's attack hit.	Impacted by modification of Rule 14.6.1
12.5.1	A player of the serving team must not prevent the opponent, through individual screening, from seeing the server AND the flight path of the ball.	A player of the serving team must not prevent the opponent, through individual screening, from seeing the service hit AND the flight path of the ball.	Clarification
12.5.2	A player of the serving team makes a screen by waving arms, jumping or moving sideways during the execution of the service, and in so doing hides both the server and the flight path of the ball.	A player of the serving team makes a screen by waving arms, jumping or moving sideways during the execution of the service, in order that both the service hit and the flight path of the ball are hidden until the ball reaches the vertical plane of the net. Should either be visible to the receiving team this is not a screen.	Clarification
14.3	In blocking, the player may place his/her hands and arms beyond the net, provided that this action does not interfere with the opponent's play. Thus, it is not permitted to touch the ball beyond the net until an opponent has executed an attack hit.	In blocking, the player may place his/her hands and arms beyond the net, provided that this action does not interfere with the opponent's play. Thus, it is not permitted to touch the ball beyond the net before an opponent has executed an attack hit	Impacted by modification of Rule 14.6.1
14.6.1	The blocker touches the ball in the OPPONENT'S space either before or simultaneously with the opponent's attack hit.	The blocker touches the ball in the OPPONENT'S space before the opponent's attack hit	Rule modification (avoid unnecessary interruption of the flow of the game)
15.2.3		It is not permitted to request any regular game interruption after having had a request rejected and sanctioned by a delay warning during the same interruption (i.e., before the end of next completed rally).	New Rule (For Clarification)
15.4.2.	For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, in sets 1 and 2, one additional 30-second "Technical Time-Out" is	For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, in sets 1 and 2, one additional 30-second "Technical Time-Out" is	Clarification

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17.1.2 An injured/ill player is given a maximum of 5 minutes recovery time, one time in a match. The referee must authorize the properly accredited medical staff to enter the playing court to attend the player. Only the 1st referee may authorize a player to leave the playing area without penalty. When the treatment has been completed or if no treatment can be provided, play must resume. The 2nd referee will whistle and request the player to continue. At this time, only the player can judge whether he/she is fit to play.

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Clarification
(adjust to the 2020 new medical assistance regulations)

21 REFEREEING CORPS AND PROCEDURES

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21.1 COMPOSITION

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The refereeing corps for a match is composed of the following officials:

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- the 1st referee
- the 2nd referee
- the scorer
- four (two) line judges

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- the 2nd referee
- **the challenge referee (where applicable)**
- **the reserve referee (where applicable)**
- the scorer
- four (two) line judges

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Completion and modification of tittle (include Challenge Referee and Reserve referee in Refereeing Team)

	For FIVB, World and Official Competitions an assistant scorer is compulsory	For FIVB, World and Official Competitions an assistant scorer is compulsory	
22.2.1	<p>The 1st referee directs the match from the start until the end. He/she has authority over all members of the refereeing corps and the members of the teams.</p> <p>During the match his/her decisions are final. He/she is authorized to overrule the decisions of other members of the refereeing corps, if it is noticed that they are mistaken.</p> <p>He/she may even replace a member of the refereeing corps who is not performing his/her functions properly.</p>	<p>The 1st referee directs the match from the start until the end. He/she has authority over all members of the refereeing team and the members of the teams.</p> <p>During the match his/her decisions are final. He/she is authorized to overrule the decisions of other members of the refereeing team, if it is noticed that they are mistaken.</p> <p>He/she may even replace a member of the refereeing team who is not performing his/her functions properly.</p>	Impacted by modification of title
22.2.2	He/she also controls the work of the ball retrievers.	He/she also controls the work of the ball retrievers, and sand levellers.	Clarification
22.2.6		Depending on the circumstances leading up to an eventual injury/illness of a player, the 1st referee authorizes the medical assistance and initiates the recovery time.	Clarification (adjust to the 2020 new medical assistance regulations)
22.3.2.3	c) the faults above the net, and the faulty contact of the player with the net, primarily on the attacker's side	c) the faults above the net, and the faulty contact of the player with the net, primarily (but not exclusively) on the attacker's side.	Completion
23.2.7	In the case of an injury of a player, the 2nd referee authorizes and assists in managing the recovery time.	In the case the 1st referee authorizes medical assistance to a player, he/she assists in the process, including managing the recovery time.	Clarification (adjust to the 2020 new medical assistance regulations)

23.3.2.3	the faulty contact of the player with the net primarily on the blocker's side and with the antenna on his/her side of the court;	the faulty contact of the player with the net primarily (but not exclusively) on the blocker's side and with the antenna on his/her side of the court;	Completion
24	<p>CHALLENGE REFEREE</p> <p>For FIVB, World and Official Competitions if the Video Challenge System (VCS) is in use, a Challenge referee is compulsory.</p>		<p>New Rule (include the Challenge Referee in Official Beach Volleyball Rules)</p>
24.1	<p>LOCATION</p> <p>The Challenge Referee carries out his/her functions in the challenge booth locating in a separate position determined by the FIVB Technical Delegate.</p>		<p>IMPACTED RULES: Re-ordering the former Rule 24 "SCORER", now become Rule 26</p>
24.2	<p>RESPONSIBILITIES</p>		
24.2.1	<p>He/she supervises the challenge process and ensures, that it proceeds according to the challenge regulation in force.</p>		
24.2.2	<p>The Challenge referee shall wear an official referee uniform while performing his/her functions.</p>		
24.2.3	<p>After the challenge process he/she advises the 1st referee of the nature of the fault.</p>		
24.2.4	<p>At the end of the match, he/she signs the score sheet.</p>		
25	<p>RESERVE REFEREE</p> <p>For FIVB, World and Official Competitions a Reserve referee is compulsory for all TV matches, and anytime the Video Challenge System (VCS) is in use.</p>		<p>New Rule (include the Reserve Referee in Official Beach Volleyball Rules)</p>
25.1	<p>LOCATION</p>		<p>IMPACTED RULES:</p>

25.2		<p>The Reserve referee carries out his/her functions locating in a separate position determined by the FIVB court layout.</p> <p>RESPONSIBILITIES</p> <p>The Reserve referee is obliged to:</p>	<p>Re-ordering the former Rule 25 "ASSISTANT SCORER", now become Rule 27</p>
25.2.1.		<p>Wear an official referee uniform while performing his/her functions.</p>	
25.2.2		<p>Replace the 2nd referee in case of absence or in case that he/she is unable to continue his/her work or in case that the 2nd referee became the 1st referee.</p>	
25.2.3		<p>Assist the 2nd referee in keeping the free zone.</p>	
25.2.4		<p>Bring to the 2nd referee four match balls, immediately after the presentation of the players.</p>	
25.2.5		<p>Give the 2nd referee a match ball after he/she has finished checking the player at service.</p>	
25.2.6		<p>Assist the 1st referee with guiding the work of the sand levellers.</p>	
25.2.7		<p>In case the Video Challenge System (VCS) is in use, he/she supervises the Scorer in filling in the Challenge System process at the e-scoresheet.</p>	
24	SCORER	26 SCORER	Re-ordered (texts unchanged)
24.1	LOCATION	26.1 LOCATION	
24.2	RESPONSIBILITIES	26.2 RESPONSIBILITIES	
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ASSISTANT SCORER
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27 ASSISTANT SCORER
27.1 LOCATION
27.2 RESPONSIBILITIES
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25.2.2.1		27.2.2.1	
25.2.2.2		27.2.2.2	
25.2.2.3		27.2.2.3	
25.2.2.4		27.2.2.4	
25.2.2.5		27.2.2.5	
25.2.2.6		27.2.2.6	
25.2.3		27.2.3	
25.2.3.1		27.2.3.1	
26	LINE JUDGES	28 LINE JUDGES	Re-ordered
26.1	LOCATION	28.1 LOCATION	Clarification
	If only two line judges are used, they stand at the corners of the court closest to the right hand of each referee, diagonally at 1 to 2 m from the corner.	If only two line judges are used, they stand at the corners of the court closest to the right hand of each referee, diagonally at 1 to 2 m from the corner.	
	Each one of them controls both the end line and side line on his/her side.	Each one of them controls both the end line and side line on his/her side.	
	For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, when it is compulsory to have four line judges, they stand in the free zone at 1 to 3 m from each corner of the court, on the imaginary extension of the line that they control.	For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, if four line judges are used, they stand in the free zone at 1 to 3 m from each corner of the court, on the imaginary extension of the line that they control.	
26.2	RESPONSIBILITIES	28.2 RESPONSIBILITIES	Re-ordered
26.2.1		28.2.1	(texts unchanged)
26.2.1.1		28.2.1.1	
26.2.1.2		28.2.1.2	

26.2.1.3		28.2.1.3	
26.2.1.4		28.2.1.4	
26.2.1.5		28.2.1.5	
26.2.1.6		28.2.1.6	
26.2.1.7		28.2.1.7	
26.2.1.8		28.2.1.8	
26.2.2		28.2.2	
27	OFFICIAL SIGNALS	29 OFFICIAL SIGNALS	Re-ordered (texts unchanged)
27.1	REFEREES' HAND SIGNALS	29.1 REFEREES' HAND SIGNALS	
27.2	LINE JUDGES' FLAG SIGNALS	29.2 LINE JUDGES' FLAG SIGNALS	
	DEFINITIONS	DEFINITIONS	New (For description)
		PROTOCOL	
		The series of events before the start of the match, including the toss, the warming-up session, presentation of the teams and referees described in the Specific Competition Handbook.	
		FIRST HIT OF THE TEAM	New (For description)
		There are three cases, when the playing action is considered first hit of the team:	
		- Service reception	
		- Receiving an attack of the opponent team	
		- Playing the ball rebounding from opponent's block	
