



USA Volleyball

2009-2011 USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations (Indoor) Reminders, Clarifications, and Points of Emphasis

BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS MUST: (20)

Know the "Official Volleyball Rules" and abide by them.

Accept referees' decisions with sportsmanlike conduct and without dispute.

Behave respectfully and courteously in the spirit of fair play toward referees, officials, opponents, teammates and spectators.

RALLY SCORING: All games will be rally scoring, meaning that each serve results in a point. A team need not have served to win the point. (6.1)

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: There must always be six players per team to begin a rally or continue a match (7.3.1)

ROTATION ORDER as determined by the starting line-up must be maintained throughout the set. (7.6.1)

ROTATION FAULT: If the rotational fault is discovered before the opponents serve, all points scored subsequent to the fault must be cancelled. In addition, all timeouts taken by the team not at fault, as well as substitutions and team sanctions charged subsequent to the commission of the rotational fault, must be cancelled. Individual misconduct sanctions assessed to either team, and time-outs taken by the team at fault, are not cancelled. If the points scored while the player was out of rotation order cannot be determined or the opponents have served, then a point and service to the opponents is the only penalty charged. The opponents retain any points scored. (USAV 7.7.2)

POSITION OF THE PLAYERS is determined by the placement of the feet at the time the ball is contacted for service. Front row player must be closer to the net than the back row player. Left/right player must be closer to the sideline than the center player (server excluded). (7.4)

ROTATE INTO THE SERVE: The receiving team, on winning its first serve, must rotate positions prior to service. (7.6.2)

HEIGHT OF NET: Measured from the center of the playing court, the height of the net is 2.43m (7'11 $\frac{5}{8}$ "") for men & co-ed and 2.24m (7'4 $\frac{1}{8}$ "") for women. (2.1.1)

SERVICE ZONE: Area behind the end line and between two short lines as extensions of the sidelines (1.4.2). The service zone shall have a minimum depth of 2m (6'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ""). A line shall be marked on the court to provide the minimum depth. (USAV 1.4.2)

SERVICE: Upon the referee's signal a server has 8 seconds to serve the ball. The ball shall be hit with one hand or any part of the arm after being tossed or released from the hand(s). Only one toss or release of the ball is allowed. Dribbling or moving the ball in the hands is permitted. A service executed before the referee's whistle is cancelled and repeated. (12.4)

CONTACT OF SERVED BALL: It is illegal to make contact with a served ball while the ball is entirely above the top of the net in the front zone. [i.e. attacking and blocking (13.3.4; 14.5)]

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HIT: The ball may touch any part of the body and must be hit, not caught or thrown. During the first hit of the team, the ball may contact various parts of the body consecutively, provided that the contacts occur during one action. (Players can receive a served ball with the fingers. You need not "bump" a serve.) (9.2)

BALL CROSSING THE NET: The ball must go over the net within the crossing space. The crossing space is limited as follows: below, by the top of the net; at the sides, by the antennae, and their imaginary extension; above, by the ceiling. (10.1.1)

BALL OUT AT NET: Ball is out when: it makes contact with the ceiling or obstruction above the opponent's playing area or contacts the ceiling or obstruction above the team's playing area and crosses the plane of the net into the opponent's court (USAV 8.4.2.b.); it contacts an antenna, rope, post or the net itself outside the antenna side band... (8.4.3); it crosses completely the lower space under the net (8.4.4).

PLAY AT THE NET: A player has not gone under the net provided some part of the penetrating foot/feet remains either in contact with or directly above the center line. To touch the opponent's court with any part of the body above the feet is permitted provided that it does not interfere with the opponent's play (11.2.2). Contact with the net by a player is not a fault, unless it interferes with the play (11.3).

SUBSTITUTION ZONE: Area by the score table, between the imaginary extensions of both attack lines. (1.4.3)

MULTIPLE COURTS: When side-by-side courts are in use, a player is at fault for entering the adjoining court to play the ball, or after having played the ball. (USAV 9.b)