

## NCVF Rules of Play 2011-2012

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For all NCVF competitions, the **2011-2013 Domestic Competition Regulations** as presented by USA Volleyball are in full effect with the modifications detailed below. The current USAV Indoor DCR (rulebook) can be found at the following link on the [USA Volleyball website](#).

There is one Significant changes to the NCVF playing rules for the current season. Beginning this season, teams will be able to designate up to two Liberos for each **match**, as explained in the clarifications below. Additionally, collegiate club players will be allowed to wear a flat band ring worn on the finger during play. Other jewelry still needs to be removed.

For information pertaining to the application of the rules, please consult the USA Volleyball website at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org). Questions regarding interpretation of the rule modifications and clarifications presented below may be addressed to the NCVF at [ncvfcompliance@ncfvolleyball.org](mailto:ncvfcompliance@ncfvolleyball.org).

### Modifications

1. Either Libero Player will be allowed to serve in one position in the rotation.
  - *Rule 19.3.1.3 - He/she may **not serve**, block or attempt to block, **is modified** to allow either Libero to serve in one position in the rotation. A double replacement will be allowed when either libero is replacing the player in position No. 1 and is the next correct server.*
2. The only jewelry that will be allowed is a flat band ring worn on the finger. This is a modification of USAV Rule 4.5.
3. In extraordinary circumstances when a team's roster is reduced to less than six players, a team may play with five players and a ghost.
  - *Rule 7.3.1 - There must always be six players per team in play. The team's starting line-up indicates the rotational order of the players on the court. This order must be maintained throughout the set. This rule **is modified** so if due to injury or other extraordinary circumstances, a team may play with five players and **one** ghost. The Director of Competition will make the determination if extraordinary circumstances exist. The expulsion or disqualification of a player does not constitute extraordinary circumstances.*
  - *Rule 7.3.1.1 - If the team elects to proceed with five players and one ghost, the rotational order of the six player lineup must be maintained.*

- Rule 7.3.1.2 - When a team elects to proceed with five players and one ghost, and the ghost (missing player) position rotates to serve in position No. 1, a point and service is immediately awarded to the opponent.

## Clarifications

Rule 19 provides the complete text covering the Libero. Team members have the obligation under Rule 20.1.1 to “know the *Official Volleyball Rules* and abide by them.” The following points are provided as a courtesy regarding the Libero position:

[1] The Libero designations are for the **entire match**. Once an individual has been designated as the Libero, they cannot play in any other position **for the match**. When submitting the lineup for set 1, the team will designate the Starting Libero by writing the player number in the left hand box. If a second Libero is designated, their number should be written in the right hand box.

[2] A team may choose to designate zero, one or two players to play as Libero for the match. **This is a change from the past when Libero designation was for the set.**

[3] Only one Libero may be on the court at any time.

[4] If a team designates two Liberos, the Libero jerseys do NOT have to match. However, per USAV19.2a “The Libero player’s jersey must contrast in color with that of the predominant colors of the jerseys of the other team members. Color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/ black, navy/maroon, and white/light yellow are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.” The regular players can wear red jerseys and one Libero may wear a navy jersey while the other Libero may wear a royal blue jersey. All players, including the Libero(s), jerseys must be numbered the same.

[5.1] Replacements involving the Libero are not counted as substitutions.

[5.2] After a completed rally, the Acting Libero may be replaced by the second Libero or the regular replacement player. 19.3.2.9 “An illegal Libero replacement can involve (amongst others): No completed rally between Libero replacements, The Libero being replaced by a player other than the regular replacement player. The consequences of an illegal Libero replacement are the same as those for a rotational fault.”

[5.3] Replacements are unlimited, but there must be a **completed rally between two replacements involving a Libero** (unless a penalty causes a rotation to position 4, or the Acting Libero becomes unable to play, making the rally incomplete).

[6.1] Either Libero may serve in one position in the rotation. The position in the rotation where the Libero will serve is established when the Libero legally executes a serve.

[6.2] If either Libero is on the court when the team wins the right to serve and either Libero would be the next legal server, a double replacement will be allowed to permit the Libero to serve even though only one completed rally or forced rotation has occurred. The double replacement may involve both Libero players (4 players total).

[7] Rule 19.4 specifies when a team is allowed to re-designate the Libero due to players being unable to play.

[8] USAV Rule 15.7.a covers the priority exceptional substitution

[9] All of the other playing restrictions listed in Rule 19.3.1 apply.

### **Further Clarifications from Previous Years**

[10] USAV 4.3.3.1a: Uniform numbers must be clearly visible and centered on the chest and back. Each jersey must use the same color and number height for all players except the Libero. Numbers must contrast with the jersey that they are printed on.

[11] USAV 4.3.3.1b: Color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black, navy/black, white/yellow or navy/maroon are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules. USAV 4.3.3.2: It is recommended that the numbers be a minimum of 15 cm (6") in height on the chest and a minimum of 20 cm (8") on the back. The numbers must be a minimum of 10cm (4") in height on the chest and a minimum of 15 cm (6") in height on the back. Teams that are purchasing new uniforms should go with the larger numbers.

[12] During the team check-in process at NCVF Events, the NCVF will inspect two representative jerseys and shorts, including the Libero jersey, which a team plans to use at the event.

[13] USAV 4.1.1: A team may consist of a maximum of 15 players.

### **Significant Rule Changes from 2009-2011**

[15] Centerline Rule found in Rule 11.2

[16] Net Touch Rule found in Rule 11.3 & 11.4

[17] Substitution Requests under Rule 15.10.3

[18] Post Match Approval of the Match Result under USAV 25.2.3.3 (captain signs the score sheet). At this time the captain can also complete their responsibilities under 5.1.3.1 to **thank the referees**.