

Rule Changes

2009-2010 DOMESTIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS SIGNIFICANT RULE CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS

USAV 4.5.1- Add: “Casts, even if padded, are forbidden.”

1. Deleted USAV 4.5.1: “It is forbidden to wear hats or jewelry. An exception will be made for religious or medical medallions and, for adult competition, a flat band ring worn on the finger. If worn, medallions shall be removed from chains and taped or sewn under the uniform. If a ring, other than a flat band, cannot be removed, it shall be taped in such a manner as not to create a safety hazard. Braces, prosthetic limbs or headgear that may cause an injury or give an artificial advantage to the player must not be worn. If a brace, prosthetic limb or headgear is used, padding or covering may be necessary.”
2. Replaced with USAV 4.5.1: “It is forbidden to wear hats or jewelry. An exception will be made for religious or medial medallions shall be removed from chains and taped or sewn under the uniform. If a ring, other than a flat band, cannot be removed, it shall be taped n such a manner as not to create a safety hazard. Braces, prosthetic limbs or headgear that may cause an injury or give an artificial advantage to the player must not be worn. If a brace, prosthetic limb or headgear is used, padding or covering may be necessary. Casts, even if padded are forbidden.”

Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation

This change clarifies that under no circumstances will a player be allowed to play while wearing a cast.

Add USAV 4.5.2

New USAV 4.5.2: “If a players' equipment falls to the floor and creates a safety hazard, play is stopped and a delay sanction accessed.”

Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation

This change clarifies how to handle a safety hazard caused by player equipment.

New USAV 5.1.2.3: “The captain may request a time-out.”

Add USAV 5.1.3: Defines when and by whom the scoresheet is signed.

Add New USAV 5.1.3: “For junior competition, both coaches sign the scresheet after the match to verify the results.”

USAV 7.2.2 replaced with USAV 7.2.2a, USAV 7.2.2b and USAV 7.2.2c

1. Deleted 7.7.2: “For nationally sanctioned adult competition, it is recommended that teams warm up together at the net for 10 minutes if both team captains agree; otherwise, each team will have five minutes separately. For consecutive warm-ups, the team with the first service has the court first. The protocols described on pages 165 and 166 in the USAV rulebook will be used at the Open Division of the Adult Championships, High Performance Championships and any nationally sanctioned Junior Olympic Competitions.”
2. Add New USAV 7.2.2.a: “For adult competition, it is recommended that teams warm up together at the net for 10 minutes if both team captains agree; otherwise, each team will have five minutes separately. For consecutive warm-up periods, the team with the first service has the court first.”
3. Add New USAV 7.2.2.b: “For junior competition, when one team has exclusive use of the court, the other team must either be at its team bench or out of the playing area. Warming up with balls at the team bench or the spectator walkways is not permitted.”
4. Add New USAV 7.2.2.c: “For nationally sanctioned competitions, the protocols described on pages 165 and 166 in the USAV rulebook will be used.”

USAV 8.4.2 Add: “, other than a served ball”.

1. Deleted USAV 8.4.2: A ball shall remain in play if it contacts the ceiling or other overhead objects 4.6 m (15') or more above the playing area.”
2. Replaced with USAV 8.4.2: “A ball, other than a served ball, shall remain in play if it contacts the ceiling or other overhead objects 4.6 m (15') or more above the playing area.”

Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation

This change clarifies that a served ball that contacts the ceiling or other overhead objects is out of play.

Add 10.1.3: new under the net rule

New 10.1.3: “The ball that is heading towards the opponent's court through the lower is in play until the moment it has completely crossed the vertical plane of the net.”

11.2.2.2: new centerline rule

1. Deleted 11.2.2.2: “To contact the opponent's court with any other part of the body is forbidden.”
2. Replaced with 11.2.2.2: “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.”

11.3.1: new net touch rule

1. Deleted 11.3.1: “Contact with the net by a player is not a fault, unless it is made during the action of playing the ball, or it interferes with the play. Some actions of playing the ball may include actions in which the players do not actually touch the ball.”
2. Replaced with 11.3.1: “Contact with the net by a player is not a fault, unless it interferes with the play.”

11.3.2: new net touch rule

1. Deleted 11.3.2: “Once the player has hit the ball, he/she may touch the post, rope or any other object outside the total length of the net, provided that it does not interfere with play.”
2. Replaced with 11.3.2: “Players may touch the post, ropes, or any other object outside the antennae, including the net itself, provided that it does not interfere with play.”

11.4.2: new centerline rule

1. Deleted 11.4.2: “A player penetrates into the opponents’ space under the net, interfering with the latter’s play.”
2. Replaced with 11.4.2: “A player interferes with the opponent’s play while penetrating into the opponent’s space under the net.”

11.4.3: new centerline rule

1. Deleted 11.4.3: “A player penetrates into the opponents’ court.”
2. Replaced with 11.4.3: “A player’s foot (feet) penetrates completely into the opponent’s court.”

11.4.4: new net touch rule

1. Deleted 11.4.4: “A player touches the net or the antenna during his/her action or playing the ball or interferes with the play.”
2. Replaced with 11.4.4: “A player interferes with the opponent’s play by (amongst others):
 - a. touching the top band of the net or the top 80 cm of the antenna during his/her action of playing the ball
 - b. taking support from the net simultaneously with playing the ball
 - c. creating an advantage over the opponent
 - d. making actions which hinder an opponent’s legitimate attempt to play the ball.”

Add USAV 15.2.2

New USAV 15.2.2: “A time out before the start of a set is permitted.”

Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation

This change further clarifies when a time out may be taken.

USAV 17.1.1 Add: “, a legal Libero replacement (if the Libero is not on the court at the time of the injury)”

1. Deleted USAV 17.1.1: “If the injured player cannot continue playing within 30 seconds, the player must be replaced by substitution or the team must take a legal time-out if the player is to remain in the set.”
2. Replace with USAV 17.1.1: “If the injured player cannot continue playing within 30 seconds, the player must be replaced by substitution, a legal Libero replacement (if the Libero is not on the court at the time of the injury), or the team must take a legal time-out if the player is to remain in the set.”

Narrative Explanation of Change in Regulation

This change provides another option that may be taken when an injured player must be replaced.

19.1.3: Libero(s) designation

1. Deleted 19.1.3: “The Libero can be neither team captain nor game captain.”
2. Replace with 19.1.3: “One Libero designated by the coach before the start of the match, will be the acting Libero. If there is a second Libero, he/she will act as the reserve Libero.”

Add 19.1.4: (old 19.1.3)

New 19.14: “The Libero cannot be either team captain or game captain at the same time as performing the Libero function.”

19.3.2.3: Editorial

3. Deleted 19.3.2.3: “A replacement made after the whistle for service but before the service hit should not be rejected but must be the object of a verbal caution after the end of the rally. Subsequent late replacements must be subject to a delay sanction.”
4. Replace with 19.3.2.3: “A replacement made after the whistle for service but before the service hit should not be rejected but must be the object of a verbal caution after the end of the rally. Subsequent late replacements shall result in the play being interrupted immediately and the imposition of a delay sanction. The team to serve next will be determined by the result of the delay sanction.”

19.3.2.5: Illegal Libero Replacement defined.

1. New 19.3.2.5: “The consequences of an illegal Libero replacement are the same as those for a rotational fault.”

USAV 25.2.2.6: Editorial – add “improper request”.

1. Deleted 25.2.2.6: “records any sanctions.”
2. Replaced with 25.2.2.6: ‘records any sanctions and improper request.

USAV 25.2.3.3: Defines when and by whom the score sheet is signed.

1. Deleted USAV 25.2.3.3: “The team captains and the second referee are not required to sign the score sheet.”
2. Replaced with USAV 25.2.3.3: “The second referee is not required to sign the score sheet. For junior competition, the coaches sign the score sheet after the match to verify the results. For adult competition, the team captains sign the score sheet after the match to verify the results.”