

# **2011-13 USAV Domestic Competition Regulations (DCR) – Rule Changes**

## **Referee Stand**

Rule 2.6d - Basic equipment for a match includes a referee stand, which should be adjustable to allow the referee's eye position to be approximately 50 cm (19") above the top of the net. The stand should be constructed so that it presents the least potential hazard for participants. Step ladders, jump boxes and other devices not specifically designed as referee stands shall not be used. If an appropriate referee stand cannot be provided, the first referee performs his/her functions from the floor.

The front and sides of the referee's stand must be padded in the same manner as the posts, to a height of 1.7 m (5'6").

## **Two Libero Designations**

Beginning 2011-12, teams will be able to designate two Liberos for each match.

The Libero players must wear a uniform (or jacket/bib for the re-designated Libero) whose jerseys at least must contrast in color with that of the other members of the team. The Libero uniform may have a different design, but it must be numbered like the rest of the team members.

The Libero player's jersey must contrast in color with that of the predominant colors of the jerseys of the other team members. If a team is using two Liberos, it is not necessary for the Libero jerseys to be identical. It is only necessary for both jerseys to contrast with the other team members jerseys. And remember that in USAV rules, it is not necessary for the Libero to wear the same shorts as other players.

As noted in the DCR, color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black, navy/maroon, and white/light yellow are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.

Rule 19.1.3 reads: One Libero designated by the coach before the start of the match will be the starting Libero. The Libero on court is the Acting Libero. If there is another Libero, he/she will act as the second Libero.

And Rule 19.1.4 states: Only one Libero may be on court at any time.

Remember that the team can choose to designate one or two Liberos for the MATCH, but if they choose to designate only one, that Libero will be used for the entire match; the team can not re-designate a Libero for each set. Also, when a

player is designated as one of the Liberos for the match, they cannot play as a regular player, except as the rules apply for exceptional substitutions.

### **Re-designation of a New Libero**

When a team uses two Liberos but one becomes unable to play through injury or illness, the team has the right to play with only one Libero and the second Libero becomes the Acting Libero.

No re-designation will be allowed, unless the Acting Libero is unable to play for the match and the remaining Libero has also been declared unable to continue.

At that point, the coach or captain may choose to re-designate one Libero, but NEITHER of the original Liberos will be allowed to play the remainder of the match.

### **Expulsion or Disqualification of Libero**

If a Libero is expelled he/she may be replaced directly by the team's other Libero or by the player the Libero replaced. If the second Libero becomes injured during that set, no re-designation may occur. The expelled Libero may return in the next set.

If a Libero is disqualified, he/she may be replaced directly by the team's other Libero or by the player the Libero replaced. If the second Libero becomes injured during play, the team may re-designate another Libero and both the injured Libero and disqualified Libero will not be able to play the remainder of the match.

If a team has designated only one Libero for the match, and that Libero becomes injured and is unable to play, the team may then designate another Libero and the injured Libero may not play for the remainder of the match.

### **No Jewelry allowed**

Rule 4.5.1 states: It is forbidden to wear hats or casts (even if padded).

Braces, jewelry, prosthetic limbs or other 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.

A Junior volleyball athlete participating in a Junior event may not wear jewelry. An exception will be made for religious or medical medallions that are removed from chains and taped or sewn under the uniform.