



OFFICIAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL RULES

SUMMARY OF CHANGES



Changes between Rule Books published in March 1996 and January 1997

1996 Rule Book	1997 Rule Book
<p>Page 35, Rule 17.2.5:</p> <p>A player completes an attack-hit using an overhand pass which has a trajectory not perpendicular to the line of the shoulders.</p>	<p>Page 35, Rule 17.2.5:</p> <p>A player completes an attack-hit using an overhand pass, which has a trajectory not perpendicular to the line of the shoulders, <u>except when setting his or her teammate.</u></p>
<p>Page 41, Rule 23.2.3:</p> <p>EXPULSION: repeated rude conduct is sanctioned by expulsion. The team member who is sanctioned with expulsion must leave the playing area and their team is declared incomplete for the set (Rules 7.5.3, 9.1).</p>	<p>Page 41, Rule 23.2.3:</p> <p>EXPULSION: <u>(format B only)</u> repeated rude conduct is sanctioned by expulsion. The team member who is sanctioned with expulsion must leave the playing area and their team is declared incomplete for the set (Rules 7.5.3, 9.1).</p>

1996 Rule Book, Page 58, Diagram 9 - MISCONDUCT SANCTION SCALE

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3.1 The ball shall be spherical, made of a flexible material (leather, or similar) which...The ball has a bladder...similar material. Circumference: 65 to 67 cm	3.1 The ball shall be spherical, made of a flexible material (leather, synthetic leather , or similar) which...The ball has a bladder...similar material. <u>Approval of synthetic leather material is determined by FIVB regulations.</u> Circumference: <u>66 to 68 cm for FIVB international competitions</u>
5.1.2 For FIVB World Competitions players of a given team must wear uniforms of the same color and style.	5.1.2 For FIVB World Competitions players of a given team must wear uniforms of the same color and style <u>according to tournament regulations.</u>
5.2.2 b) to change...FIVB regulations (Rules 5.1.4 and 5.1.5 above).	5.2.2 b) to change...FIVB regulations (Rules 5.1. <u>5</u> and 5.1. <u>6</u> above).
8.1 b) the side of the court The loser takes the remaining term of the alternative	8.1 b) the side of the court The loser takes the remaining <u>choice</u>
10.3.2 The scorer should determine the exact moment the fault was committed. All points scored subsequently by the team at fault must be cancelled. 10.3.3 If the points scored while the player was out of service order cannot be determined, loss of rally is the only sanction (Rule 12.2.1).	10.3.2 <u>The Scorer must correctly indicate the service order and correct any incorrect player.</u> 10.3.3 <u>A service order fault is punished by loss of rally (Rule 12.2.1)</u>
11.4 d) crosses completely the vertical plane of the net, totally or even partly outside the crossing space (Rules 14.1.2, 14.1.3, Diagram 3).	11.4 d) crosses completely the vertical plane of the net, totally or even partly outside the crossing space <u>during service (Rule 14.1.3, Diagram 3)</u>
13.4.2 a) In defensive action of a hard spiked ball...	13.4.2 a) In defensive action of a hard <u>driven</u> ball...
13.5.3 HELD BALL: a player does not hit the ball (Rule 13.4.2) unless when in defensive action of a hard spiked ball...	13.5.3 HELD BALL: a player does not hit the ball (Rule 13.4.2) unless when in defensive action of a hard <u>driven</u> ball...
14.1.2 A ball heading towards the opponent's side through the outside of the crossing space is "out" when it completely crosses the vertical plane of the net.	14.1.2 <u>The ball that has crossed the net plane to the opponent's free-zone (Rule 15) totally or partly outside of the crossing space, may be played back within the team hits provided that:</u> <u>- the ball when played back crosses the net plane again outside the crossing space on the same side of the court.</u> <u>The opponent team may not prevent such action.</u>
14.1.4 A player, however, may enter the opponents' court in order to play the ball before it crosses completely the lower space or outside the crossing space (Rule 15.2)	14.1.4 A player, however, may enter the opponents' court in order to play the ball before it crosses completely the lower space <u>or passes</u> outside the crossing space (Rule 15.2)
16.1 The service is the act of putting the ball into play by the serving player who, positioned in the service zone, hits the ball with one hand or arm.	16.1 The service is the act of putting the ball into play by the <u>correct</u> serving player who, <u>positioned</u> in the service zone, hits the ball with one hand or arm.
16.4 The first referee authorizes the service after having checked that the server is in...	16.4 The first referee authorizes the service after having checked that the <u>correct</u> server is in...
18.5.2 ... antennae.	18.5.2 ... <u>antenna.</u>
19.2 Each team is entitled to a maximum of four time-outs per set.	19.2 Each team is entitled to a maximum of <u>two</u> time-outs per set.

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20.1 c) delaying the game	20.1 c) delaying the game <u>(12 seconds shall be the maximum time from the end of a rally to the whistle for service under normal playing conditions).</u>
20.2.2 The second and following delays ...	20.2.2 The second and <u>subsequent</u> delays ...
21.3.1 ..., the match is resumed whith the ...	21.3.1 ..., the match is resumed <u>with</u> the ...
23 MISCONDUCT Incorrect ... classified in four categories according ...	23 MISCONDUCT Incorrect ... classified in <u>three</u> categories according ...
23.1.1 Unsportsmanlike conduct:... 23.1.2 Rude conduct: acting... 23.1.3 Offensive conduct:... 23.1.4 Aggression:...	<u>23.1.1 Rude conduct: action</u> <u>23.1.2 Offensive conduct:...</u> <u>23.1.3 Aggression:...</u> <u>23.1.4 Aggression:...</u>
23.2.1 MISCONDUCT WARNING: ... 23.2.2 MISCONDUCT PENALTY: ... 23.2.3.EXPULSION: ... 23.2.4 DISQUALIFICATION: ...	<u>23.2.1 MISCONDUCT PENALTY: ...</u> <u>23.2.2.EXPULSION: ...</u> <u>23.2.3 DISQUALIFICATION: ...</u> <u>23.2.4 DISQUALIFICATION: ...</u>
23.3 The repetition of misconduct by the same person in the same set is sanctioned progressively as shown in the sanction scale (Diagram 9). A player may receive more than one Misconduct Penalty in a set. Disqualification due to offensive conduct or aggression does not require a prior sanction.	23.3 <u>Misconduct is sanctioned as shown in the sanction scale (Diagram 9).</u> A player may receive more than one Misconduct Penalty in a set. <u>Expulsion due to offensive conduct or Disqualification due to aggression does not require a prior sanction. (In format A: Expulsion becomes Disqualification)</u>
24.2.3 a) the nature of the fault, 24.2.3.b) the player at fault, 24.2.3.c) the team to serve.	24.2.3 a) <u>the team to serve,</u> 24.2.3.b) <u>the nature of the fault (when necessary),</u> 24.2.3.c) <u>the player at fault (when necessary).</u>
29.1 REFEREES' HAND SIGNALS (Diagram 7) 29.1.1 The signal is maintained... 29.1.2 The referee then indicates... 29.1.3 The referee ends the...	29.1 REFEREES' HAND SIGNALS (Diagram 7) <u>The referees and linesjudges must indicate by official hand signals the purpose of the interruption of the game, in the following manner:</u> <u>29.1.1 The referee indicates the team having the next service.</u> <u>29.1.2 When necessary, the referee then indicates the nature of the fault called or the purpose of the interruption authorized. The signal is maintained for a moment, and if it is indicated with one hand, the hand used corresponds to the side of the team which has made a fault or a request.</u> <u>29.1.3 When necessary, the referee finally indicates the player who committed the fault or the team that made the request.</u>

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REFEREES' OFFICIAL HAND SIGNALS

1997 Rule Book	1999 Rule Book
Diagram 7-1 Authorization to serve	Change diagram to be the same used by volleyball
Diagram 7-5 Point the wrist with yellow (warning) or red (penalty) card	<u>Point to the wrist with finger(s) (warning) or yellow (penalty) card.</u> <u>Correct</u> Delay penalty R20.2.2
Diagram 7-6 Misconduct warning R23.2.1 or penalty R23.2.2 Show a yellow card for warning and a red card for penalty.	<u>Misconduct penalty R23.2.1 or Expulsion R23.2.2</u> <u>Show a yellow card for Penalty and a Red card for Expulsion.</u>
Diagram 7-7 Expulsion R23.2.3 Show both cards together for expulsion	Diagram 7.7 <u>Disqualification</u> R23.2.3 Show both cards together for <u>disqualification.</u>
Diagram 7-8 Disqualification	<u>Delete this diagram</u>
Diagram 7-11 Delay in service Raise five (or three) fingers, spread open.	Diagram 7-11 Delay in service Raise five (or three) fingers, spread open. <u>Remove part of picture showing three fingers</u>
Diagram 7-14 Ball "in" Point the arm and fingers towards the floor	Diagram 7-14 Ball "in" Point the arm and <u>finger(s)</u> towards the <u>court</u>
Diagram 7-22 Interference by penetration into the opponent's court.	Diagram 7-22 Interference by penetration into the opponent's court <u>or ball crossing the space under the net.</u>