

Comparison of wording changes in Beach Volleyball Rule Text

Rule	2015 – 16 version	2017 – 20 version	Ref	Explanation
1.4	There is only the court, service zone and the free zone surrounding the court.	There is only the playing court, service zone and the free zone surrounding the playing court.		Playing court is the whole area
1.4.1	The service zone is an 8 m wide area behind the end line which extends to the edge of the free zone.	The service zone is an 8 m wide area behind the end line, which extends to the edge of the free zone.		Accuracy/ punctuation
2.2	The net is 8.5 m long and 1 m (+/- 3 cm) wide when it is hung taut, placed vertically over the narrow axis at the middle of the court	The net is 8.5 m long and 1 m (+/- 3 cm) wide when it is hung taut, placed vertically over the narrow axis at the middle of the playing court.		Playing court is whole area
2.3	Two coloured bands, 5 cm wide (same width as the court lines) and 1 m long, are fastened vertically to the net and placed above each side line. They are considered part of the net.	Two coloured bands, 5 cm wide (same width as the court lines) and 1 m long, are fastened vertically to the net and placed directly above each side line. They are considered as part of the net.		Accuracy/ grammar
		Advertising is permitted on the side bands		
2.5.1	The posts supporting the net are placed at a distance of 0.70-1.00 m from each side line to the post padding. They are 2.55 m high and preferably adjustable	The posts supporting the net are placed at a distance of 0.70-1.00 m outside each side line. They are 2.55 m high and preferably adjustable		Consistency of interpretation
3.1	Colour: light colours or a combination of colours.	Colour: light uniform colour or a combination of colours.		Harmonization and accuracy
4.1.4	For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, players are not allowed to receive external assistance or coaching during a match.	For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, players are not allowed to receive external assistance or coaching during a match (Exceptions: see Specific Regulations for Age Competitions and for Phases 1 and 2 of the Continental Cup).		Age limit competitions and Phases 1 and 2 of Continental cup permit limited coaching
4.3.3	Player's jerseys (or shorts if players are allowed to play	Players' jerseys (or shorts if players are allowed to play		Grammar/

	without shirt) must be numbered 1 and 2.	without shirt) must be numbered 1 and 2.		punctuation
4.3.3.2	The numbers must be of a contrasting colour to the jerseys and a minimum of 10 cm in height. The stripe forming the numbers shall be a minimum of 1.5 cm wide.	The number must be of a contrasting colour to the jersey and a minimum of 10 cm in height. The stripe forming the number shall be a minimum of 1.5 cm wide.		Single player, single number.
4.4.3	If requested by a player, the first referee may authorize him/her to play with undershirts and training pants.	If requested by a player, the first referee may authorize him/her to play with an undershirt and training pants.		Logic – one player, one shirt
4.5.3	For FIVB, World and Official Competitions for seniors, these devices must be of the same colour as part of the uniform.	Compression pads (padded injury protection devices) may be worn for protection or support. For FIVB, World and Official Competitions for seniors, these devices or visible underwear must be of the same colour as part of the uniform.		Attempt to clarify existing situation, to maintain image of the sport
6.1.1.1	by successfully grounding the ball on the opponent's court;	by successfully landing the ball on the opponent's court;		Easier to understand
6.1.3	Rally and completed rally	Rally and completed rally		
	A rally is the sequence of playing actions from the moment of the service hit by the server until the ball is out of play. A completed rally is the sequence of playing actions which results in the award of a point. This includes the award of a penalty and loss of service for serving faults out-with the time limit.	A rally is the sequence of playing actions from the moment of the service hit by the server until the ball is out of play. A completed rally is the sequence of playing actions which results in the award of a point. This includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the award of a penalty - loss of service for a service hit made after the time-limit. 		Rearranged wording for clarity (not a rule change)
7.1.2.2	the side of the court	the side of the playing court.		Accuracy – playing court is the whole area inside the side lines
	The loser takes the remaining choice.	The loser takes the remaining choice.		

7.7.2	The scorer(s) must correctly indicate the service order and correct any incorrect server.	The scorer(s) must correctly indicate the service order and correct any incorrect server prior to the whistle for service.		Clarifies existing practice – moment of the (asst.) scorer’s action.
8.3	The ball is “in” when it touches the surface of the playing court including the boundary lines.	The ball is “in” if at any moment of its contact with the playing surface, some part of the ball touches the court, including touching the boundary lines.		Clarification – in case line raised above the sand.
9.1.1	A player may not hit the ball two times consecutively (exceptions, see Rules: 9.2.3, 14.2 and 14.4.2).	A player may not hit the ball two times consecutively (exceptions, see Rules: 9.2.2.2, 9.2.2.3, 14.2 and 14.4.2).	9.2.2.1, 14.2, 14.4.2, D9 (17)	Later changes in rule sequence impact on wording/references
9.1.2.4	N/A	If the ball hits the antenna after simultaneous hits by two opponents over the net, the rally should be replayed		
9.2.1	No change but sequence changes	The ball may touch any part of the body.		New sequence for clarity
9.2.2		The ball must not be caught or thrown. It can rebound in any direction		
9.2.2.1	See old 9.2.3	Simultaneous Contacts: The ball may touch various parts of the body, provided that the contacts take place simultaneously.		Rearranged to try to simplify – “exceptions” now removed to create logical progression.
9.2.2.2	See old 9.2.3.2	Consecutive contacts: At the first hit of the team, provided it is not made overhand with fingers) consecutive contacts <i>are</i> permitted provided that the contacts occur during one action During the first hit of the team if it is played overhand using fingers, the ball may NOT contact the fingers/ hands consecutively, even if the contacts occur during one action.		
9.2.2.3				
9.2.2.4	See old 9.2.3.1	However, at blocking, consecutive contacts may be made by one or more players, provided that they occur during one action;		

	See old 9.2.2.1	<p>Extended contacts:</p> <p>In defensive action of a hard driven ball, the ball contact can be extended momentarily even if an overhand finger action is used.</p>		
9.3.3	Only reference change	CATCH: the ball is caught and/or thrown; it does not rebound from the hit. (Exceptions).	9.2.2 D9 (16)	
9.3.4	Only reference change	DOUBLE CONTACT: a player hits the ball twice in succession or the ball contacts various parts of his/her body in succession.	9.1.1, 9.2.2.2, D9 (17)	
10.1.4	A player, however, may enter the opponents' court in order to play the ball before it crosses completely the lower space or passes outside the crossing space.	A player, however, may enter the opponents' court in order to play the ball before it passes outside the crossing space, or before it crosses completely the lower space.		Accuracy, consistency and clarification
11.2.1	Reference change only	A player may enter into the opponent's space, court and/or free zone, provided that this does not interfere with the opponent's play	10.1.4	
11.3.1	Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault. The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, hit (or attempt) and landing.	Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault. The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, hit (or attempt) and landing safely, ready for a new action.		Clarification
11.4.3	... Players close to the ball as it is played, or who are trying to play it, are considered in the action of playing the ball, even if no contact is made with the ball.	... Any player close to the ball as it is played, and who is him/herself trying to play it, is considered in the action of playing the ball, even if no contact is made with it.		More clear
12.3	The 1 st referee authorizes the service, after having checked that the teams are ready to play and that the	The 1 st referee authorizes the service, after having checked that both teams are ready to play and that the server is in		Clarification

	server is in possession of the ball.	possession of the ball.		
12.5.2	A player of the serving team makes a screen by waving arms, jumping or moving sideways during the execution of the service to hide the server and the flight path of the ball.	A player of the serving team makes a screen by waving arms, jumping or moving sideways during the execution of the service, and in so doing hides both the server and the flight path of the ball.		Clarification
15.4.4	During all regular interruptions and set intervals, players must go to the designated players' area.	During all regular interruptions (including Technical Time Outs) and set intervals, players must go to the designated players' area.		Includes TTOs now for accuracy.
17.3.2	Should one or several interruptions occur not exceeding 4 hours in total, the match is resumed with the score acquired, regardless of whether it continues on the same court or another court.	Should one or several interruptions occur not exceeding 4 hours in total, the match is resumed with the score acquired, regardless of whether it continues on the same playing court or another playing court.		Playing court is the whole area.
22.3.2.3 (e)	N/A	the served ball and the 3rd hit passing over or outside the antenna on his/ her side of the court.		Clarification of Referee duties
23.2.9	He/she conducts the toss between sets 2 and 3, if applicable. He/she then must pass all relevant information to the scorer.	He/she conducts the toss between sets 2 and 3 if the 1st Referee is not able to do it. He/she then must pass all relevant information to the scorer.		Clarification – 1 st referee may be unable to leave chair if connected to TV/ PA system
23.3.2.7	N/A	the served ball and the 3rd hit passing over or outside the antenna on his/ her side of the court.		Clarification of Referee duties

DIAGRAM 7: DETERRENDS AND SANCTIONS

7a: MISCONDUCT, WARNING AND SANCTIONS SCALE AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES

Relevant Rules: 20.3, 20.4, 20.5

CATEGORIES	OCCURRENCE	OFFENDER	SANCTION	CARDS	CONSEQUENCE
MINOR MISCONDUCT	Stage 1	Any member	Not considered as sanction	None	Prevention only
	Stage 2			Yellow	
	repetition any time		Considered as rude conduct	as below	as below
RUDE CONDUCT (same set)	First	Any member	Penalty	Red	A point and service to the opponent
	Second	Same member	Penalty	Red	A point and service to the opponent
	Third	Same member	Expulsion	Red + Yellow jointly	Team declared incomplete for the set
RUDE CONDUCT (new set)	First	Any member	Penalty	Red	A point and service to the opponent
OFFENSIVE CONDUCT	First	Any member	Expulsion	Red + Yellow jointly	Team declared incomplete for the set
	Second	Same member	Disqualification	Red + Yellow separately	Team declared incomplete for the match
AGGRESSION	First	Any member	Disqualification	Red + Yellow separately	Team declared incomplete for the match

7b: DELAY SANCTIONS SCALE AND CONSEQUENCES

Relevant Rules: 16.2.2, 16.2.3

CATEGORIES	OCCURRENCE	OFFENDER	DETERRENT or SANCTION	CARDS	CONSEQUENCE
DELAY	First	Any member of the team	Delay Warning	Hand signal No. 25 with Yellow card	Prevention – no penalty
	Second and subsequent	Any member of the team	Delay Penalty	Hand signal No. 25 with Red card	A point and service to the opponent

Definitions: INTERVAL The time between sets. The change of courts in the **third** (deciding) set is not to be regarded as an interval

17 DOUBLE CONTACT

Relevant Rules: 6.1.2, 9.1.1, 9.3.4, 22.3.2.3b

Raise two fingers, spread open



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18 FOUR HITS

Relevant Rule: 9.3.1

Raise four fingers, spread open

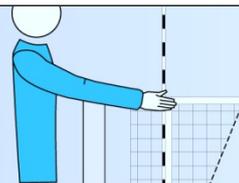


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19 NET TOUCHED BY PLAYER - SERVED BALL

Relevant Rule: 12.6.2.1

Indicate the relevant side of the net with the corresponding hand



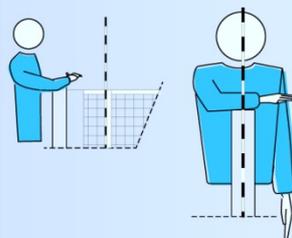
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touches the net between the antennae and does not pass the vertical plane of the net

20 REACHING BEYOND THE NET

Relevant Rules: 11.4.1, 13.2.1

Place a hand above the net, palm facing downwards



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