

2015-2017 NCAA National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Rules Modifications

The following modifications have been approved by the NCAA Men's Volleyball Committee and the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel. All NCAA men's volleyball competitions will be governed by the USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations (USAV DCR) unless modified by this document.

Modification 1: Libero will not be allowed to serve.

Modification 2: Allow coin toss winner to choose serve or receive (Home Team selects bench before coin toss).

Modification 3: Increase the timeout duration to 75 seconds with a 15-second warning whistle. Resume play early if both teams are ready.

Modification 4: The international pursuit rule will be used.

Modification 5: Technical timeouts to only be used as requested by media.

Modification 6: No visible jewelry permitted.

Modification 7: Number of substitutions per set shall be limited to six (6).

Modification 8: The Centerline Rule shall be observed as the USAV-DCR state, except that an unobtrusive pushoff completely across the centerline by the setter is to be ignored.

Modification 9: Ball handling during timeouts shall be permitted in the free zone.

Modification 10: Attacking between sets shall be permitted into own court.

Modification 11: Intermission between sets 2 and 3 shall be 3 to 10 minutes with prior notification to visiting head coach.

Modification 12: Players may pursue the ball beyond the Sport Court as long as the play does not extend into the bleachers.

Modification 13: The Libero must wear a uniform which has a different dominant color from the rest of the team. The uniform must clearly contrast the rest of the team. The Libero uniform must be numbered like the rest of the team.

Officiating Protocol Modifications

Protocol 1: The USAV DCR indicate that introductions be done through a sideline processional. To maintain more consistency with the protocol followed by the women and at the men's national tournament, the committee recommends that the players be introduced at the end line with the officials near the score table.

Protocol 2: The USAV DCR indicate that line judges (LJ) be positioned at the center of the end line during time-outs. The committee recommends that LJ's be positioned at the intersection of the attack line and sideline on R1's side of the court.

Protocol 3: The USAV DCR position the line judge (LJ) behind the server. In an effort to position the LJ to better see the foot fault violation by the server, the committee, by request of the officials, recommends that when the server is within two meters of the LJ's sideline, the LJ should move one to two meters to the side.