



From the Ladder

Believe it or not it's that time again to start getting ready for the upcoming USAV season and this time we have a significant change to deal with. In case you haven't already heard, liberos will now be allowed to serve. For those of you familiar with NCAA rules, the procedures CHRVA will be using will be very similar. The complete rule is posted on the referee page of CHRVA website.

Briefly, the rule allows the libero to serve in one position of the rotation.

- If no libero is on the court, either libero can replace the player about to serve with the normal replacement procedure.
- If a libero is on the court, you have two options:
 1. That libero can serve by moving directly to the service position (remember, this can only happen in one position of the service rotation). You must replace that libero with the original player and that libero is now replacing the player about to serve. The scoring table records a replacement of the libero with the original player and then a replacement with the player about to serve.
 2. The libero on the court can be replaced by the original player and the second libero can replace the player about to serve.

In both cases this is two replacements without an intervening rally, but this is allowed when the libero is going to serve.

Whenever a libero serves, this is recorded on the score sheet. Scoring assistants and scorers are going to have to pay attention.

This brings us to clinics. All clinics this year will be online. No in-person clinics will be held. Links and information on how to take the clinics will be posted on the Referee and Scorer web pages when they become available. Because of the significant scoring changes, **ALL scorers and referees will be required to watch the scoring clinic this year.** Verification for watching the clinics is electronic and part of the clinic. The testing requirement for scoring certification has NOT changed, so if your scoring certification is valid for the 2012-13 season, you still must watch the clinic.

The easiest way to see the current status of your certifications is to login to Webpoint (<https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/wp15/IntraLock/Login.asp>) We had huge problems last year with referees wanting to officiate without valid referee certifications. PLEASE plan ahead! take the test, and complete the process for becoming or maintaining your scoring certifications. Requirements for becoming or maintaining your referee certifications have not changed. Use Webpoint to see your current referee certification status. Deadlines and procedures for taking the online referee rules test have not changed. If you are a non-player referee (NPR-uniformed ref) be sure to "REACTIVATE" yourself in Arbiter when your scoring and referee certifications are renewed. We are going to place special emphasis on making sure all your certifications are valid and up to date.

Lastly, on a very special note, please join me in congratulating Rebecca Johannes as our newest National Beach Official and Chris Cant as our newest Zonal Beach Official. As always contact me if you have any questions. Bryan.strong@chrva.org