



Digs – Summer 2015

From the Ladder

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Happy summer and we're already thinking about this fall. There are several things I need to make sure everyone knows about. We will be getting a new edition of the Domestic Competition Rules this fall so be prepared to read!

There will be a new net rule in effect this fall. Essentially it will be a fault to touch any part of the net or the antenna while in the act of playing the ball. Touching the net tape and mesh will be a fault. For those of you who know what the NCAA rule is, the USA rule will be exactly the same. Touching the net outside the antenna will not be a fault.

The adult program had a one year extension on enforcing the solid-color jersey rule. That extension has now expired and the rule will be enforced this fall. Please plan ahead when purchasing your jerseys. Send me pictures of the uniforms you are considering if you have any question about what is legal or considered a solid color jersey. Remember there are portions of the rule that pertain to trim placement and width of that trim. Don't rely on the salesman on the phone telling you that a uniform combination is compliant. Ask before you spend any money.

I sincerely hope to minimize the amount of recertification requirements for referees this fall. Remember, I can only work within the clinics provided by USA Volleyball.

Lastly, I want to thank Tracy Shadle for his many years as one of our referee assigners. Tracy is retiring from his current job and moving to Kansas. Tracy, I hope you succeed in all your endeavors and I hope you get all the Division I matches you want from now on.