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Welcome back from summer break! There are several new rules this year; the biggest impact being the designation of up to two liberos per set. Education and patience will be your friends. Get excited for the first matches in 1 week! 😊. Gail

New Rules for 2026-27

4.2.1a ,4.2.1i(3), 4.2.2: Libero uniform bottoms may be any color and no longer must match the team uniform bottoms.

5.5.3b(21): The R2 will provide a double whistle warning between sets at two minutes, 30 seconds (4:30 when intermission is used) instead of 2 minutes, 45 seconds.

6.4.2, 10.3.6c, 10.4: A team may designate up to liberos, but only one libero can be in the game at a time.

6.4 PENALTIES 1c, 12.2.8b NOTE: If non-playing teammates enter the court during play, it is illegal alignment. It remains a conduct violation if a coach or team attendant (anyone not in uniform) enters the court while the ball is in play.

6.5.1: Players on the serving team are not permitted to raise their hands above their heads during service until the ball has passed beyond the net.

9.2.1 NOTE 1: Players shall not wear any audio or video devices during the match.

12.2.8m: It is an unsporting conduct violation if coaches, non-playing teammates, or team attendants use props on the bench during celebrations.

3.2.1 NOTE: Textured Ball. Oregon has not approved use of the textured ball for boys or girls volleyball at this time.

Bedazzled!

Bedazzling is decorating objects with rhinestones, beads, and even glitter. And yes, it is appearing on shoes. **Not legal. It is a safety hazard should they come off, glitter is not allowed, and it does not fit the jewelry rule.** They should be removeable as they are typically glued on.



The Libero

Teams may designate 0,1, or 2 liberos per **set**, but only 1 libero can be in the game at a time.

A libero replacing a regular player is called **replacement**. A libero replacing another libero is called an **exchange**. One replacement or exchange may be exercised per dead ball/rally unless a libero is replacing the player in the right back position and will serve the next rally. Replacements and exchanges are not allowed during replays or re-serves. 8.1.6 & 9.8.2

Each libero may wear a different color uniform if they clearly contrast with the regular team jerseys. The libero may wear any color uniform bottom.

Both liberos may serve but are tied to the same serving position.

When a team designates 1 libero and they become ill/injured and cannot continue to play, the libero is replaced by the player whom the libero replaced, and a new libero may be re-designated. If 2 liberos were designated, the libero on the court is replaced by the player they replaced or exchanged with the other libero. Re-designation can then occur.

Libero DQ: A disqualified libero is out for the remainder of the match. Lineups reset after each set and allow up to two liberos to be designated. If a team has designated one libero, the **set** will continue with no liberos. If a team designates two liberos, the **set** will continue with one libero. **This is a correction in the Case Book 10.4.3F Comment as it previously stated "match."**

Tips & Reminders

New for scorer: Circle the number of the L1 or L2 at the top of the scoresheet the first time a libero enters the set.

New for Tracker: There is nothing recorded when a libero exchanges with another libero. On the tracking sheet, both liberos are noted as "L", not L1 or L2.

Screening: Players may place their hands on the back of their head for protection from the serve. The rule does not prevent players from momentarily raising their hands to signal to other players the type of play they are running. The rest of the screening rule 6.5 still applies.

Replacements/Exchanges: Can a libero replacement and exchange occur during the same dead ball? Yes, when the L1 is moving directly to the serving position and the L2 will serve. The replacement player moves from the bench to left front, the right front player (next server) exits to the bench. L1 who will serve for the exiting RF player also exits the court and L2 enters to serve. 4 players involved but all legal. **Pre-match with your libero tracker!**

Starting Lineup: If a starting player is injured or ill prior to the start of a set, they may be replaced with no substitution charged. If they return, they assume the original position in the lineup.