

Game Specific Rules

Source: Official rules from FIVB page (some exceptions made by Olari sport team)

1. Net height 2.43 meters, Toss for side or serve, 6 players on the team with 3 on the front row & 3 on the back row, and 3 minutes break between sets.
2. Liberos optional (liberos jersey must be different).
3. Max 6 substitutions per set. One time out (30 seconds) per set per team ("T" shape time out signal using both the hands).
4. Central line crossing is taken as foul. You may touch the line or land on the line. During the play the umpire will take the call.
5. At the first hit of the team, the ball may contact various parts of the body consecutively, provided that the contacts occur during one action (but not at the next hits: second & third). FIVB (9.2.3.2)
6. Service is to be done only after the umpire whistle. Play stops or ball is considered dead only after the umpire whistle. Umpire decision is final (no review/ reserve will be done).
7. Umpire decision is final (no review/ reserve will be done). Any argument with the umpire will result in a point given to the opposite team. Only the captain of the team should approach the umpire, other players are not allowed.
8. Rotating position is mandatory. Teams that violate this rule will lose a point and the opposition team will get the right to serve.
9. During the serve, the server's foot may not touch the end line during contact with the ball. The server's teammates may not block the opponent's view (from the 2nd row) of the server by waving arms, jumping or moving sideways during the execution of the service.
10. It is critical to note that when a team is serving, the players of each team must be in their zones. After the service hit, the players may move around and occupy any position on their court and the free zone.
11. Players may not contact the net (the exception being if the ball is driven into the net by one team, causing the net to touch a player on the other team).
12. Ball must be clearly visible to opponents before serving, and the served ball may graze the net and drop to the other side for a point. After the serve, players may switch positions.
13. A ball touching a boundary line is in. A player may not hit the ball two times consecutively, with the following exception:

- 13.1. - Playing the ball after a block (i.e. the player contacts the ball in a block, then digs out the ball from hitting on his/her side of the court).
- 13.2. - Blocking is the action of players close to the net to intercept the ball coming from the opponent by reaching higher than the top of the net, regardless of the height of the ball contact. Only front-row players are permitted to complete a block, but at the moment of contact with the ball, a part of the body must be higher than the top of the net."
14. The ball must rebound clearly off the player. A foul is called when a ball is held or lifted. Using an open hand to contact the ball in an underhand motion usually constitutes a carry or lift.
15. As part of the 3 hits, it is ok ONCE to use any part of a players body to contact the ball
16. If two or more players contact the ball simultaneously, it is considered two touches. The players involved may participate in the next play.
17. You cannot attack the ball when the ball is above the height of the net on a serve if it is in front of the 10 ft line. Attacking is any move that puts the ball back towards the opponent's side.
18. This basically means you can't set, spike, or just plainly send the ball back over to the opponents on an opposing serve while it is in the front zone (before the attack line) and higher than the net. If you send it over while it is below the net or in a position that is not optimal for attacking (not necessarily spiking) then it is legal"
19. A ball is "out" if it hits on the Ceiling, the wall/floor completely outside the court, any of the net or cables outside the antennae, the antennae, the referee stand or pole
20. Crossing the court centerline with any part of your body during the play is a foul. Exception: if it's the hand or foot, the entire hand or entire foot must cross for it to be a violation.
21. Back row player blocking (deflecting a ball coming from their opponent), when at the moment of contact the back row player is near the net and has part of his/her body above the top of the net (an illegal block).
22. Back row player attacking a ball inside the front zone (the area inside the 10 foot line), when at the moment of contact the ball is completely above the net (an illegal attack).
23. A backrow player can attack the ball (above the top of the net) as long as he/she jumps from behind the ten foot line.
24. The ball must cross over the net within what is called the "crossing space", which is the air space over the top of the net between the antennas

25. A player may not touch the ball or an opponent in the opponent's space, before or during the opponent's attack hit. When the ball is over the net, either team's players can touch the ball.
26. Abuses in any form to the opposite player/umpire/ audience will result in a warning. During the second occurrence, the umpire can award a win to the opposite team.
27. A team should not ask for change of umpire officiating their match, change of court during the match. Organizers have the right to decide the umpire and the court for the match

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