TO: Commissioners, Directors of Athletics and Head Coaches of Institutions that Sponsor Division III Men’s Volleyball.

FROM: Dani Drews, chair
NCAA Division III Men’s Volleyball Committee


This correspondence is to inform you of modifications to the USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations, which have been reviewed by the NCAA Division III Men’s Volleyball Committee and the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel, and will be implemented for the 2016 NCAA Division III Men’s Volleyball Championship. The committee adheres to the playing rules and regulations set forth in the DCR, and annually reviews to determine if modifications are necessary for conducting NCAA competition.

The committee reviewed the Libero “solid colored uniform top” (USAV 19.2) and determined it will NOT enforce the further regulation on Libero jerseys at the championship. FIVB 19.2 will be enforced as stated below:

FIVB 19.2 Equipment – The Libero player(s) must wear a uniform (OR JACKET/BIB FOR THE RE-DESIGNATED Libero) which has a different dominant color from any of the rest of the team. The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team. The Libero uniforms must be numbered like the rest of the team.

The committee would also like to draw attention to the updated rules regarding net violations, as indicated in Rules 11.3 and 11.4. These rules further restrict contact with the net and should be reviewed as you enter the season.

Please also note that it is recommended for 2016 competition – and required for 2017 competition – that a restraining line be placed on the playing surface (permanent or with tape), five feet from the sideline on the bench side of the court for each team. The line will begin at the end of the bench area and extend a minimum of eight feet. Student-athletes and bench personnel not seated at the bench are required to remain behind the restraining line during play.

Finally, as you are planning for the 2016-17 season be aware that a team’s won-lost percentage during the last 25 percent of the season will be considered in the secondary criteria.

A full version of the 2015-2017 USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations can be
found on the [NCAA Playing Rules page on NCAA.org](https://www.ncaa.org) as well as a complete listing of Division III men’s volleyball rules modifications.

If you have any questions regarding these modifications and updates, please contact Laura Peterson-Mlynski at the NCAA national office ([lpeters@ncaa.org](mailto:lpeters@ncaa.org); 317-917-6477).

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cc: Division III Men’s Volleyball Committee