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Rule	Page	Rules Change, Rationale
7.1.1.2	26	<p>Simplify the “solid-colored” jersey rule by changing it to the “libero” jersey and only require that the jersey be immediately recognized from all angles as clearly contrasting the jerseys of other team members.</p> <p>Rationale: This proposal simplifies the rule and allows manufacturers to use the latest design techniques, while not requiring institutions to purchase new jerseys. With this change, any current “solid-colored” jersey would still meet the new rule requirement.</p>
8.4.2.3	31	<p>Reduce the maximum allowable time for intermission between sets two and three to five minutes for all matches.</p> <p>Rationale: Currently, the maximum length for intermission is 10 minutes. This proposal will keep the pace of play more continuous from match to match. In addition, it will enhance the fan experience.</p>
10.1.1.3	38	<p>Allow a coach to add a libero to their team's lineup sheet after submission.</p> <p>Rationale: The current rule does not allow a coach to put a libero number on the lineup sheet after it has been submitted, prohibiting the use a libero for that set. This proposal allows the coach to add the libero number provided there is no delay.</p>
10.1.1.3 and 10.1.1.6	38	<p>Allow a coach to change their lineup if a duplicate number was submitted both in the libero position and another position.</p> <p>Rationale: Current rule states that the player listed as a libero must play as a libero or the team does not have a libero for that set. This proposal allows the coach to decide if the player listed twice will be the libero or a player in another position.</p>



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18.1.4.2.1 and 18.1.4.2.2	64	<p>Regarding the Challenge Review System (CRS), combine the two rule categories of “in/out” and “touch” into one reviewable challenge.</p> <p>Rationale: According to the most recent CRS data, 81 percent of challenges involve “in/out” and “touch” calls. Currently if the coach challenges “in”, but replay shows the ball is “out”, and it also shows there was a “touch”, the referees could only rule on the “in/out” call. This proposal allows the referees to make the correct call.</p>
18.1.4.5	65	<p>Add the 3-meter attack line as a reviewable decision. This challenge is limited to the foot/feet contacting the attack line.</p> <p>Rationale: There was significant support from coaches on the survey to add the attack line as a challengeable action. The attack line is generally visible on the majority of CRS systems in use, so this allows the referees an additional opportunity to make the correct call.</p>
18.1.5.1.1	65	<p>Allow each team an additional challenge if the match goes to a fifth set. Any unused challenges would carry over into the fifth set as well.</p> <p>Rationale: This proposal allows coaches to use challenges as necessary and have additional strategic opportunities without providing for an unlimited number of challenges.</p>