

NCAA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

2015-17 RULES MODIFICATIONS

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Rules Overview

The NCAA competes using the USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations (DCR) as the standard playing rules for the sport of NCAA men's volleyball. All rules are applicable to Division III and National Collegiate competition unless modified by this document. All NCAA men's volleyball competition is to be conducted under the rules of the DCR with any modifications approved by the specific divisional championship committee. Any rules specific to the NCAA championship can be found in the divisional Pre-Championships Manual.

The following modifications have been recommended by the NCAA National Collegiate and Division III Men's Volleyball Committees and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP).

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RULE	MODIFICATION
DCR – 1.4.5 * Division III Modification	Institutions must place a 3 meter restraining line on the surface, painted or with tape, five feet from the sideline on the bench side of the court. The line will begin at the end of the nemch area. Student-athletes and bench personnel not seated at the bench are required to remain behind the restraining line during play.
DCR – 4.2.3.2	Ball handling during timeouts shall be permitted in the free zone.
DCR – 4.2.4	Attacking between sets shall be permitted into own court.
DCR – 4.5.1	No visible jewelry permitted.
DCR – 7.1	The coin toss winner will choose to serve or receive. The home team will select the benches before the coin toss.
DCR – 10.1.2.1	The international pursuit rule will be used provided the play does not extend into the spectator seating area.
DCR – 10.1.2.1	Teams will be given two timeouts. Timeouts will last 75 seconds, with a 15-second warning whistle. Play can resume early if both teams are ready.
DCR – 11.2	The Centerline Rule shall be observed as the stated, <u>except</u> that an unobtrusive pushoff completely across the centerline by the setter is to be ignored.
DCR – 15.1	Technical timeouts to only be used as requested by media.
DCR – 15.4.2 and 15.4.3	There will be a technical timeout when the first team reaches 15 points in sets one through four. In the fifth set, each team will receive two timeouts. There will be a technical timeout when the first team reaches eight points. The technical timeout will be canceled if either team calls a timeout before the automatic technical timeout.
DCR – 15.6 * Division III Modification	Twelve unlimited substitutions per set will be used. If a Division III institution plays a Division I or Division II institution, the number of substitutions per set will be limited to six.
DCR – 15.6 * National Collegiate Modification	Number of substitutions per set shall be limited to six.
DCR – 18.1	Intermission between sets 2 and 3 shall be 3 to 10 minutes with prior notification to visiting head coach.
DCR – 19.2	The Libero must wear a uniform which has a different dominant color from the rest of the team. The uniform must clearly contrast the rest of the team. The Libero uniform must be numbered like the rest of the team.
DCR – 19.3.1.3	The Libero will not be allowed to serve. No exception is permitted.

Officiating Protocol **Modifications**

Protocol 1: The USAV DCR indicate that introductions be done through a sideline procession. To maintain more consistency with the protocol followed by the women and at the men's national tournament, the committee recommends that the players be introduced at the end line with the officials near the score table.

Protocol 2: The USAV DCR indicate that line judges (LJ) be positioned at the center of the end line during time-outs. The committee recommends that LJ's be positioned at the intersection of the attack line and sideline on R1's side of the court.

Protocol 3: The USAV DCR position the line judge (LJ) behind the server. In an effort to position the LJ to better see the foot fault violation by the server, the committee, by request of the officials, recommends that when the server is within two meters of the LJ's sideline, the LJ should move one to two meters to the side.

NCAA Rules Modification Process

The Playing Rules and Officiating staff will provide technical expertise and leadership for NCAA conferences, coaches, and game officials by developing and interpreting rules for intercollegiate sports to enhance the student-athlete experience and ensure fair competition. To achieve our mission we will:

- Preserve sport traditions and integrity;
- Emphasize student-athlete safety;
- Construct playing rules that are enforceable; and
- Manage the playing rules process from development to application.

In sports that the NCAA does not write the specific playing rules, a modification document is created by the Playing Rules and Officiating staff, with consultation and suggestion from the sports championship committee to enhance and champion the unique differences between collegiate athletics and international or domestic sports programs.

The Rules Modification Document is reviewed on an annual basis by the sport committee with the Playing Rules liaison. The liaison will develop the proposed rules modifications and distribute the proposed changes for a two week comment period. Following the comment period, the proposed modifications will be reviewed for approval by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP).

Upon approval by PROP, the Playing Rules liaison will update the Rules Modification Document. The document will be updated on the sport playing rules page on www.ncaa.org/championships/playing-rules.