



## MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: Head Coaches and Senior Woman Administrators at Institutions that Sponsor  
National Collegiate Beach Volleyball.

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SUBJECT: NCAA Rules Interpretations.

### Clarifications, Interpretations and Techniques

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**New Rule Modification (2018):** To increase all timeouts from 30 seconds to 90 seconds during play, including the technical timeout that is called when the sum of the points scored by the teams equals 21 points.

#### **Specifically,**

Modification 15.4.1 Time-out requests must be made by showing the corresponding hand signal, when the ball is out of play and before the whistle for service. All requested time-outs last for 90 seconds.

Modification 15.4.2 In sets 1 and 2, one additional 90-second "Technical Time-Out" is applied automatically when the sum of the points scored by the teams equals 21 points.

Modification 15.4.3 In the deciding (3<sup>rd</sup>) set, there are no "Technical Time-Outs"; only one time-out of 90 seconds duration may be requested by each pairs team.

**Administration:** After the referee authorizes and initiates the respective time-out or mandatory technical time-out, teams will be given 15 seconds to leave the playing area for their designated team area. The 90 second time out will then commence. At the conclusion of the 90 seconds (or a total of 1 minute and 45 seconds elapsed), the referee will whistle indicating that teams are to return to the playing area so that play can resume. Teams are given no more than 15 seconds to make this transition to return to play. Total, maximum elapsed time is two (2) minutes. If both teams and the referee are ready to return to play, prior to the 2 minutes mark, the referee should whistle to end the respective time-out and authorize the resumption of play.

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**Clarification (2018):** Ten (10) minutes are allotted for the pre-match warm-up. Formally, this period includes the coin toss, shared court ball handling, and court grooming. No outside, physical assistance (by coach(es) or teammates, etc.) is allowed during the pre-match warm-up following the coin toss.

*Formal warm-up protocol:*

*-10 minutes    Coin Toss (Pairs in team issued uniform)*

*-9 minutes     Shared warm-up (all outside, physical warm-up assistance ceases)*

*-1 minutes     End shared warm-up  
                     Teams to designated team area  
                     Final, pre-match court grooming*

*0 minutes      Referee to stand  
                     Teams to end-line (same side as team area)  
                     R1 invites teams to net for hand-shake  
                     Start match*

**Special Note:** It is recommended that additional pre-match protocols (i.e., national anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, prayer, announcement of players, etc.) commence before the coin toss and/or at the conclusion of the formal warm-up protocol.

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