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Courts –Ref stands should not block passage between courts nor have the legs of two adjacent stands cross over one another.

Netting – All netting separating courts should be free of any object that could cause a player or spectator to injure themselves. Nets must not be allowed to pool on the floor.

Referee Stands – Referee stands must be used in accordance with manufacturer’s specifications and must be padded, they must elevate the referees head approximately 18” above the height of the net and be clear of obstacles. Jump boxes, ladders, or other similar equipment that is not specifically designed as a referee stand is not permitted.

Free Space – There should be sufficient space for spectators and participants to move about the facility without undue encumbrances due to insufficient space.

Wall Protrusions – must be removed or sufficiently marked and padded so as not to cause injury.

Playing Space/Courts – Must conform to specifications found in the most current published version of the Indoor DCR and the TD Manual (the following excerpt is from most current published version of the Indoor DCR) The entire manual is available from KRVA or can be downloaded from the TeamUSA website

https://volleyballreftraining.com/rules_interpretations_indoor.php

Court separators may not have legs/feet that extend more than 10” from the net.

SECTION I - THE GAME

CHAPTER 1

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

1 PLAYING AREA

The playing area includes the playing court and the free zone. It shall be rectangular and symmetrical.

1.1 DIMENSIONS

The playing court is a rectangle measuring 18 x 9 m (59’ x 29’6”) surrounded by a free zone which is a minimum of 3 m (9’10”) wide on all sides.

The free playing space is the space above the playing area which is free from any obstructions. The free playing space shall measure a minimum of 7 m (23') in height from the playing surface.

USAV 1.1a: The free zone may be a minimum of 2 m (6'6 3/4").

It is not required that the free zone be symmetrical. USAV 1.1b: For nationally sanctioned competition and recommended for all other competitions, 7 m (23') is the minimum free playing space (ceiling height).

For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, the free zone shall measure a minimum of 5 m (16'5") from the side lines and 6.5 m (21'4") from the end lines. The free playing space shall measure a minimum of 12.5 m (41') in height from the playing surface.

1.2 PLAYING SURFACE

1.2.1 The surface must be flat, horizontal and uniform. It must not present any danger of injury to the players. It is forbidden to play on rough or slippery surfaces.

USAV 1.2.1: Players may mop the floor provided the

1st referee does not judge the action to be a delay. For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, only a wooden or synthetic surface is allowed. Any surface must be previously approved by the FIVB.

USAV 1.2.1: For nationally sanctioned competition, USA Volleyball must approve the surface.

1.2.2 On indoor courts the surface of the playing court must be of a light color.

USAV 1.2.2: It is recommended the surface of the playing court be a light color or that other contrasting colors be used for the playing court and free zone.

See Rules 1.1, D1a, D1b D2

For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, white colors are required for the lines. Other colors, different from each other, are required for the playing court and the free zone.

1.2.3 On outdoor courts a slope of 5 mm per meter is allowed for drainage. Court lines made of solid materials are forbidden.

1.3 LINES ON THE COURT

1.3.1 All lines are 5 cm (2") wide. They must be of a light color which is different from the color of the floor and from any other lines.

USAV 1.3.1: Lines are not required to be of a light color as long as they contrast with the color of the floor.

1.3.2 Boundary lines

Two side lines and two end lines mark the playing court. Both side lines and end lines are drawn inside the dimensions of the playing court.

1.3.3 Center line

The axis of the center line divides the playing court into two equal courts measuring 9 x 9 m (29'6" x 29'6") each; however, the entire width of the line is considered to belong to both courts equally. This line extends beneath the net from side line to side line.

1.3.4 Attack line

On each court, an attack line, whose rear edge is drawn 3 m (9'10") back from the axis of the centerline, marks the front zone.

For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, the attack line is extended by the addition of broken lines from the side lines, with five 15 cm (6") short lines 5 cm (2") wide, drawn 20 cm (8") from each other to a total length of 1.75 m (70"). The "coach's restriction line" (a broken line which extends from the attack line to the end line of the court, parallel to the side line and 1.75 meters [70"] from it) is composed of 15 cm (6") short lines drawn 20 cm (8") apart to mark the limit of the coach's area of operation.

USAV 1.3.4: For nationally sanctioned competitions, the extensions of the attack lines outside the court are required as described above. These extensions are optional for all other events. The coach's restriction line is optional for all events.

1.4 ZONES AND AREAS

1.4.1 Front zone

On each court the front zone is limited by the axis of the center line and the rear edge of the attack line. The front zone is considered to extend beyond the side lines to the end of the free zone.

1.4.2 Service zone

The service zone is a 9 m (29'6") wide area behind each end line. It is laterally limited by two short lines, each 15 cm (6") long, drawn 20 cm (8") behind the end line as an extension of the side lines. Both short lines are included in the width of the service zone. In depth, the service zone extends to the end of the free zone.

USAV 1.4.2: The service zone shall have a minimum depth of 2 m (6'6 3/4"). If this zone is fewer than 2 m (6'6 3/4") [Rule 1.4.2], a line shall be marked on the court to provide the minimum depth. After the service, the line is ignored and becomes part of the court.

1.4.3 Substitution zone

The substitution zone is limited by the extension of both attack lines up to the scorer's table.

1.4.4 Libero Replacement Zone

The Libero Replacement Zone is part of the free zone on the side of the team benches, limited by the extension of the attack line up to the end line.

1.4.5 Warm-up area

For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, the warm-up areas, sized approximately 3 x 3 m (9'10" x 9'10"), are located in both of the D1b bench-side corners, outside the free zone.

USAV 1.4.5: The warm-up area is at the end of the bench or bench area, and no nearer to the court than the front of the team bench. Substitutes must not interfere with play or the officials' duties.

1.4.6 Penalty Area

A penalty area, sized approximately 1 x 1 m (39" x 39") 21.3.2.1 and equipped with two chairs, is located in the control area, outside the prolongation of each end line. They may be limited by a 5 cm (2") wide red line.

USAV 1.4.6: Inclusion of a penalty area is recommended.

1.5 TEMPERATURE

The minimum temperature shall not be below 10° C (50° F).

For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, the maximum temperature shall not be higher than 25° C (77° F) and the minimum not lower than 16° C (61° F).

1.6 LIGHTING

For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, the lighting on the playing area should be 1000 to 1500 lux measured at 1 m (39") above the surface of the playing area.

USAV 1.6: For nationally sanctioned USA Volleyball competition, the lighting on the playing area should be 300 lux (27.9 foot candles) measured at 1 m (39") above the playing surface.

2 NET AND POSTS

2.1 HEIGHT OF THE NET

2.1.1 Placed vertically over the center line there is a net whose top is set at the height of 2.43 m (7'115/8") for men and 2.24 m (7'41/8") for women.

USAV 2.1: The height of the net may vary for specific age groups as follows:

AGE GROUPS	FEMALE/REVERSE CO-ED	MALE/CO-ED
70 years and above	2.19 m (7'2 1/8")	2.29 m (7'6")
55 years and above	2.19 m (7'2 1/8")	2.38 m (7'9 5/8")
45 years and above	2.19 m (7'2 1/8")	2.43 m (7'11 5/8")
15/18 years and under	2.24 m (7'4 1/8")	2.43 m (7'11 5/8")
13/14 years and under	2.24 m (7'4 1/8")	2.24 m (7'4 1/8")
11/12 years and under	2.13 m (7'0")	2.13 m (7'0")
10 years and under	1.98 m (6'6")	2.13 m (7'0")

2.1.2 Its height is measured from the center of the playing court. The net height (over the two side lines) must be exactly the same and must not exceed the official height by more than 2 cm (3/4").

2.2 STRUCTURE

The net is 1 m (39") wide and 9.50 to 10 meters (31'6"-33') long (with 25 to 50 cm [10"-19 1/2"] on each side of the side bands), made of 10 cm (4") square black mesh.

For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, in conjunction with specific competition regulations the mesh may be modified to facilitate advertising according to marketing agreements.

At its top a horizontal band, 7 cm (2 3/4") wide, made of twofold white canvas, is sewn along its full length. Each extreme end of the band has a hole, through which passes a cord, fastening the band to the posts for keeping its top taut.

USAV 2.2: At its top, a horizontal band 5 to 7 cm (2 to 2 3/4") wide, made of two-fold white canvas, is sewn along its full length. Within the band, a flexible cable fastens the net to the posts and keeps its top taut.

At the bottom of the net there is another horizontal band, 5 cm (2") wide, similar to the top band, through which is threaded a rope. This rope fastens the net to the posts and keeps its lower part taut.

2.3 SIDE BANDS

Two white bands are fastened vertically to the net and placed directly above each side line. They are 5 cm (2") wide and 1 m (39") long and are considered as part of the net.

USAV 2.3: The side bands are optional.

2.4 ANTENNAE

An antenna is a flexible rod, 1.80 m (5'11") long and 10 mm (3/8") in diameter, made of fiberglass or similar material. An antenna is fastened at the outer edge of each side band. The antennae are placed on opposite sides of the net. The top 80 cm (32") of each antenna extends above the net and is marked with 10 cm (4") stripes of contrasting color, preferably red and white. The antennae are considered as part of the net and laterally delimit the crossing space.

2.5 POSTS

2.5.1 The posts supporting the net are placed at a distance of 0.50-1.00 m (20"-39") outside the side lines. They are 2.55 m (8'4") high and preferably adjustable.

For all FIVB, World and Official Competitions, the posts supporting the net are placed at a distance of 1 m (39") outside the side lines.

2.5.2 The posts are rounded and smooth, fixed to the ground without wires. There shall be no dangerous or obstructing devices.

USAV 2.5.2: Ceiling mounted net systems are allowed.

2.6 ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

All additional equipment is determined by FIVB regulations.

USAV 2.6:

a. If the posts are secured by barrels or other supporting apparatus, there must be some means of clearly identifying the barrels or supporting apparatus. All other dangerous

or obstructing devices must be eliminated. Metal cables, tensioning devices and other exposed wires may need to be covered if the referees determine these items may cause injury to players.

b. All wires that support posts from the floor will be eliminated, or if that is not possible, then all exposed wires must be padded with at least 1.25 cm (1/2") thick, resilient, shock absorbing material throughout the entire length. The padding must be clearly recognizable.

c. Posts shall be padded to a minimum height of 1.7 m (5'6") with at least 1.25 cm (1/2") thick, resilient, shock absorbing material.

d. Basic equipment includes a referee stand, which should be adjustable to allow the referee's eye position to be approximately 50 cm (19") above the top of the net. It should be constructed so that it presents the least potential hazard for participants. Step ladders, jump boxes

and other devices not specifically designed as referee stands shall not be used. If an appropriate referee stand cannot be provided, the 1st referee performs his/her functions from the floor.

e. The front and sides of the referee's stand must be padded in the same manner as the posts to a height of 1.7 m (5'6").

f. The scoreboard must be divided into two parts with numbers that provide the score for each team. The score displayed on the scoreboard is not official and may not be used as a basis of protest.

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