



2020-2021 USA Volleyball REFEREE EXAM – Form C

USA Volleyball (USAV) develops exams that are specific to the USAV indoor volleyball rules code and pairs those rules to certain certification levels. For clarity, each certification level has a specific examination. **This is the USAV version of the Form C examination.** To be certified by USAV, the examination for this rule set must be completed along with other region requirements.

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Exam Instructions and Information: Read each question thoroughly and answer each question on the attached answer sheet using current USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations. “Team S” refers to the serving team, and “Team R” refers to the receiving team. When a team’s serve or receive status is not relevant to the question, “Team A” or “Team B” is used to differentiate the teams.

The following assumptions and information pertain to each question unless other conditions are specifically noted:

- USAV clarification boxes take precedence over the corresponding FIVB rule and if applicable, should be used when considering each answer.
- Rule 10.1.2 (“Pursuit Rule”) **is** in effect.
- Do **not** consider special rules used in Open competition or 14 and Under competition.
- **No** sanctions (team or individual) have been assessed unless noted.
- The penalty area is **not** being used.
- Requests for interruptions (time-outs, substitutions) or line-up checks have **not** been acknowledged (whistled) by the referees.
- Exam questions cover USAV Casebook material.



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For the purpose of this test use the following information:

R = RECEIVING TEAM

R1 = RIGHT BACK

R2 = RIGHT FRONT

R3 = CENTER FRONT

R4 = LEFT FRONT

R5 = LEFT BACK

R6 = CENTER BACK

S = SERVING TEAM

S1 = RIGHT BACK

S2 = RIGHT FRONT

S3 = CENTER FRONT

S4 = LEFT FRONT

S5 = LEFT BACK

S6 = CENTER BACK

DIRECTIONS: Read each situation carefully. Decide whether the statement is true (T) or false (F). Write either "T" or "F" in the space provided on the answer sheet. Assume no other conditions exist except those specifically mentioned in the question.

1. R3 contacts S4 in the space under the net. This contact prevents S4 from playing the ball. The second referee should whistle a penetration fault on R3.
2. The second referee sees the ball contact the floor, and believes the first referee was not in a position to see the ball contact the floor. The second referee signals to the first referee that the ball was down. If the first referee does not see this signal, or sees the signal but does not wave it off, the second referee should whistle to stop play.
3. When the ball is contacted for service, the server is standing on (but not outside) the short line defining the side boundary of the service zone. The first referee whistles and indicates a line violation by the server.
4. While checking Team A's line-up before the start of the set, the second referee notices that player #7 is listed as both the Libero and one of the six starting players. The second referee informs Team A's coach that #7 must be a starting player, and another player must be designated as the Libero.
5. A team cannot use the designated Reserve Libero to replace the Acting Libero in the middle of set two by simply sending the Reserve Libero through the Libero Replacement Zone and onto the court while the ball is out of play.
6. In junior competition, the referees shall inform a team that while their opponent has exclusive use of the court for warm-ups, they may warm up with volleyballs in the free zone in front of their bench or behind their opponent on the court.
7. Team R's first hit sends the ball into the body of the net. S3 moves toward the net and places his/her hands in a position to deflect the natural rebounding action of the ball when it contacts the net. The ball touches S3's hands through the net and falls to the floor. The second referee should whistle a net fault by S3.



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8. A player retrieves a ball that is over a non-playing area. When contact with the ball is made, the player is standing with one foot in a non-playing area and no body part or foot in contact with the playing area. The referees allow play to continue.
9. After S3 attacks the ball, her follow-through contacts the hand of blocker R4. The contact does not interfere with R4's attempt to play the ball. The referees allow play to continue.
10. After playing the ball, R2 has significant contact with the net outside the antenna, which shakes the net some. The second referee should whistle a net fault by R2.
11. After blocking the ball, but before returning to the floor, a blocker contacts the net. However, this contact does not interfere with play. The referees allow play to continue.
12. A request for one or two time-outs, and additionally one request for player substitution by either team, may follow one another during the same dead ball, within the same interruption.
13. R4 falls with both hands landing on the center line. R4's fingers are clearly touching the opponent's court. The referees allow play to continue.
14. As seen in the picture below, if two opponents simultaneously contact the ball above the net for an extended period of time (joust), play is not allowed to continue.

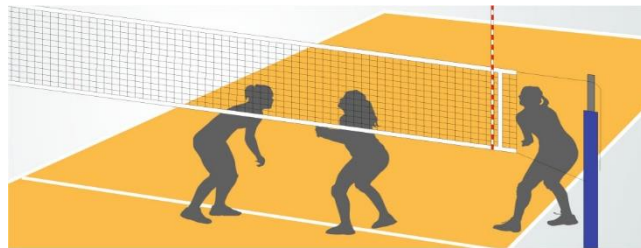


15. While playing a ball out of the net, R6's elbow contacts the bottom of the net. The second referee whistles and signals a net fault on R6.
16. A Team S player was expelled in set 1. During set 2, the same player loudly complains to the referees about ball handling judgment. The referee again expels the player.
17. If a line judge interferes during a player's legitimate attempt to play the ball, the referee blows the whistle to stop play because the ball is "out."
18. Team A players are wearing jerseys that are half white and half black. The Libero for Team A is wearing a jersey that is solid black. The referee determines that the Libero's jersey is not compliant, since black is one of the predominant colors on the multi-color team member jerseys, and cannot be used.



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19. When a ball strikes an overhead obstruction below 15' (4.6 meters) above the court, the first referee will always award a replay.
20. The color of the uniform number needs to clearly contrast with the color of the jersey, regardless of any border around the number.
21. An Assistant Coach can stand and give instructions to players, but has no right to intervene in the match with the officials.
22. R6, who is near the net, contacts the ball while it is entirely higher than the top of the net and sets it toward a teammate. Before a teammate can contact the ball, the ball enters the plane of the net and is contacted by S3 who tips the ball out of bounds. The first referee indicates that Team R wins the rally.
23. While standing behind the attack line, the Libero uses overhead finger action to set the ball to S5. S5 attacks the ball from behind the attack line while the ball is entirely higher than the top of the net. The referees allow play to continue.
24. A player's uniform consists of a jersey and shorts or athletic/sport pants.
25. After playing a ball at the net, R3 lands over the center line with both feet, while R4 lands over the center line with one foot. There is no opponent in the area (see below). The second referee should whistle and indicate a center line fault.



26. During the interval between sets 1 and 2, two Team A players enter their court to warm up using a volleyball. The second referee informs the coach that players may not use volleyballs on the court between sets.
27. When a substitution has been recognized (whistled) by the second referee, but the coach does not want it, the substitute can either enter the match, receive a yellow card delay warning and no substitution, or the players can make two substitutions by having the requesting substitute go onto the court and then immediately substitute off the court.
28. The second referee whistles, moves to the side of the fault, and signals a net fault (with a hand at the net and then a hand pointed at the hitter) on a player who contacted the net mesh on follow through of their attack.
29. When coaches are giving instructions to players on the court, they must remain at least 1.75 meters (5'10") from the court when the ball is in play.



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30. The re-serve rule is being used for 14-and-under players, so five seconds are allowed for the first service attempt. If a service tossing error occurs, and it does not touch the server as it drops, another five seconds are allowed for the second service attempt.
31. R2 and S3 legally and simultaneously contact a ball above the top of the net (joust). The ball lands out of bounds on Team R's side of the net. The first referee should whistle and indicate that Team S wins the rally.
32. A Libero in the front zone jumps and attacks a ball that is partially lower than the top of the net, sending it across the net to the opponent's court. The first referee whistles and indicates an illegal attack by the Libero.
33. A server is standing beyond the playing surface, awaiting the authorization for service. The first referee motions for the server to move onto the playing surface prior to authorizing the serve. The first referee then whistles and beckons for service, but the server again steps off the playing surface and serves the ball. The first referee whistles and indicates a line violation.
34. Safety helmets (as seen below) are allowed during USAV play, as long as they do not create a safety issue for the player or teammates.



35. The Team B coach stands and requests two substitutions. Neither substitute is approaching the substitution zone. The second referee whistles to acknowledge the coach's request.
36. As the teams are preparing to take the court for the start of set 1, the Team S coach approaches the scorer and states that she wrote the wrong number on the line-up, and needs to change #6 to #7. The referees allow the line-up change with no substitution, and instruct the scorers to update the score sheet and the Libero control sheet.
37. As the result of an injury, Team B uses an exceptional substitution for #14. The referees inform the scorer that the exceptional substitution does count as one of Team B's 12 team substitutions.
38. When both teams have a substitute enter the substitution zone during the same dead ball, the second referee blows a separate whistle for each team's substitution.
39. Line-up sheets for the first set of the match must be submitted no later than the two-minute mark on the clock timing the pre-match warm-ups.



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40. An assistant coach requests a time-out. The second referee denies the request and asks the first referee to assess an improper request.
41. As seen below, the first referee should whistle and signal “reaching over” when a player breaks the plane above the net to bring a ball back to their side of the court.



42. The second referee should not notify the coach until the 12th team substitution has been used by that team.
43. The first team to score 25 points with a minimum lead of two points wins the set, except a deciding set.
44. The second referee’s line-up check, prior to the start of any set, is a courtesy. It is the responsibility of the captain and/or coach to ensure the players maintain the correct service order once the second referee has completed this line-up check.
45. During the match, the coach requests verification of the number of team substitutions. Incorrect information is provided by the second referee and the team later acts upon this misinformation resulting in an illegal substitution. The referee’s error will be corrected with no penalty or sanction assessed to the team.
46. The Liberos may serve in multiple positions in the service order.
47. R4 jumps and reaches higher than the top of the net to block a served ball. R4 blocks the ball into the top of the net, but the ball remains on Team R’s side of the court. The referees allow play to continue.
48. Some Team B players are wearing short-sleeved jerseys, while others are wearing long-sleeved jerseys. The jersey designs are identical, with the exception of the sleeve length. The referees allow all Team B players to participate in the match.
49. The line judges have the primary responsibility to make sure the playing area is free of obstructions (ball bags, players, big purses, etc.) and meets playing requirements.
50. During a rally, a loose ball rolls through the court near Team A’s end line, away from the playing action, without interfering with play. Team B wins the rally but the Team A captain requests a replay because of the ball on the court. The referees deny the request because the errant ball did not interfere with play.