

# 2017-18 VOLLEYBALL

## RULE CHANGES:

### RULE 2-5-1

- The attack line shall be a solid line, a shadow-bordered line is not compliant.
- The attack line shall be one color that is clearly visible, regardless of what may be on the court.
- Any deviation should be discussed with the state association staff.
- The teams and officials are at a disadvantage when the attack line is different colors as it crosses the court.
- Every effort should be made to be in compliance.

### RULE 2-1-2

- The boundary lines of the court are strongly recommended to be one clearly visible color contrasting to the color of the floor. A shadow-bordered line may be used for only the center line.
- Teams are at a disadvantage when lines are different colors.

### RULE 4-1 PENALTY 3 & RULE 4-2 PENALTY 2

- A player discovered in the set in violation results in unnecessary delay being assessed. The player in violation must be removed from the set until the equipment/uniform is replaced or immediately made legal.
- Clarifies the procedure for dealing with a player discovered in the set who is in violation by wearing illegal equipment and/or an illegal uniform.
- Unnecessary delay is assessed. The player must be removed from the set unless the problem is rectified immediately.
- If the team has a time-out remaining it may be taken to rectify the problem and the player may remain in the set.

## POINTS OF EMPHASIS:

### CONDUCT & PRIVILEGES OF ASSISTANT COACHES

- Assistant coach has fewer privileges than the head coach
- Stand during dead ball and ask second referee:
  - Number of time-outs used
  - Request serving order of his/her team
  - Request to verify proper server for opponent
- May stand at bench
  - To greet a replaced player
  - Confer with players during time-outs
  - Spontaneously react to an outstanding play by his/her own team
  - Attend to injured player with permission of referee
- Assistant coach shall not stand in bench area during play
- Inappropriate to try to engage second referee in discussions regarding a ruling
- Assistant coach who lingers by continuing to stand once play has resumed may result in card

### LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

- Rules require authorization from the state association for
  - Any special accommodation for an individual player for medical or religious reason
  - Memorial patch on the uniform
  - Any other special circumstances not covered by the rules
- Responsibility of coach and school to contact state association to seek authorization
  - Follow procedure for your state
  - Secure authorization prior to season competition
  - Provide appropriate support material
- There are several reasons a school may need to request a letter of authorization.
- It is imperative the coach takes the necessary steps to provide good documentation to the state association staff well in advance of the first contest unless this is a last minute set of circumstances that prevent the early work.
- **This includes using a solid pink ball for special matches in October for "Breast Cancer Awareness" month.**