



## MEMO

**Date:** June 11, 2015  
**To:** ASAA Member Schools  
**cc:** Alberta Volleyball Officials Association (AVOA)  
**From:** ASAA Commissioners and ASAA Staff  
**Re:** New Volleyball Rules for 2015/16 with updated Clarifications

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The ASAA would like to bring the following information to the attention of all our member schools. Volleyball Canada has adopted the following rules for the 2015/16 season and it is important that all schools and especially volleyball coaches take the time to read and understand the new adoptions.

According to ASAA Policy (page 62): 'The rules in place at the start of the season of play for each ASAA sport will be followed for the entire season, regardless of any provincial, national or international rule changes that may occur during the season.' The ASAA office did receive these rule changes on June 1 from AVOA, which is the start of the ASAA volleyball season and therefore we will be adopting them for this upcoming volleyball season; with the exception of the uniform rule, which we will allow a one year grace period.

### **Contact with the Net:**

Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault. The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, hit (or attempt) and landing.

### **Expansion of Rule 5.2.3.3**

All time-outs and substitutions are to be requested by the Coach from the end of the bench when he/she is sitting or from the extension of the attack line in the free zone when he/she is standing or walking.

\*Further clarification:

The quick substitution is a protocol and we are still utilizing that detail for all regular substitutions. There are however, two instances where the coach is still mandated to request a substitution by use of the proper hand signal:

- a. In the event of a substitution required to replace an injured athlete
- b. In the event of a substitution prior to the start of a set (Score 0:0)

### **Libero Uniform (19.2) – all member schools will have a one year grace period on the following rule adoption but this rule will be enforced for the following year (2016/17)**

The Libero Player(s) must wear a uniform (or Jacket/bib for the re-designated Libero) which as a different dominant colour from any colour of the rest of the team.

The uniform must clearly contrast the rest of the team.

**Note:** This change actually occurred in 2012, but is now being fully enforced by Volleyball Canada





\*Further clarification:

If the team is wearing red uniforms with white accents/trim, the dominant colour of the Libero uniform can be neither red nor white. (Blue, black, green, purple, etc., is a perfect option)

Areas that are not being looked at as part of the uniform colour scheme include:

Colour of lettering used for names, logos, sponsorships

Colour of the number

There are going to be minor changes to terminology in the coming 2015/16 rulebook, but nothing else that will impact a change in the application or interpretation of the rule. AVOA will also be providing ASAA with video footage to demonstrate the adjustment to the net rule to show how it will be applied, once received it will be posted on the ASAA website.

Remember it is the responsibility of all coaches to educate themselves and their players in order to ensure a successful transition.

Please contact the ASAA office if you have any issues or concerns with the above information.





# UNIFORM GUIDELINES

The intent of this document is to provide guidance to clubs and teams for the ordering of uniforms. All of this information can be found in the current 2014 - 15 Volleyball Canada rulebook under rule 4.3 and rule 19.2, with respect to the Libero.

## Player's Equipment

- A player's equipment consists of a jersey, shorts, socks (the uniform) and sport shoes.
- The colour and the design for the jerseys, shorts and socks must be uniform for the team (except for the Libero).
- Player's jerseys must be numbered from 1 to 99.
- The number must be placed on the jersey at the centre of the front and of the back.
- The colour and brightness of the numbers **must** contrast with the colour and brightness of the jersey.
- The number shall be a minimum of 10 cm in height on the chest and 15 cm in height on the back.
- The team captain must have on his/her jersey a stripe of 8 x 2 cm underlining the number on the chest.
- It is forbidden to wear uniforms of a colour different from that of the other players (except the Libero) and/or without official numbers.

## Libero's Equipment

- The Libero player(s) must wear a uniform which has a different dominant colour from any colour of the rest of the team.
- The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team.
- The Libero uniform must be numbered like the rest of the team.
- Any re-designated Libero should, if possible, wear the same style and colour of jersey as the original Libero, but must keep his/her own number.

## UNIFORM GUIDELINES | LEGAL

### Legal Jersey Samples

The following jersey images are examples that meet all of the criteria regarding player equipment and Libero equipment.

In each example, the first jersey image is considered the player equipment and the second jersey image is considered the Libero equipment.



#### Spotlight Style

- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey (black) is not represented anywhere on the team jersey
- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey is clearly contrasting from the team jersey
- Colour and brightness of the number on both jersey's is clearly contrasting from the colour and brightness of the jersey



#### Burst Style

- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey (purple) is not represented anywhere on the team jersey
- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey is clearly contrasting from the team jersey
- Colour and brightness of the number on both jersey's is clearly contrasting from the colour and brightness of the jersey



#### Dig Style

- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey (blue) is not represented anywhere on the team jersey
- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey is clearly contrasting from the team jersey
- Colour and brightness of the number on both jersey's is clearly contrasting from the colour and brightness of the jersey

## UNIFORM GUIDELINES | THREE JERSEYS

A new trend that is starting to be noticed is the inclusion of three jerseys amongst the same team. In the following example, each jersey will be compared against the others in relation to the rules with an explanation regarding legality.

### Team Jersey (Red), Libero Jersey (Black) - Illegal

- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey (black) is represented on the team jersey
- Libero jersey fails to provide contrast from the team jersey

### Team Jersey (Red), Libero Jersey (White) - Legal

- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey (white) is not represented anywhere on the team jersey
- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey is clearly contrasting from the team jersey

### Team Jersey (Black), Libero Jersey (Red) - Illegal

- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey (red) is represented on the team jersey
- Libero jersey fails to provide contrast from the team jersey

### Team Jersey (Black), Libero Jersey (White) - Legal

- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey (white) is not represented anywhere on the team jersey
- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey is clearly contrasting from the team jersey

### Team Jersey (White), Libero Jersey (Black) - Illegal

- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey (black) is represented on the team jersey
- Libero jersey fails to provide contrast from the team jersey

### Team Jersey (White), Libero Jersey (Red) - Legal

- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey (red) is not represented anywhere on the team jersey
- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey is clearly contrasting from the team jersey



Turn Style

## UNIFORM GUIDELINES | ILLEGAL

### Illegal Jersey Samples

The following jersey images are examples that fail to meet all of the criteria regarding player equipment and Libero equipment.

In each of the examples, it should be noted that changing the colour pattern in terms of the body colour and accent colour(s), does not create contrast.



#### Wings Style

- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey (yellow) is represented on the team jersey
- Libero jersey fails to provide contrast from the team jersey



#### Ombre Style

- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey (50% white fading to 50% red) is represented on the team jersey (red fading to white)
- Libero jersey fails to provide contrast from the team jersey



#### Lightning Style

- Dominant colour of the Libero jersey (black) is included on the team jersey
- Libero jersey fails to provide contrast from the team jersey
- Colour and brightness of the number does not contrast with the colour and brightness of the jersey