

**FIVB RULES OF GAME – 2015 UPDATE  
NOTES FOR ALL NVL CLUBS, COACHES, PLAYERS AND REFEREES**

These briefing notes are to highlight the rule amendments that were adopted by FIVB in the Rules of Game from the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015 and in Volleyball England competition from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015.

**Rule 4.1 - Team Composition**

- Each Team will be able to name 12 players including up to 2 Liberos for each match. The number of Liberos is clarified: where the team has 12 players they may have 0, 1 or 2 Liberos
- A maximum of 5 staff members on the bench including the coach are chosen by the coach and listed on the scoresheet. Comment: The bench personnel are no longer referred to as C, AC, AC, M and T.

**Rule 4.5 - Forbidden Objects**

Compression pads may be worn for the protection or support in consideration of the player's health. They should not be used as an aid in playing the ball and hence they should not include padding when worn on the arms.

**Rule 6.1.3 - Rally and completed rally**

A rally is a sequence of playing actions from the moment of the service hit by the server until the ball is out of play. A completed rally is the sequence of playing actions which results in an award of a point. This includes the award of a penalty and the loss of service from a serving fault beyond the time limit.

**Rule 8.3 - Ball In**

The 2014 Guidelines stated that the ball contact with the floor was the first contact with the floor regardless of what happens subsequently. The ball contact is now considered with compression – the wording is now *“The ball is “in” if at any moment of its contact with the floor, some part of the ball touches the court, including the boundary lines.”*

**Rule 11.3 - Contact with the Net**

Contact of the net by a player between the antennae during the action of playing the ball is a fault (*Important - between the antennae and also the whole body of the net*). The action of playing the ball includes amongst others take-off, hit or attempt, and landing.

**Rule 11.4.4 - A player interferes with play** - By touching the net between the antennae, or the antenna itself during his / her action of playing the ball. NOTE there is no more legal contact below the net band. Players close to the ball as it is played, or who are trying to play it, are considered in the action of playing the ball, even if no contact is made with the ball.

**Misconduct**

In the new Guidelines there is a comment about the current developments in behaviour.

**Guideline Rule 20 / 21 part 2.**

It is important to remember, that according to rule 21.2.1, the behaviour of the participants should be respectful and courteous, also toward the officials, their team mates and spectators. This includes excessive play-acting or demonstration. A volleyball match is a sportive show of players, but not the team officials. It is the instruction that if the team officials indulge in this behaviour the 1st Referee must strictly apply the sanctions scale. The show must be for the play on the court and not for peripheral issues which detract from the main purpose of entertaining the crowd with spectacular play.

The consequence of this is therefore an immediate red card.

**NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE – KEY AMENDMENTS**

The amendments to the NVL playing regulations can be found on pages 122-124 of the 2015-16 NVL Handbook.

**Technical Time-Outs**

There are no Technical time-outs in NVL Divisions 2 and 3 and also the VE Cup

**Registration Cards**

All bench personnel must have the appropriate bench personnel card for the team they wish to sit on the bench for. Registration cards are no longer issued and teams must have the appropriate print out from the website of **all** the players eligible for the match. If the player does not appear on the website then they should present an email from VE office confirming the eligibility to play and the player should provide photographic identification.

Teams may register players on the day of the match provided all of the requirements for doing so are met.

**Match Fees**

Please note that the match fees for the NVL have changed as per the attached grid.

|   |                 |     |
|---|-----------------|-----|
| Single Match  | Super 8s        | £19 |
|   | Div 1           | £16 |
|   | Div 2           | £16 |
|   | Div 3           | £14 |
| Matches 1 & 3 of a triangular   | Div 2           | £38 |
|   | Div 3           | £34 |
| All three matches of a triangular<br>(exceptional circumstances only) | Div 2           | £56 |
|   | Div 3           | £52 |
| Cup   | Rounds          | £16 |
|   | Semis and Final | £19 |