



# ONTARIO VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

## THE REFEREE *CHEAT SHEET*

The rules listed in the current edition of the Volleyball Canada Rule Book are in effect unless otherwise noted.

### 6.0 Playing Rules and Regulations. 2017-18. Revised Sept. 2017

Triple ball will be played in the 12U Girls and 13U Boys and Girls divisions. Those rules are available at [www.ontariovolleyball.org](http://www.ontariovolleyball.org)

#### 6.1 Net Heights

Age Category	Girls	Boys
12U	2.10m	N/A
13U	2.15m	2.20m
14U	2.15m	2.20m
15U	2.20m	2.35m
16U	2.24m	2.35m
17U	2.24m	2.43m
18U	2.24m	2.43m

#### 6.2 Libero Rules

Age Category	Libero Permitted	
	Girls	Boys
12U	NO	N/A
13U	NO	NO
14U	NO	NO
15U	NO	NO
16U	YES	NO
17U	YES	YES
18U	YES	YES

#### 6.3 Substitution Rules

Age Category	# of Substitutions	
	Girls	Boys
15U	12 Limited	12 Limited
16U	6 Limited	12 Limited
17U	6 Limited	6 Limited
18U	6 Limited	6 Limited

- 12 sub-limited (one entry & one exit per player) in age categories with NO Libero
- 6 sub-limited (one entry & one exit per player) in age categories WITH a Libero

#### 6.4 Fair Play Rule

- Applies to 12U Girls and 13U-14U Boys and Girls all matches
- Applies to 15U Boys and Girls Pool Play Only
- Any player on the starting scoresheet who does not start the first set must start the second set 12U Girls 13U and 14U Boys and Girls 15U Boys and Girls for pool play matches only (including Day 1 & 2 of Ontario Championships) (Ontario only)
- 16U Girls for pool play matches only in the Trillium Division at regular season events (does NOT include Ontario Championships) (Ontario only) >  Note: The libero is considered as a starting position within the fair play rule.
- In the case of a team with less than 12 players on the game roster, players who played the first set and who are starting the second set can be substituted at any time during the second set (Ontario only)
- A player who did not play the first set cannot be substituted in the second set.
- Substitutions follow the normal substitution rules.
- Fair play rules will be in effect for the following age divisions

Compliance Procedure: The head coach must submit a standard roster form at the first match of the day. This roster will be used for the duration of the day. The same roster sheet must be used for ALL matches. The verification by the scorekeeper and 1st official will be done for all matches. If a player is unable to play it must be noted on the score sheet.

#### 6.5 Serve Receive Rule

12U -15U are not permitted to receive a serve with an overhead motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve).

Note: Receiving a serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) will now be permitted at the 16U boys and girls age divisions and higher. This call is at the discretion of the referee and must be respected, and cannot be protested. This rule change applies to OVA competitions only. Volleyball Canada National Championships will not allow the overhead pass for 16U and younger. Therefore, OVA coaches must prepare 16U teams attending Nationals to receive serve without the option of an overhead finger pass.

## 6.6 Game Day Scheduling

The tournament director has the authority (in consultation with coaches and the Head Official) to move matches ahead and/or move matches to a different court than scheduled, in order to avoid delays and shorten the length of the tournament day.

## 6.7 Recreational Cell Phone and Tripod Use

The recreational use of cell phones or tripods on the bench is not permitted at all OVA events. Use of cell phone and other devices are permitted when collecting data.

## 6.9 Lining and Scoring

All teams are required to provide their own minor officials to perform lining and scorekeeping duties.

## 6.10 Protests

Protests - Any protest or appeal at an OVA Tournament will be overseen by a Competition Jury, composed of any three of the following:

- A representative of the Hosting team (Jury Chairperson)
- The head official or approved designate
- An OVA representative if on site
- A non-partisan OVA member appointed by the head official

The Competition Jury has the highest level of authority at the event, and its decisions take precedence and cannot be appealed.

The following types of issues can be protested or appealed:

- An improper decision by the referee who did not apply the rules or regulations
- An improper decision of the scorer who made a mistake on the rotational order or on the score
- Please note that judgement calls cannot be protested. A referee's decision regarding a playing action (i.e. ball handling or misconduct) cannot be protested

To officially protest or appeal a decision, the captain must launch the protest immediately to the first referee who will then indicate to the scorekeeper that a protest has been lodged. In case of an incident during a match, the protest has to be requested at the moment the incident occurs, before play resumes.

Please remember that NO match will be replayed, as protests have to be placed at the moment of the incident.

- A fee of \$100 must be provided in cash immediately to the Head Official in order to assemble the jury. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.
- Head Official will notify both teams that there is a protest and will ask both teams to stay in the gym on the court, until the final decision is rendered.

- The chairperson of jury convenes the jury.
- The jury interviews the coach of the protesting team and all involved parties, as they see fit (e.g.: opposing coach, officials, captains, athletes, etc.)
- The protest is then reviewed for acceptance or refusal.
  - Refusal means that the point, game or match result stands as played.
  - Acceptance involves replaying of the event in whole or in part depending on the judgment of the Jury.
- The jury deliberates and renders a decision. The chairperson of jury informs all parties involved of the decision made.
- Once the match has ended, the captain must describe the incident on the scoresheet or on a paper to be attached to the scoresheet before he signs off the scoresheet.

**Note: Judgement calls are not permitted to be protested (i.e. ball handling)**

## Serving

