

**2009-2011 DOMESTIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS  
SIGNIFICANT BEACH RULE CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS**

**7.4: Add: FIVB regulation** (Page B-14)

New wording to be placed at the bottom of Rule 7.4: **“For FIVB World Competitions whenever the Pool Play format is implemented, Rule 7.4 above may be subject to modifications as stated in the Specific Competition Regulations issued by the FIVB in due time, establishing the modality to be followed for treating the default and incomplete team cases.”**

**15 and 13: Move wording from Rule 15 to Rule 13** (Pages B-19 and B-23)

1. Deleted 15: “PLAYER AT THE NET  
Each team must play within its own court and playing space. The ball may, however, be retrieved from beyond the free zone.”
2. Replaced with 15: **“PLAYER AT THE NET”**
3. New wording 13: “PLAYING THE BALL”  
**Each team must play within its own playing area and playing space (except Rule 14.1.2). The ball may, however, be retrieved from beyond the free zone.”**

**USAV 13.4.2/13.4.3: Editorial – defines characteristics of the hit** (Page B-20 and B-21)

1. Delete USAV 13.4.2/13.4.3: “Plays involving finger action require special attention. If the play is defensive and reactive in nature, as in the case of a hard-driven ball, momentarily held or double-hit balls are not considered faults. If the player decides/intends to employ finger action, as in the case of off-speed hit defense or setting, the action must be “clean.”
2. Replace with USAV 13.4.2/13.4.3: “Plays involving finger action require special attention. If the play is defensive and reactive in nature, as in the case of a hard-driven ball, momentarily held or double-contacted are not considered faults. **Furthermore, this may apply to the second touch of a team if the block contact was slight and the ball is still a hard-driven attack, or to the defensive action (team first contact) after a ball has been blocked.** If the player decides/intends to employ finger action, as in the case of off-speed **attack** defense or setting, the action must be “clean.”

**23.4: Editorial – add “the sanction scale”** (Page B-35)

1. Deleted 23.4: “Any misconduct occurring before or between sets is sanctioned according to (Diagram 7) and the sanction is applied in the following set.”
2. Replaced with 23.4: “Any misconduct occurring before or between sets is sanctioned according to **the sanction scale** (Diagram 7) and the sanction is applied in the following set.

**26.3.1: Editorial – defines duties of the second referee** (Page B-39)

1. Deleted 26.3.1: “During the match, the second referee decides, whistles and signals:
  - a) the contact of the player with the lower part of the net and the antenna on the second referee’s side of the court (Rule 15.3.1),
  - b) interference due to penetration into the opponent’s court and space under the net (Rule 15.2),
  - c) the ball that crosses the net outside the crossing space or touches the antenna on their side of the court (Rule 11.4),
  - d) the contact of the ball with an outside object (Rule 11.4).
2. Replaced with 26.3.1: “During the match, the second referee decides, whistles and signals:
  - a) the faulty contact of the player with the lower part of the net and the antenna on the second referee’s side of the court (Rule 15.3.1)
  - b) interference due to penetration into the opponent’s court and space under the net (Rule 15.2),
  - c) the ball that crosses the net totally or partly outside the crossing space to the opponent’s court or touches the antenna on their side of the court (Rule 11.4),
  - d) the contact of the ball with an outside object (Rule 11.4).

**Edit REFEREES’ HAND SIGNALS (Diagram 8)** (Page B-42)

**Edit LINE JUDGES FLAG SIGNALS (Diagram 9)** (Page B-42)

**Replace current Diagrams 1-4 with FIVB Beach Volleyball Diagrams 1-9** (Pages B-43-B-55)