



2020-21 National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Modifications

The following rules modifications were approved by the NCAA Women’s Beach Volleyball Committee and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel. They will be incorporated into the beach volleyball rules modifications document for the 2021 season.

Rule	Page	Modification, Rationale
15.4.1 and 15.4.2 and 15.4.3 (USA Volleyball 2019-2021 Beach Rules Book)	19	<p>Modification: To decrease to 60 seconds (from the current 90 seconds) the duration of time for each team time-out and the mandatory technical time-out for regular season competition. This will decrease the total time elapsed during these regular game interruptions from 120 seconds to 90 seconds.</p> <p>Rationale: In general (and in all weather conditions) athletes and their coaches are ready to resume play within a total elapsed time of 90 seconds. This modification is proffered to align the rules with the in-game needs of teams and their coaches. It may also reduce the total match duration.</p>
4.3.3 (USA Volleyball 2019-2021 Beach Rules Book)	10	<p>Modification: To adopt a uniform numbering system which replicates that which is enforced in the current NCAA Women’s Volleyball Rules and Interpretations book (Rule 7.1.2.6) stating: <i>Shirts may be numbered from 0 through 99 inclusively. Duplicate numbers may not be worn.</i></p> <p>Rationale: The next edition of the USA Volleyball Beach Volleyball Rulebook is expected to include a rule change regarding uniform numbering guidelines, designed to allow unique player identification in Club and Collegiate competition. According to USA Volleyball Beach Volleyball Rules, legal uniform numbers range from 1 to 99 and duplicate numbers are not allowed to be worn by members of the same team.</p> <p>Furthermore, the current NCAA Beach Volleyball Rules Modification 4.3.3.2.b was envisioned to allow officials to demonstrate player numbers with one hand. However, in the 2-person v. 2-person game, player numbers are rarely (if ever) visibly displayed to indicate which player committed the fault. Rather, it is standard practice for the match referee to simply indicate the player at fault with an open-palm gesture.</p> <p>The current NCAA 0-99 uniform numbering system will allow player identification for statistical and media relations purposes, while allowing greater latitude in team uniform schemes, including the ability to utilize indoor jerseys for beach competition.</p>