



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Head Coaches and Senior Woman Administrators
of Institutions Sponsoring National Collegiate Beach Volleyball.

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SUBJECT: NCAA Rules Modifications
Clarifications, Interpretations, and Techniques.

In September of 2018, the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) approved a rule modification which mandates the use of a referee stand for a contest to be countable. The mandate takes effect in 2020 with the start of the women's national collegiate beach volleyball season.

The language of the adopted rule modification is:

A referee stand with platform, a podium ladder, or a platform workstation for each competition court is mandatory in order for a contest to be countable. The platform may be either attached (to a permanently installed net standard) or may be free-standing. The platform should be adjustable in height, such that the referee's eye position shall be approximately 50 cm (19") above the top of the net. The platform should be constructed, positioned and padded such that it presents the least potential hazard for players while retaining maximal stability for the referee. Step ladders, jump boxes, and other devices not specifically designed as referee platforms shall not be used. The front and sides of the referee's platform shall be padded to a minimum height of 1.7 m (5'6") with at least 1.25 cm (1/2") thick, resilient, shock-absorbing material.

When considering referee stand options to satisfy the stated specifications in the above language, it is preferred that institutions give first consideration to stands which are manufactured by professional sports equipment providers.

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Examples include:



Because this equipment will be exposed to the elements (sand, sun, precipitation, etc.), consider a referee stand which is composed of materials that are resistant to their harmful effects (i.e., rust and the jamming of parts).

Although it is preferred that the referee stand be one that is manufactured by professional sports equipment providers, below are other alternatives an institution can consider. These alternatives may prove more cost efficient while offering the durability, portability and height options an institution requires as a result of their net system. An institution will also want to consider the duty rating of these alternatives. According to the American Ladder Institute (<https://www.americanladderinstitute.org/>), the duty rating is an indication of the maximum weight capacity the ladder can safely carry.



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To reiterate, every option will require proper padding. Please refer back to the language of the rule.

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