



2025-26 Rules Modifications for Men's Volleyball

The following rules modifications were approved by the NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Committee, the National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Committee and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel. These modifications will be implemented for the 2025-26 season.

Rule	Rule Modification and Rationale
Challenge Review System (Appendix A)	<p>The following decision(s) may be reviewed if the challenge equipment provides a clear view of the center line.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whether or not a player's foot/feet or other body part completely crossed the line resulting in interference with the opponent's play, or;• Whether or not the encroachment presented a safety hazard to opponents. <p>Rationale: To provide enhanced use of the Challenge Review System by allowing additional opportunities of review.</p>
Challenge Review System (Division III only)	<p>To adopt the Challenge Review System modifications for Division III men's volleyball as approved for National Collegiate men's volleyball last year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replay requests must take place within 8 seconds after the rally is over. The R1 will determine if the challenge occurred within 8 seconds. To ensure that the 8 second rule is appropriately followed for a challenge, the resolution of a challenge will occur prior to a called timeout, as the outcome of the challenge could dictate whether a timeout is needed.• After the challenge is accepted, the R2 will let the scorer and the announcer know what is being challenged. When the R2 (R3 when applicable) has made a decision on the challenge, they will inform the scorer and announcers of the outcome and then turn around and give the proper results to the R1. <p>Rationale: As the use of the Challenge Review System is permissive and not required, this will create consistency for all levels of collegiate men's volleyball when the Challenge Review System is used. The above changes will also promote continuous play and prompt decisions, reduce delays for spectator experience, prevent strategic delays (use of timeout), fair competition, game integrity, and equal opportunity for teams.</p>
Libero Designation (Division III only)	<p>When a team decides to designate two liberos, allow them to switch the designations of who the two libero players are between sets.</p> <p>Rationale: This modification will enhance the student-athlete experience with additional opportunities for playing time.</p>