



2022 RULES INTERPRETATION NEWSLETTER #2

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NOTE: Use the following code to analyze these situations:

R = RECEIVING TEAM

R1 = RIGHT BACK
R2 = RIGHT FRONT
R3 = CENTER FRONT
R4 = LEFT FRONT
R5 = LEFT BACK
R6 = CENTER BACK

S = SERVING TEAM

S1 = RIGHT BACK
S2 = RIGHT FRONT
S3 = CENTER FRONT
S4 = LEFT FRONT
S5 = LEFT BACK
S6 = CENTER BACK



Q-Collar

The Q-Collar is considered legal equipment and not head gear. The NCAA allows use of this device during play provided the referees determine it is safe and does not pose a risk to other players. An NCAA waiver is not necessary,

Correctable Errors

Situation 1: The Team S coach ask for their next server and is informed that player S3 is the next server. S3 serves 3 points. The scorer informs the second referee that S6 should have been the server. The second referee has the 3 points S3 served removed and has S6 serve.

Ruling: The second referee is correct. The incorrect information given to the coach immediately led to a fault and must be corrected without penalty/sanction.

Situation 2: The Team S coach ask for their next server and is informed that player S3 is the next server. S3 serves and Team R wins the rally. The scorer informs the second referee that the original information was incorrect, and S6 should have been the server. The second referee has the Team R point removed and has S6 serve.

Ruling: The second referee is correct. Since Team R had not yet served, the players are put in their correct positions and has S6 serve. **Pro Tip:** The second referee should not only ensure Team S players are in correct order but also make sure Team R players are in correct serving order.

Situation 3: The Team S coach asks for their next server and is informed that player S3 is the next server. S3 serves 2 points. S3 serves again and Team R wins the rally. R6 serves and scores a point. The scorer realizes she gave incorrect information to Team S and S6 should have been the correct server in place of S3. The second referee has S6 replace S3 and verifies Team S is in their correct positions. R6 continues their term of service.

Ruling: The second referee is correct. Since Team R served, no points are removed from either team. The error was discovered after Team R served therefore the mis-information would not be considered immediate.

Situation 4: During a rally S4 takes a hard shot to their temple while trying to block. The player shakes their head then turns to continue play. The referee asks if they are okay to play and the player gives a thumbs up. The referee allows play to continue.

Ruling: The referees are not correct. The officials should stop play for the injury to ensure that the student-athlete is evaluated by a health care professional. The athlete may return to play only with permission from the health care professional. A simple guide to the official's role is: "When in doubt, call an injury timeout."

Situation 5: At the end of the rally the Team R coach wants to challenge that the ball crossed the net outside the antenna. The referee tells the coach that a ball crossing outside the antenna is not a challengeable action.

Ruling: The referee is incorrect. A ball contacting, crossing over or outside the antenna would result in an "out" call. In/out decisions can be challenged.