



# ***VOLLEYBALL***

## **2023-24 Women's Volleyball Rules Results**

### **Methods**

- This is a survey of athletic directors, conference commissioners, coordinators of officials, head coaches, officials and senior woman administrators. Participants were also asked to provide the Women's Volleyball Rules Committee with any feedback regarding the proposed rule changes.
- The survey was designed to take no more than 10-minutes and was administered online through the QuestionPro survey software.
- The survey was open from November 17 to December 4, 2023.
- The was distributed via email to 4,708 coaches, officials and conference coordinators. The link to the survey was made available through an online survey dashboard designed for athletics directors, conference commissioners and senior woman administrators to provide rules feedback during the 2023-24 academic year. A notice about the use of the survey dashboard was emailed to all athletics directors, senior women administrators and conference commissioners prior to the survey launch. A follow-up email was sent to those who received the survey via email and a notice about survey dashboard availability appeared in the NCAA Weekly each Monday while the survey was open. Of the 6,924 possible participants, there were 2,067 completed surveys (30 percent response rate).

## Response Data

TITLE	n	N	%
DI Athletics Director	2	344	1%
DII Athletics Director	7	290	2%
DIII Athletics Director	27	425	6%
Total ADs	36	1059	3%
DI Conference Commissioner	1	32	3%
DII Conference Commissioner	-	23	-
DIII Conference Commissioner	2	43	5%
Unknown	11		
Total Commissioners	14	98	15%
DI Head Coach	158	344	46%
DII Head Coach	104	290	36%
DIII Head Coach	164	425	39%
Unknown	7		
Total Head Coaches	433	1059	41%
DI SWA	6	344	2%
DII SWA	4	290	1%
DIII SWA	9	425	2%
Unknown	4		
Total SWAs	23	1059	2%
DI Coordinator of Officials	4	13	31%
DII Coordinator of Officials	4	17	24%
DIII Coordinator of Officials	5	13	38%
Unknown	30		
Total Coord. of Officials	34	34	100%
Total Officials	1527	3615	42%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>6,924</b>	<b>30%</b>

Note: The 'N' for director of athletics, head coaches and senior woman administrators is based off [2023-24 NCAA Sports Sponsorship Projections](#). The 'N' for conference commissioners was pulled from the NCAA Member Reports application. Several administrators chose not to select their division affiliation while completing the survey.

## QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

Q1: Currently all jewelry must be removed before participating in warmups [except small, secured jewelry (e.g., stud or posts)]. No jewelry is allowed below the chin. Would you be in favor of allowing players to also wear small, snug-fitting nose rings and ear cuffs?

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS	Overall		DI		DII		DIII	
No, keep the current rule.	64%	23	-	-	-	-	63%	17
Yes, allow players to wear small hoops that are close to the nose or ear.	36%	13	-	-	-	-	37%	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>						<b>27</b>

CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS	Overall		DI		DII		DIII	
No, keep the current rule.	50%	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow players to wear small hoops that are close to the nose or ear.	50%	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14</b>						

COORDINATOR OF OFFICIALS	Overall		DI		DII		DIII	
No, keep the current rule.	28%	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow players to wear small hoops that are close to the nose or ear.	72%	24	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34</b>						

HEAD COACHES	Overall		DI		DII		DIII	
No, keep the current rule.	31%	133	27%	42	31%	32	35%	57
Yes, allow players to wear small hoops that are close to the nose or ear.	69%	298	73%	114	69%	72	65%	107
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>431</b>		<b>156</b>		<b>104</b>		<b>164</b>

OFFICIALS	Overall		DI		DII		DIII	
No, keep the current rule.	42%	647	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow players to wear small hoops that are close to the nose or ear.	58%	878	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1525</b>						

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATORS	Overall		DI		DII		DIII	
No, keep the current rule.	52%	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow players to wear small hoops that are close to the nose or ear.	48%	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>23</b>						

Q2: Currently, it is a fault if a player contacts a ball twice in succession (double) on the second or third team contact. Would you be in favor of allowing a double hit on a second team contact if the ball is sent to a teammate?

<b>ATHLETIC DIRECTORS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	75%	27	-	-	-	-	70%	19
Yes, allow double hits on the second contact sent to a teammate.	25%	9	-	-	-	-	30%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>						<b>27</b>

<b>CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	93%	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow double hits on the second contact sent to a teammate.	7%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14</b>						

<b>COORDINATOR OF OFFICIALS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	42%	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow double hits on the second contact sent to a teammate.	58%	20	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34</b>						

<b>HEAD COACHES</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	58%	250	50%	78	63%	62	62%	101
Yes, allow double hits on the second contact sent to a teammate.	42%	182	50%	79	37%	39	38%	63
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>432</b>		<b>157</b>		<b>104</b>		<b>164</b>

<b>OFFICIALS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	53%	807	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow double hits on the second contact sent to a teammate.	47%	717	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1524</b>						

<b>SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATORS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	52%	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow double hits on the second contact sent to a teammate.	48%	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22</b>						

Q3: Currently, one libero may be designated for each set by indicating that player's number on the lineup sheet. Would you be in favor of designating two liberos for each set? Only one libero would be allowed on the court at a time.

<b>ATHLETIC DIRECTORS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	31%	11	-	-	-	-	30%	8
Yes, allow a team to designate two liberos per set (only one may be on the court at a time).	69%	25	-	-	-	-	70%	19
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>						<b>27</b>

<b>CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	36%	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow a team to designate two liberos per set (only one may be on the court at a time).	64%	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14</b>						

<b>COORDINATOR OF OFFICIALS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	35%	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow a team to designate two liberos per set (only one may be on the court at a time).	65%	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34</b>						

<b>HEAD COACHES</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	42%	180	56%	88	33%	34	34%	56
Yes, allow a team to designate two liberos per set (only one may be on the court at a time).	58%	253	44%	70	67%	70	66%	108
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>433</b>		<b>158</b>		<b>104</b>		<b>164</b>

<b>OFFICIALS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	38%	573	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow a team to designate two liberos per set (only one may be on the court at a time).	62%	949	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>								

<b>SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATORS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	30%	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow a team to designate two liberos per set (only one may be on the court at a time).	70%	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>23</b>						

Q4: Currently, a team may challenge that a ball was illegally contacted over the opponent's court (illegally reaching over the net) by challenging whether the ball was touched. The position and/or height of the ball is not challengeable. Would you be in favor of also allowing interference above the net to be challenged by challenging whether the player was touched?

<b>ATHLETIC DIRECTORS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	50%	18	-	-	-	-	56%	15
Yes, allow interference above the net to be challenged by challenging whether a player was touched.	50%	18	-	-	-	-	44%	12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>						<b>27</b>

<b>CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	57%	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow interference above the net to be challenged by challenging whether a player was touched.	43%	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14</b>						

<b>COORDINATOR OF OFFICIALS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	37%	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow interference above the net to be challenged by challenging whether a player was touched.	63%	21	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34</b>						

<b>HEAD COACHES</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	24%	101	15%	24	22%	23	33%	53
Yes, allow interference above the net to be challenged by challenging whether a player was touched.	76%	328	85%	133	78%	81	67%	108
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>429</b>		<b>157</b>		<b>104</b>		<b>161</b>

<b>OFFICIALS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	46%	705	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow interference above the net to be challenged by challenging whether a player was touched.	54%	819	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1524</b>						

<b>SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATORS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	36%	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, allow interference above the net to be challenged by challenging whether a player was touched.	64%	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22</b>						

Q5: Currently, scoring protests must be resolved during the match. If a team lodges a non-scoring protest and loses that set as well as the match, the protest is sent to the NCAA Women's Volleyball Secretary-Rules Editor to be resolved after the match. If the non-scoring protest is found to be valid after the completion of the match (referee's decision changed), the protested set may be replayed from the point of protest and the match replayed to its conclusion. Would you be in favor of requiring all protests to be resolved during the match?

<b>ATHLETIC DIRECTORS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	36%	13	-	-	-	-	30%	8
Yes, require all protests be resolved during the match.	64%	23	-	-	-	-	70%	19
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>						<b>27</b>

<b>CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	21%	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, require all protests be resolved during the match.	79%	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14</b>						

<b>COORDINATOR OF OFFICIALS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	26%	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, require all protests be resolved during the match.	74%	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34</b>						

<b>HEAD COACHES</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	32%	139	26%	41	35%	36	38%	60
Yes, require all protests be resolved during the match.	68%	290	74%	117	65%	67	62%	101
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>429</b>		<b>158</b>		<b>103</b>		<b>161</b>

<b>OFFICIALS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	28%	432	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, require all protests be resolved during the match.	72%	1084	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1516</b>						

<b>SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATORS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	26%	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, require all protests be resolved during the match.	74%	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>23</b>						

Q6: Would you be in favor of limiting a player's ability to cross the center line completely with a foot/feet by instead allowing players to remain in contact with the center line or be directly above the center line? This change would remove official's judgment of what creates a safety hazard when a player's foot or feet completely cross the center line.

<b>ATHLETIC DIRECTORS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	31%	11	-	-	-	-	30%	8
Yes, A player's foot or feet completely crossing the center line should be a fault.	69%	25	-	-	-	-	70%	19
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>						<b>27</b>

<b>CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	38%	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, A player's foot or feet completely crossing the center line should be a fault.	62%	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>						

<b>COORDINATOR OF OFFICIALS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	54%	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, A player's foot or feet completely crossing the center line should be a fault.	46%	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34</b>						

<b>HEAD COACHES</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	28%	122	27%	43	34%	35	26%	42
Yes, A player's foot or feet completely crossing the center line should be a fault.	72%	309	73%	114	66%	69	74%	121
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>431</b>		<b>157</b>		<b>104</b>		<b>163</b>

<b>OFFICIALS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	51%	771	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, A player's foot or feet completely crossing the center line should be a fault.	49%	750	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1519</b>						

<b>SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATORS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	23%	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, A player's foot or feet completely crossing the center line should be a fault.	77%	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22</b>						



Q7: The current rule for the cover of the ball requires that it have a “smooth leather or leather-like cover.” Would you be in favor of eliminating the requirement that the cover be “smooth”, so as to provide the option for teams to compete with balls with non-smooth covers, such as the ball used in international competition or men’s NCAA volleyball competition?

<b>ATHLETIC DIRECTORS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	72%	26	-	-	-	-	70%	19
Yes, remove the requirement that ball covers be smooth.	28%	10	-	-	-	-	30%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>						<b>27</b>

<b>CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	46%	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, remove the requirement that ball covers be smooth.	54%	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>						

<b>COORDINATOR OF OFFICIALS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	30%	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, remove the requirement that ball covers be smooth.	70%	24	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34</b>						

<b>HEAD COACHES</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	74%	321	74%	117	70%	72	76%	125
Yes, remove the requirement that ball covers be smooth.	26%	111	26%	41	30%	31	24%	39
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>432</b>		<b>158</b>		<b>103</b>		<b>164</b>

<b>OFFICIALS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	38%	584	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, remove the requirement that ball covers be smooth.	62%	938	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1522</b>						

<b>SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATORS</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>	
No, keep the current rule.	50%	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yes, remove the requirement that ball covers be smooth.	50%	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22</b>						