



2024 Women's Volleyball Rules Results

Methods

- This was a survey of athletic directors, conference administrators (e.g. commissioners and coordinators), head coaches, senior woman administrators and officials aimed at obtaining their feedback on new rules changes and support for potential rules changes.
- The survey was designed to take no more than 10-minutes and was administered online through the Qualtrics survey software.
- The survey was open from November 11 to December 1.
- The survey was distributed via email to almost 5,000 coaches and officials. The link to the survey was posted to an online survey dashboard designed for athletics directors, conference commissioners and senior woman administrators to provide rules feedback during the 2024-25 academic year. A notice about the use of the survey dashboard was emailed to all athletics directors and conference commissioners in Fall 2023 and again in late January 2024. The survey availability was highlighted in the NCAA Weekly and follow-up emails were sent to coaches and officials. Of the 7,193 possible participants, there were 1,706 completed surveys (24 percent response rate).

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QUANTITATIVE DATA

12/12/2024

Title	Recorded	Possible	Response Rate
DI Head Coach	123	346	36%
DII Head Coach	74	293	25%
DIII Head Coach	116	421	28%
TOTAL COACHES	313	1060	30%
DI AD	6	335	2%
DII AD	19	299	6%
DIII AD	53	428	12%
TOTAL ADs	78	1062	7%
DI SWA	8	314	3%
DII SWA	11	274	4%
DIII SWA	16	394	4%
TOTAL SWAs	35	982	4%
DI Commissioner	4	32	13%
DII Commissioner	3	23	13%
DIII Commissioner	16	43	37%
TOTAL COMMISSIONERS	23	98	23%
Coordinators	27	45	60%
TOTAL COORDINATORS	27	45	60%
Official	1,229	3,945	31%
TOTAL OFFICIALS	1,229	3,945	31%
TOTAL	1,705	7,192	24%

REVIEW OF 2024 RULES CHANGES

Please indicate the impact the 2024 rules changes had on the game.

1. Allowing double hits on second contacts directed to a teammate.

HEAD COACH	Overall		DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC	
Positive	85%	264	88%	108	81%	60	83%	96
Negative	11%	35	10%	12	12%	9	12%	14
No Impact	4%	13	2%	3	7%	5	4%	5
TOTAL	100%	312	100%	123	100%	74	100%	115

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		DII AD		DIII AD		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	55%	42	63%	12	54%	28	
Negative	32%	24	32%	6	31%	16	
No Impact	13%	10	5%	1	15%	8	
TOTAL	100%	76	100%	19	100%	52	

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR	Overall*		DII SWA		DIII SWA		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	66%	23	55%	6	75%	12	
Negative	26%	9	36%	4	25%	4	
No Impact	9%	3	9%	1	0%	0	
TOTAL	100%	35	100%	11	100%	16	

COMMISSIONER	Overall*		DIII COMMISSIONER		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	67%	14	64%	9	
Negative	24%	5	36%	5	
No Impact	10%	2	0%	0	
TOTAL	100%	21	100%	14	

OTHER	COORDINATOR		OFFICIAL	
Positive	89%	24	87%	1066
Negative	11%	3	9%	105
No Impact	0%	0	4%	53
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	1224

2. Allowing two liberos to be designated for each set.

HEAD COACH	Overall		DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC	
Positive	55%	172	47%	58	62%	45	60%	69
Negative	4%	13	8%	10	1%	1	2%	2
No Impact	41%	126	45%	55	37%	27	38%	44
TOTAL	100%	311	100%	123	100%	73	100%	115

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		DII AD		DIII AD		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	73%	56	84%	16	70%	37	
Negative	3%	2	0%	0	4%	2	
No Impact	25%	19	16%	3	26%	14	
TOTAL	100%	77	100%	19	100%	53	

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR	Overall*		DII SWA		DIII SWA		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	63%	22	45%	5	69%	11	
Negative	3%	1	55%	6	0%	0	
No Impact	34%	12	0%	0	31%	5	
TOTAL	100%	35	100%	11	100%	16	

COMMISSIONER	Overall*		DIII COMMISSIONER		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	71%	15	86%	12	
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	
No Impact	29%	6	14%	2	
TOTAL	100%	21	100%	14	

OTHER	COORDINATOR		OFFICIAL	
Positive	74%	20	64%	784
Negative	0%	0	2%	29
No Impact	26%	7	34%	411
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	1224

3. Assessing an administrative yellow card (warning) for failure to control/address spectator conduct in the playing area.

HEAD COACH	Overall		DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC	
Positive	36%	112	35%	43	41%	30	35%	39
Negative	3%	10	2%	3	1%	1	5%	6
No Impact	61%	187	63%	77	58%	43	60%	67
TOTAL	100%	309	100%	123	100%	74	100%	112

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		DII AD		DIII AD		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	56%	43	58%	11	53%	28	
Negative	13%	10	21%	4	9%	5	
No Impact	31%	24	21%	4	38%	20	
TOTAL	100%	77	100%	19	100%	53	

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR	Overall*		DII SWA		DIII SWA		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	38%	13	27%	3	40%	6	
Negative	6%	2	9%	1	7%	1	
No Impact	56%	19	64%	7	53%	8	
TOTAL	100%	34	100%	11	100%	15	

COMMISSIONER	Overall*		DIII COMMISSIONER		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	87%	20	81%	13	
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	
No Impact	13%	3	19%	3	
TOTAL	100%	23	100%	16	

OTHER	COORDINATOR		OFFICIAL	
Positive	67%	18	67%	818
Negative	4%	1	2%	19
No Impact	30%	8	32%	386
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	1223

4. Allowing players to wear small, snug-fitting jewelry above the chin, including nose rings and ear cuffs.

HEAD COACH	Overall		DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC	
Positive	45%	140	50%	62	35%	26	45%	52
Negative	8%	24	7%	8	7%	5	10%	11
No Impact	47%	148	43%	53	58%	43	45%	52
TOTAL	100%	312	100%	123	100%	74	100%	115

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		DII AD		DIII AD		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	22%	17	5%	1	28%	15	
Negative	14%	11	37%	7	8%	4	
No Impact	64%	49	58%	11	64%	34	
TOTAL	100%	77	100%	19	100%	53	

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR	Overall*		DII SWA		DIII SWA		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	33%	11	36%	4	36%	5	
Negative	18%	6	9%	1	36%	5	
No Impact	48%	16	55%	6	29%	4	
TOTAL	100%	33	100%	11	100%	14	

COMMISSIONER	Overall*		DIII COMMISSIONER		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	17%	4	13%	2	
Negative	9%	2	6%	1	
No Impact	74%	17	81%	13	
TOTAL	100%	23	100%	16	

OTHER	COORDINATOR		OFFICIAL	
Positive	59%	16	45%	549
Negative	11%	3	16%	192
No Impact	30%	8	40%	485
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	1226

5. Requiring that all protests be resolved during the match.

HEAD COACH	Overall		DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC	
Positive	59%	177	65%	76	57%	41	54%	60
Negative	3%	9	4%	5	1%	1	3%	3
No Impact	38%	115	31%	36	42%	30	44%	49
TOTAL	100%	301	100%	117	100%	72	100%	112

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		DII AD		DIII AD		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	71%	55	74%	14	68%	36	
Negative	6%	5	0%	0	9%	5	
No Impact	22%	17	26%	5	23%	12	
TOTAL	100%	77	100%	19	100%	53	

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR	Overall*		DII SWA		DIII SWA		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	74%	25	82%	9	67%	10	
Negative	6%	2	0%	0	13%	2	
No Impact	21%	7	18%	2	20%	3	
TOTAL	100%	34	100%	11	100%	15	

COMMISSIONER	Overall*		DIII COMMISSIONER		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	83%	19	88%	14	
Negative	9%	2	6%	1	
No Impact	9%	2	6%	1	
TOTAL	100%	23	100%	16	

OTHER	COORDINATOR		OFFICIAL	
Positive	70%	19	78%	944
Negative	7%	2	3%	38
No Impact	22%	6	19%	234
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	1216

6. Allowing coaches to challenge whether or not the determination of a player contacting the ball or the opponent affects a decision on interference above the net.

HEAD COACH	Overall		DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC	
Positive	70%	211	85%	103	75%	53	50%	55
Negative	2%	7	2%	2	0%	0	5%	5
No Impact	28%	84	13%	16	25%	18	45%	50
TOTAL	100%	302	100%	121	100%	71	100%	110

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		DII AD		DIII AD		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	63%	49	53%	10	62%	33	
Negative	6%	5	11%	2	6%	3	
No Impact	31%	24	37%	7	32%	17	
TOTAL	100%	78	100%	19	100%	53	

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR	Overall*		DII SWA		DIII SWA		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	91%	31	91%	10	87%	13	
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	
No Impact	9%	3	9%	1	13%	2	
TOTAL	100%	34	100%	11	100%	15	

COMMISSIONER	Overall*		DIII COMMISSIONER		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Positive	76%	16	71%	10	
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	
No Impact	24%	5	29%	4	
TOTAL	100%	21	100%	14	

OTHER	COORDINATOR		OFFICIAL	
Positive	77%	20	69%	840
Negative	12%	3	10%	122
No Impact	12%	3	21%	251
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	1213

POTENTIAL RULE CHANGES

1. Teams are currently required to switch benches after each set. Would you be in favor of requiring teams to switch benches only after the second set?

HEAD COACH	Overall		DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC	
Yes	24%	75	27%	32	30%	22	18%	21
No	67%	209	65%	78	59%	44	75%	87
No Opinion	8%	26	8%	10	11%	8	7%	8
TOTAL	100%	310	100%	120	100%	74	100%	116

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		DII AD		DIII AD		*Includes all divisions.
Yes	31%	24	22%	4	38%	20	
No	40%	31	39%	7	38%	20	
No Opinion	29%	22	39%	7	25%	13	
TOTAL	100%	77	100%	18	100%	53	

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR	Overall*		DII SWA		DIII SWA		*Includes all divisions.
Yes	29%	10	20%	2	31%	5	
No	53%	18	40%	4	56%	9	
No Opinion	18%	6	40%	4	13%	2	
TOTAL	100%	34	100%	10	100%	16	

COMMISSIONER	Overall*		DIII COMMISSIONER		*Includes all divisions.
Yes	36%	8	27%	4	
No	14%	3	13%	2	
No Opinion	50%	11	60%	9	
TOTAL	100%	22	100%	15	

OTHER	COORDINATOR		OFFICIAL	
Yes	19%	5	24%	286
No	67%	18	52%	634
No Opinion	15%	4	24%	294
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	1214

2. Teams are currently allowed a maximum of two timeouts per set. Would you be in favor of limiting teams to one timeout per set?

HEAD COACH	Overall		DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC	
Yes	13%	39	23%	28	4%	3	7%	8
No	84%	262	71%	86	96%	71	91%	105
No Opinion	3%	10	6%	7	0%	0	3%	3
TOTAL	100%	311	100%	121	100%	74	100%	116

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		DII AD		DIII AD		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Yes	35%	27	22%	4	42%	22	
No	57%	44	72%	13	51%	27	
No Opinion	8%	6	6%	1	8%	4	
TOTAL	100%	77	100%	18	100%	53	

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR	Overall*		DII SWA		DIII SWA		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Yes	21%	7	10%	1	13%	2	
No	71%	24	80%	8	81%	13	
No Opinion	9%	3	10%	1	6%	1	
TOTAL	100%	34	100%	10	100%	16	

COMMISSIONER	Overall*		DIII COMMISSIONER		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Yes	55%	12	53%	8	
No	32%	7	33%	5	
No Opinion	14%	3	13%	2	
TOTAL	100%	22	100%	15	

OTHER	COORDINATOR		OFFICIAL	
Yes	37%	10	23%	282
No	52%	14	69%	841
No Opinion	11%	3	7%	90
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	1213

3. Current rules only allow statistical data to be transmitted to the bench area from any location in the facility. Electronic audio or video devices that transmit information pertaining to the competition from any location in the facility to the bench or court are illegal. Would you be in favor of changing the rule to allow electronic audio and video information to be transmitted to the bench?

HEAD COACH	Overall		DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC	
Yes	29%	89	34%	41	35%	26	19%	22
No	57%	177	61%	74	51%	38	56%	65
No Opinion	14%	45	5%	6	14%	10	25%	29
TOTAL	100%	311	100%	121	100%	74	100%	116

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		DII AD		DIII AD		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Yes	31%	24	39%	7	25%	13	
No	56%	43	50%	9	60%	32	
No Opinion	13%	10	11%	2	15%	8	
TOTAL	100%	77	100%	18	100%	53	

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR	Overall*		DII SWA		DIII SWA		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Yes	32%	11	20%	2	19%	3	
No	50%	17	60%	6	56%	9	
No Opinion	18%	6	20%	2	25%	4	
TOTAL	100%	34	100%	10	100%	16	

COMMISSIONER	Overall*		DIII COMMISSIONER		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Yes	32%	7	27%	4	
No	59%	13	60%	9	
No Opinion	9%	2	13%	2	
TOTAL	100%	22	100%	15	

OTHER	COORDINATOR		OFFICIAL	
Yes	37%	10	23%	274
No	44%	12	58%	708
No Opinion	19%	5	19%	232
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	1214

4. Players are currently allowed to complete an attack hit with open-handed finger action. Would you be in favor of making it illegal to complete an attack hit with open-hand finger action or finger tips that are not rigid and together?

HEAD COACH	Overall		DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC	
Yes	8%	25	9%	11	8%	6	7%	8
No	87%	271	86%	104	86%	64	89%	103
No Opinion	5%	15	5%	6	5%	4	4%	5
TOTAL	100%	311	100%	121	100%	74	100%	116

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		DII AD		DIII AD		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Yes	8%	6	0%	0	8%	4	
No	62%	48	56%	10	68%	36	
No Opinion	30%	23	44%	8	25%	13	
TOTAL	100%	77	100%	18	100%	53	

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR	Overall*		DII SWA		DIII SWA		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Yes	15%	5	10%	1	19%	3	
No	68%	23	90%	9	50%	8	
No Opinion	18%	6	0%	0	31%	5	
TOTAL	100%	34	100%	10	100%	16	

COMMISSIONER	Overall*		DIII COMMISSIONER		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Yes	9%	2	7%	1	
No	45%	10	47%	7	
No Opinion	45%	10	47%	7	
TOTAL	100%	22	100%	15	

OTHER	COORDINATOR		OFFICIAL	
Yes	11%	3	20%	238
No	81%	22	71%	863
No Opinion	7%	2	9%	113
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	1214

5. Currently, head coaches are required to display the green challenge card to request a challenge. Would you be in favor of eliminating the challenge card and instead requiring the head coach to signal “C” (see below) to request a challenge?

HEAD COACH	Overall		DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC	
Yes	34%	105	45%	55	39%	29	18%	21
No	29%	90	37%	45	22%	16	25%	29
No Opinion	37%	116	17%	21	39%	29	57%	66
TOTAL	100%	311	100%	121	100%	74	100%	116

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		DII AD		DIII AD		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Yes	43%	33	50%	9	38%	20	
No	19%	15	17%	3	19%	10	
No Opinion	38%	29	33%	6	43%	23	
TOTAL	100%	77	100%	18	100%	53	

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR	Overall*		DII SWA		DIII SWA		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Yes	44%	15	50%	5	44%	7	
No	29%	10	30%	3	31%	5	
No Opinion	26%	9	20%	2	25%	4	
TOTAL	100%	34	100%	10	100%	16	

COMMISSIONER	Overall*		DIII COMMISSIONER		<i>*Includes all divisions.</i>
Yes	36%	8	47%	7	
No	27%	6	20%	3	
No Opinion	36%	8	33%	5	
TOTAL	100%	22	100%	15	

OTHER	COORDINATOR		OFFICIAL	
Yes	37%	10	26%	316
No	63%	17	53%	649
No Opinion	0%	0	21%	249
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	1214