



2011-2012 USA Volleyball THEORETICAL EXAM – Form C

Although USA Volleyball (USAV) and PAVO collaborate in developing the theoretical examinations, for clarity and simplification, the Form A and Form B examinations are specific to each rules code. However, the Form C exam is utilized only by USA Volleyball and is intended for entry-level professional referees, and adult player/team referees, and for training and educational purposes. **This is the USAV Form C examination.**

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Exam Instructions and Information: Read each question thoroughly and answer each question on the attached answer sheet using current USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations (DCR). Any USAV clarification boxes in the DCR take precedence over the corresponding FIVB rule, and the clarifications, if applicable, should be used when considering each answer. Important rules clarifications and points of emphasis are also included in the DCR, under the “Techniques, Mechanics & Procedures” section. “Team S” refers to the serving team, and “Team R” refers to the receiving team. When a team’s serve or receive status is not relevant to the question, “Team A” or “Team B” is used to differentiate the teams.

The following assumptions pertain to each question unless other conditions are specifically noted:

- Rule 10.1.2 (“Pursuit Rule”) **is** in effect.
- Do **not** consider special rules used in Open competition or 14 and Under competition unless specifically noted in the question.
- **No** sanctions (team or individual) have been assessed other than those specifically described in the question.
- The penalty area is **not** being used.
- Requests for interruptions (time-outs, substitutions) or line-up checks have **not** been acknowledged (whistled) by the referees.
- Unless otherwise noted, the referees’ signal sequence is not relevant when answering the question.



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For the purpose of this test use the following information:

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

DIRECTIONS: Read each situation carefully. Decide whether the statement is true (T) or false (F). Write either "T" or "F" in the space provided on the answer sheet. Assume no other conditions exist except those specifically mentioned in the question.

1. R4 contacts S3 in the space under the net. This contact prevents S3 from playing the ball. The second referee should whistle a penetration fault on R4.
2. All team and individual sanctions remain in force for the entire match and are recorded on the scoresheet.
3. If the coach for Team A wants to replace the Acting Libero with the designated second Libero in the middle of Set 2, he or she simply sends the second Libero onto the court through the Libero replacement zone to make a change during a dead ball.
4. The Libero may be designated as team captain.
5. S2 blocks a ball, which rebounds from the top of the net and remains on Team S's side of the net. No Team R player touches the ball. S2 then passes the ball to a teammate. The first referee should whistle and indicate "two hits," a double contact fault by S2.
6. Assistant coaches must remain seated on the bench throughout the match.
7. Team R's first hit sends the ball into the body of the net. S3 moves toward the net and places his/her hands in a position to deflect the natural rebounding action of the ball. The ball touches S3's hands through the net and falls to the floor. The second referee should whistle a net fault by S3.
8. Once a substitution has been recognized (whistled) by either referee, the substitute is required to enter the match regardless of sanction options.
9. At the end of a match, the team captains should always thank the referees.
10. The ball that is heading towards the opponent's court through the lower space under the net is in play until the moment it has completely crossed the vertical plane of the net.



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11. After playing the ball, S3 has significant contact with the net outside the antennae, which noticeably shakes the net. The second referee should whistle a net fault by S3.
12. Any player who has been replaced by exceptional substitution may return to play in a subsequent set in that match.
13. A request for one or two time-outs, and additionally one request for player substitution by either team, may follow one another, with no need to resume the game.
14. If simultaneous contact by two opponents with the ball above the net leads to extended contact (joust), play continues.
15. In the middle of a rally, an errant ball from another court crosses the court near Team S's end line away from the playing action without interfering with play. Team R wins the rally but the Team S captain requests a replay because of the ball on their court. The referees should deny the request for a replay since the errant ball did not interfere with play.
16. A team begins the match with six players, however they are reduced to fewer than six players when a player is unable to continue due to injury or illness. The team may continue the match with five players.
17. In adult competition only, players may wear jewelry.
18. S2 trips and touches the net while the ball is in the backcourt on Team R's side of the net. The net contact does not interfere with play. The second referee should allow play to continue.
19. During a rally, the coach and two assistant coaches are giving instructions to players on the court while standing in the free zone in front of the team bench. The referees should allow the assistant coaches to stand in the free zone during the match provided their actions are not disruptive.
20. Whenever a ball strikes an over-head obstruction below 15' (4.6 meters), the first referee will always award a replay.
21. If a team member is sanctioned with an individual penalty (yellow card) for unsporting conduct between sets, the penalty is assessed at the beginning of the subsequent set.
22. The designated Starting Libero for Team S may wear a mesh vest over the team's regular jersey provided the number on the jersey is visible through the mesh vest.
23. Team B wears black shorts. The shorts are the same style and length, but four players have 4" white stripes down the side of the shorts and four players do not. This team is considered to have legal uniforms.



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24. The numbers on a team's jerseys must be placed in the center of both the chest area on the front of the jersey, and centered on the back of the jersey.
25. After playing a ball near the net, R3 falls with both elbows landing on the centerline. R3's arms are clearly touching the opponent's court, but there is no opponent in the area. The second referee should whistle and indicate a penetration fault by R3.
26. The coach requests two time-outs prior to the start of the match. The referees should deny the request for a second time-out prior to the start of the match as it is not permitted.
27. During the first set of a junior's match, Team R has been assessed a delay warning and a delay penalty. Later in Set 2, the Team R coach requests a third time-out which is not whistled by the second referee. The referees should assess an improper request to Team R.
28. The Team R's Libero, who is in the front zone near the net, jumps and reaches higher than the top of the net in an attempt to block the ball coming from the opponent. The Libero does not touch the ball during this action. The referees should allow play to continue.
29. When the re-serve rule is being used in 14-and-under age groups, five seconds are allowed for the first service attempt. If a service tossing error occurs, another five seconds are allowed for the second service attempt.
30. S2 and R2 legally and simultaneously contact a ball above the top of the net (joust). The ball lands out of bounds on Team R's side of the net. The first referee should whistle and indicate that Team R wins the rally.
31. In juniors' competition, players may participate while wearing earrings provided the earrings are covered with tape.
32. It is permitted to request a substitution before the start of a set.
33. During a time-out, the players for Team S meet on the playing court near the sideline. The coaches and substitutes join them on the court. The referees should allow the team to remain on the court for the duration of the time-out.
34. The Team R's player uniforms are dark purple, while their Libero's uniform is black. These would be considered legal jerseys.
35. An exceptional substitution may only be granted after a team has used its 12 team substitutions.
36. Coaches giving instruction to players on the court must remain at least 1.75 meters (5'10") from the court when the ball is in play.



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37. A team is entitled to a maximum of three hits (even after blocking) to return the ball.
38. An errant pass is traveling toward a wall; however, the ball strikes the ceiling 25' above the playing area before it hits the wall. The ball then rebounds off the ceiling back toward the court, where the team legally sends the ball across the net to the opponent. The first referee should whistle and signal "out" because the ball would have clearly hit the wall had it not contacted the ceiling.
39. For 14-and-under age groups, a re-serve for a tossing error is permitted for each service attempt.
40. A player may start outside the service zone on the playing surface during a service attempt provided that the player is within the service zone at the moment of the service hit or take-off for a jump serve.
41. The Libero's jersey cannot be any of the predominant colors of the jerseys of other team members.
42. The second referee should notify the team captain or coach when the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th team substitutions have been used by that team.
43. When a player's hand towel falls to the court during a rally, the first referee will immediately whistle to stop the rally and then award a replay.
44. The first team to score 25 points with a minimum lead of two points wins the set.
45. Following a regular game interruption (time-out, substitution), the second referee ensures that the scorer shows the "ready" signal before resuming play.
46. The Libero may not serve in the service order.
47. Zero (0), double zero (00) and numbers higher than 99 are not legal uniform numbers.
48. If a ball hits an official (line judge, scorer or referee) who interferes even during a player's legitimate attempt to play the ball, the ball is still whistled "out."
49. It is the responsibility of the first referee to make sure the playing area is free of obstructions (ball bags, players, tripods, player equipment, etc.) and meets playing requirements.
50. The second referee is responsible for making an "out" call on a ball that contacts the post outside the antennae on the second referee's side of the net.