

Referee Chairs and Regional Representatives:

A slightly revised version of the USAV Basic Clinic Outline and PowerPoint have been posted on the Referee Resource Page. The revisions relate only to verbiage in the ball handling section.

Specifically, here is the correct, current verbiage in the initial ball handling paragraph in the outline and on the PowerPoint script page:

NOTE: For ball handling judgments, the referee's judgment must be in accordance with the spirit of the rules to encourage longer rallies and spectacular actions; hence, only the most obvious violations will be whistled. Therefore, when a player is not in a very good position to play the ball, the first referee will be less severe in his/her judgment of ball handling faults. The referees should enhance the excitement of volleyball by allowing the spectacular elements of the game, and highlighting the skill and athleticism of the players. Referees must judge the contact of the ball, not the technique or body position of the player.

Please share this information with your referees during your pre-season clinics.

Sorry for any inconvenience! I hope the upcoming USAV season is successful for all of you!

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