



RULE CHANGES 2013-16

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Preparing for the match

- if one player on court is not on the team list 7.3.5.4
 - replace without sanction if found at line-up check, and get new line-up sheet from coach
 - later in the match: treat as an illegal substitution, and get new line-up sheet from coach

Assistant coach

Should the coach have to leave his/her team for any reason, including sanction, *but excluding entering the court as a player*, an assistant coach may assume the coach's functions for the duration of the absence, once confirmed to the referee by the game captain 5.3.2

Screening

The players of the serving team must not prevent their opponent, through individual or collective screening, from seeing the server *and* the flight path of the ball. 12.5.1

A player or group of players, of the serving team makes a screen by waving arms or moving sideways, during the execution of the service, or by sitting grouped to hide *the server and* the flight path of the ball. 12.5.2

Illegal Libero replacement

19.3.2.9

- If it is noticed before the next rally begins
 - correct the illegal replacement
 - sanction the team for delay
- If one or more rallies are played before it is noticed
 - correct the illegal replacement
 - sanction the team for delay
 - *and* (the same as illegal substitution, *rule 15.9*)
 - the team at fault loses all points scored while the illegal player was on court
 - the other team keeps all points scored while the illegal player was on court

Libero control

- Libero re-designation (19.4)
 - allowed for injury, sanction *or coach's decision* 19.4.1
 - any player not on court (except for the player who has been replaced by the on-court Libero) may be re-designated as Libero 19.4.2.1
- If the team has one Libero 19.4.2
 - if the Libero is injured or removed by the coach, the team *may* (not must) re-designate another player as Libero

Libero re-designation

First Libero	Second Libero
Injured (not able to play)	Injured (not able to play)
Expelled	Injured (not able to play)
Disqualified	Injured (not able to play)
Injured (not able to play)	Expelled
Expelled	Expelled
Disqualified	Expelled
Injured (not able to play)	Disqualified
Expelled	Disqualified

Libero re-designation

First Libero	Second Libero
Disqualified	Disqualified
Injured (not able to play)	Bad performance: coach removes
Expelled	Bad performance: coach removes
Disqualified	Bad performance: coach removes
Bad performance: coach removes	Injured (not able to play)
Bad performance: coach removes	Expelled
Bad performance: coach removes	Disqualified

Minor misconduct

- The aim is to *prevent the need for sanctions* by warning the player and team
- Two stages
 - (i) verbal warning through game captain
 - (ii) **yellow card** to team member
 - this is a *warning*, not a sanction
 - it is a warning to the *whole team*
 - each team can only receive *one* yellow card in a match
 - it is recorded on the scoresheet

Warnings and sanctions

- Warning: no sanction
 - verbal warning through game captain—
not recorded on scoresheet
 - **yellow card**—recorded on scoresheet
 - delay warning is now shown with a
yellow card
- Penalty: sanction—recorded on
scoresheet
 - **red card**: loss of rally
 - delay penalty is now shown with a

Warnings and sanctions

- Expulsion: sanction—recorded on scoresheet
 - **red** and **yellow** cards in same hand
 - player excluded for rest of the set: no loss of rally
- Disqualification: sanction—recorded on scoresheet
 - **red** and **yellow** cards in separate hands
 - player excluded for rest of the match: no loss of rally