

2026-27

Playing with two liberos

(reference—YouTube video NFHS Libero Rules by Jim Rixse)

Libero Uniform Changes

- Uniform bottoms/leggings may be any color and they don't need to match the rest of the team.
- If using two liberos, their uniform tops can be different colors from each other (they must still follow legal libero uniform rules such as contrasting colors, no duplicate numbers etc.)
 - Team A has one libero in a red uniform top and the other libero in a pink uniform top (rest of their teammates are in white) *Legal*—both liberos are wearing tops that contrast in color from their teammates

Libero Designation and Re-Designation

- They can play with zero, one, or two liberos for each set.
 - Only one libero can be in the game at a time.
- The libero(s) may change from set to set.
- The libero(s) numbers must be on the lineup sheet for each set and roster.
- Libero tracker does not write down libero exchanges (we don't care which one is in) but they need to still record replacements with an L (their number doesn't need to be recorded). Still put a triangle around the libero serving position on the scoresheet.
- If a team has listed two liberos, and one becomes injured/ill, a new libero may be re-designated so that they still have two liberos. If a re-designation is made, the injured/ill libero can't re-enter that set but can play in subsequent sets.
- If a libero is disqualified, then a team can't re-designate an additional libero (they must play with zero or one for the remainder of the match).

Scoresheet

Scoresheet Change

- Enter the libero number(s) next to L1 and L2 (if used)
- When a libero enters for the first time, place a circle around the libero number at the top of the scoresheet

DATE: _____ HOME: _____ VISITOR: _____ SITE: _____ START TIME: _____ END TIME: _____

Set No.	TIME-OUTS	Team	Set No.	TIME-OUTS	Team
1	L1: _____ L2: _____		1	L1: _____ L2: _____	
2			2		
3			3		
4			4		
5			5		
6			6		
7			7		
8			8		
9			9		
10			10		
11			11		

Set No. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Comments: _____

DEFINITIONS FOR SCORER

Key for Recording Comments

C Playing Captain	P Point	-I Correct Fault	☐ Point Scored Off Court of Fault	R Play
NS No Fault	T Timeout	IR Incorrect Rotation	☐ Correct Point	☐ Correct Rotation
S Substitution Serving Team	IS Substitution Receiving Team	RL Re-rotation Fault	VS/RS Violation/Receiving Team Fault	VC Violation Fault
EC Error Fault	PF Penalty Fault	PF Penalty Fault	CM Communication Management	ES Error Substitution

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Libero Tracker Sheet

TEAM:				L1: 5		L2: 8			
Set	Serve Order	SP							
1		14	L	14	L	14	7	L	7
	II		(7 subs for 14)						

Difference between a libero replacement and a libero exchange

- “Exchange” is when one libero enters the game and the other libero leaves. (they switch for each other)
 - This can happen during any dead ball after the end of a rally (not before a replay/reserve)
 - Libero tracker doesn’t need to record these (we don’t care which libero is in)
- “Replacement” is when a libero enters the game and a non-libero teammate leaves or vice-versa (what we currently see happen). Libero tracker will just use an L (with no number) as it doesn’t matter which libero is in.
- Only one replacement or exchange is permitted per dead ball/rally unless a libero is replacing a player at right back to serve.

Libero Serving

- Either libero may serve, but only in one position (they are tied to the position that the first libero served for).
- Legal
 - For set #1, Team A has two liberos, #5/#8. Libero #5 serves for position (3) in the serving order. Later in the set, libero #8 serves in position (3).
- Illegal
 - For set #1, Team A has two liberos, #5/#8 Libero #5 serves for position (3) in the serving order. Later in the set, libero #8 serves in position (6).

Second libero only used to serve (example scenario with slides)

- Example: No Team A libero has served yet in the set. Team A is receiving with libero #5 , who had replaced #20 in LB, and #25 in RF. When Team A wins the rally, this will happen behind the attack line.
 - Libero #5 will leave the court and the other libero #8 enters in RB to serve (libero tracker will put a triangle in this position)
 - Non-libero player #25 leaves the court and non-libero player #20 enters in LF
 - This replacement will be recorded on the libero tracker sheet (just put an L with no number with a triangle when the libero goes back to serve, as it doesn't matter which libero is in the set).
- No libero exchange occurred. It was two replacements (#20 replacing libero #5 and libero #8 replacing #25). The two replacements during the same dead ball is legal since a libero will now serve.
- *It is common, after Team A loses serve for the two liberos to do an exchange.

L#8 MB#20 ("player replaced
by a libero")

Team A is receiving
with libero #5, who
replaced MB #20, in
LB, and MB #25 in
RF.

L#5_{LB}

MB#25_{RF}

L#8 MB#20 ("player replaced
by a libero")

When Team A wins
the rally, the libero
will serve. Team A
would like its other
libero #8 to serve.

L#5_{LB}

MB#25_{RF}

L#5 ↑ MB#20 ↓ & L#8 ↓ MB#25 ↑

Two replacements occur during the same dead ball, which is legal because the libero will serve. No libero exchange occurs.

L#8

MB#20

L#5

MB#25

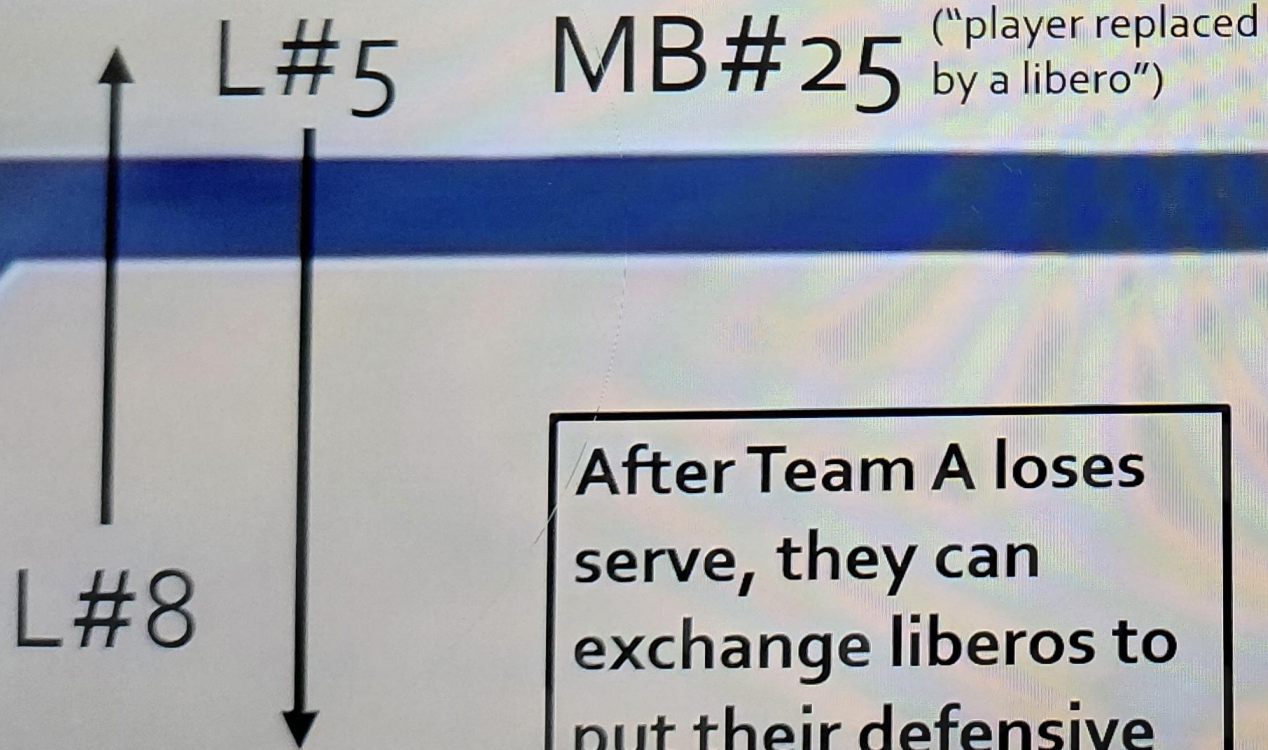
We will see a libero and a middle entering the court, and the other libero and middle leaving, all behind the attack line.

L#5 MB#25 ("player replaced
by a libero")

Libero #8 serves.

L#8 RB

MB#20 LF



After Team A loses serve, they can exchange liberos to put their defensive libero #5 back in at RB for serve receive.

MB#20_{LF}

L#8 MB#25 ("player replaced
by a libero")

MB#25 is still "the
player a libero
replaced," and will
come back in when
L#5 would rotate to
the front row.

L#5_{LB}

MB#20_{RF}

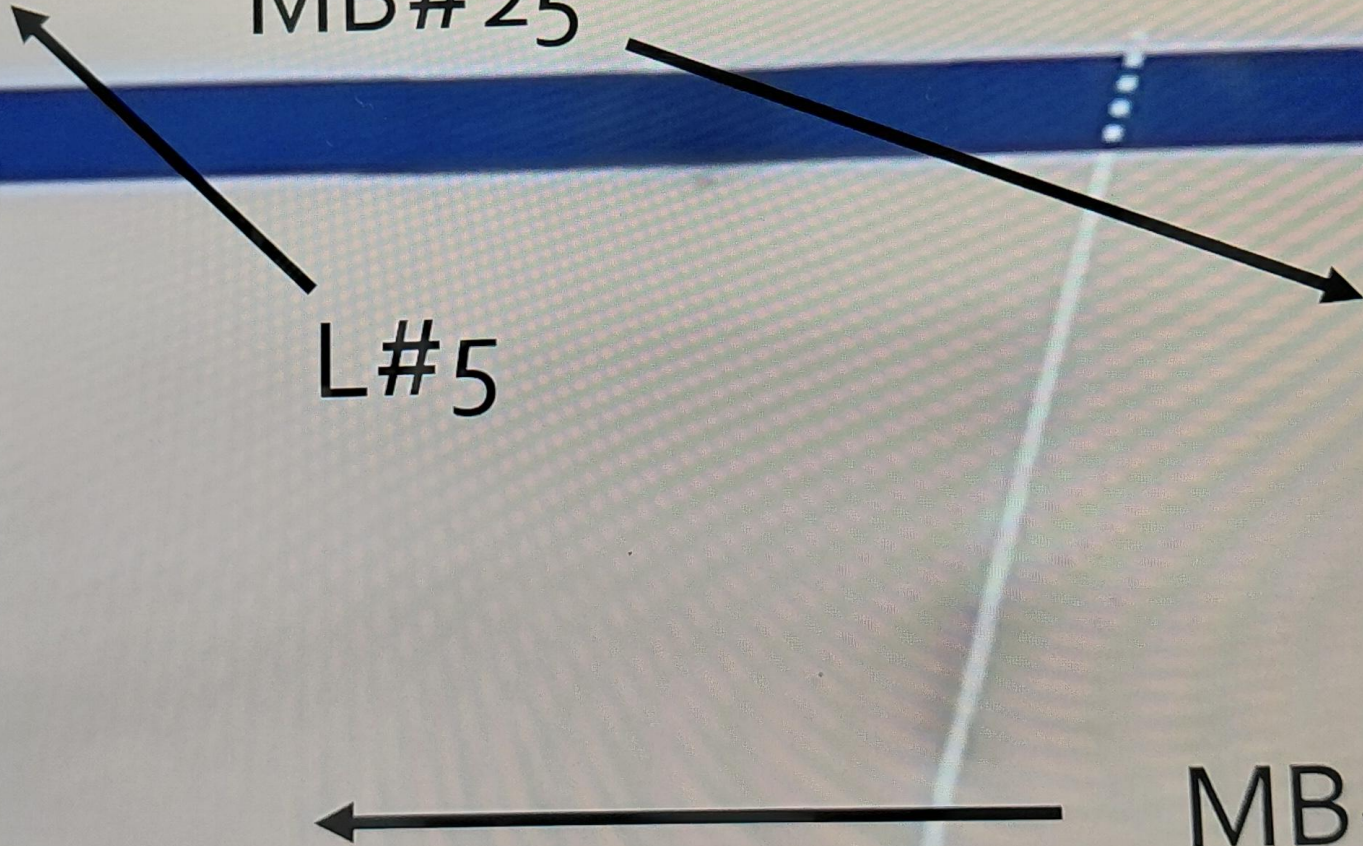
L#8

MB#25

No libero can serve
for MB#20 because
a libero already
served for MB#25.

L#5

MB#20



L#5 L#8

MB#25_{LF}

MB#20 (or a sub)
serves. No libero is
on the court.

MB#20_{RB}