

What a great week of volleyball action! All of the teams are working hard to make that last push toward the end of the regular season. A special thank you to all of the coaches, players, communities, and schools for the wonderful outpouring of gratitude to our officials. We are all so blessed to officiate for the amazing schools across our state! Thanks for ALL you do! "It Takes a Village"
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Questions

1. If a substitution request is made prior to the start of the set does it count as one of the 18 substitutions? **Answer:** Yes **Rule Book:** (10.1.4 page 43).
2. What happens if the following roster scenarios occur: Wrong player number, or an unlisted teammate? **Answer:** The set begins with a loss of rally/point and the roster is corrected. **Rule Book** (page 33, penalties 2 & 3).
3. During different times during the set can these substitutions occur 11 for 13, 9 for 11, and 12 for 9. **Answer:** Yes; Players may enter the set an unlimited number of times as long as the team doesn't exceed 18 substitutions, and as long as they enter into the same serving rotation order for that set. **Case Book:** (page 45, 10.3.1 situation B).
4. How can I better judge if it is a potential back-row fault? One tip is to focus on the hands as the setter sets the ball. If the hands are completely above the height of the net at contact, then the ball has to be completely above the height of the net as well. The opposite is also true; if the hands are completely below the height of the net during contact, the ball has to be below as well. If in doubt, the set is legal.

Mechanic Spotlight of the Week:

When do I use the Illegal Alignment/Improper Server Signal (# 1)?

- Overlapping by adjacent players other than the server.
- Positioning of a any player other than the server outside the boundaries of the court.
- An improper server.
- A libero replacement takes place after the contact of the serve.
- An illegal libero replacement is discovered in the set.
- An illegal substitute is discovered in the set.
- A correction is made after 10 minutes remain on the pregame clock to the roster.
- Vacant position rotates to serve when playing with fewer than six players.

Points to Ponder

1. The R2 whistles for a Team R time-out request. The R1 does not hear the whistle and signals for serve. Team S scores a point. The R2 notifies the R1 that a whistle had been blown for a time-out prior to the signal for the serve. **Ruling:** A replay is declared, and Team R is given the time-out. **Comment:** As a preventive technique, the R1 should always scan the court and make eye contact with the R2 before beckoning for serve. (Case Book: page 50, 11.2.3 situation B).
2. Uniforms on Team A are alike accept: (a) sleeve length on shirt; (b) some are faded; (c) style. **Ruling:** All are legal. **Comment:** If a libero is used, the libero top must clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the team uniform (4.4.2). Case Book page 16, 4.2.1 A