

Rules for Junior Secondary School Volleyball, 2009



After wide consultation and an online survey the following rules are confirmed for the 2009 VNZ Junior Secondary School Volleyball Championships.

Competition Rules

1. The Championships shall be played under the Official Rules of Volleyball as issued by the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB), except where modified by Volleyball New Zealand and herein stated.

Team Composition

2. A Team may consist of up to 12 players.

Libero

The use of libero player(s) (Rule 19) will not be an option for teams.

Penetration under the Net

- 3.1 To touch the opponent's court with the foot (feet) or hand(s) is permitted, provided that some part of the penetrating foot (feet) or hand(s) remains either in contact with or directly above the centre line.
- 3.2 To contact the opponent's court with any other part of the body is forbidden.
(As per FIVB rules 2005, Rule 11.2.2.1 and 11.2.2.2)

Substitution

4. The twelve substitute rule shall be employed. [Explanation](#)

Contact with the Net.

Rule 11.3 – 11.4.4 will be introduced.

- 11.3. Contact with the net by a player is not a fault, unless it interferes with play.
- 11.4.4 A player interferes with the opponent's play by (amongst others):
 - Touching the top band of the net or the top 80cm of the antenna during his/her action of playing the ball, or
 - Taking support from the net simultaneously with playing the ball, or
 - Creating an advantage over the opponent, or
 - Making actions which hinder an opponent's legitimate attempt to play the ball.

Rule Interpretations

Ball Handling:

Judgment of ball handling is loosened to promote the acquisition of skills. The attempt to perform a skill correctly (especially if the team is attempting dig-set-spike) is more important than if the ball were cleanly handled. Double contacts are legal on the first contact after the ball has come over the net. The rule (9.2.2) that states "the ball must not be caught and/or thrown" is loosened. However, the ball cannot visibly come to rest in a player's hands or arms. A ball that comes to rest in a player's hands or arms must be called a fault.

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