

Libero PowerPoint Script

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Slide 1 Introduction

Slide 2 Pronunciation of Libero

Slide 3 Libero Basics

- Rule 6-4-2
 - A back-row player who is a defensive specialist.
 - If used only **one** may be designated per set.
- Must follow specific rules for their position!

Slide 4 Libero Basic Rules

- Rule 7-1-1b
 - Any player may be designated on the roster to be used as a libero
 - ❖ *Visual Examples on next two slides*

Slide 5 Roster Rules

- Three Methods (Sample of Roster)
 - Any specific player who may be used as a libero in the match should be listed with two numbers if the libero jersey number is different from their regular number.
 - Any player on the roster can switch to the libero jersey
 - No identification is needed if the libero jersey number is the same as the regular jersey number

Slide 6 Libero Basic Rules

- Rule 6-4-2
 - A player must be designated on the lineup sheet prior to each set
 - ❖ *Examples on next two slides*

Slide 7 Coaches Line Up Cards

- ❖ *For Central only #2 may be used as the libero in set #1*

Slide 8 Libero Uniform Rules

- Rule 4-2-2
 - Clearly Contrasting and Distinctive
 - ❖ *Uniform must be recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other team members uniform*
 - 25% Rule
 - ❖ *Primary color of top must be different than more than 25% of any other color that appears.*
 - Ignore sleeves and collar

Slide 9 Libero Jersey Clip

Slide 10 Libero Jersey Clip

Slide 11 Libero Jersey Clip

Slide 12 Libero Jersey Clip

Slide 13 Libero Jersey Clip

- ❖ *Very difficult to see but legal*

Slide 14 Libero Uniform Rules

- Rule 4-2-2 & 3 (Slide repeats first three on Slide 8)
 - Must have a legal number.
 - Style & trim on top can be different, but shorts must be like-colored as rest of teams.
 - No duplicate numbers

Slide 15 Libero Basic Rules

- Rule 6-4-2
 - May be the team captain
 - Shall be allowed to serve in one position in the serving order (See Rule 10-4-5)
 - ❖ If designated court captain for a set, please have coach give additional captain's number for when libero is off the floor.
 - ❖ More information on serving later.

Slide 16 Scoring & Tracking the Libero

- ❖ *Remember to triangle the position of the server on both the tracking and score sheets and all points the libero serves.*

Slide 17 Libero Playing Action Rules

- Rule 9-5-6
 - A libero shall not complete an attack from anywhere if, at the moment of contact, the ball is entirely above the height of the net

Slide 18 Libero Attack Clip (Looping)

- ❖ *Only criteria ... was the ball completely above the height of the net when attacked?*
- ❖ *Ball didn't make it over so no call.*

Slide 19 Libero Attack Clip (Looping)

- ❖ *Was the ball above the height of the net?*
- ❖ *You make the call.*
- ❖ *What are some tips for judging the height of the ball? (Next slide)*

Slide 20 Judging Height of the Ball

- Does the ball travel in a downward motion or does it rise and fall as it goes over the net?
 - ❖ *If the ball only travels in a downward motion it is illegal. If it rises and falls it is likely legal. Be sure and use the safe signal on all libero attacks.*
- Did the player jump and where was her arm at point of contact?
 - ❖ *How tall is the player? Watch to see if she is set during warm ups and how high she can jump. What is the arm motion she used?*
- How frequent are the sets to the libero?

❖ *Does she get a lot of kills? Watch her closely.*

- Is the libero being set with regularity during warm ups?
 - ❖ *Pre-match is a great time to establish what the libero is capable of doing.*

Slide 21 Libero Attack Clip (Looping)

❖ *Using the prior techniques what would the call be?*

Slide 22 Libero Attack Clip (Looping)

❖ *Libero is tall; you make the call using the techniques described.*

Slide 23 Libero Attack Clip (Looping)

- ❖ *Safe signal tells that the official saw the attack and said the ball was below the net.*
- ❖ *The safe signal should be used on ALL libero attacks since it's potentially illegal from anyplace on the court.*

Slide 24 Libero Playing Action Rules

- Rule 9-5-6
 - A libero shall not set the ball using overhand finger action while on or in front of the attack line extended, resulting in a completed attack above the height of the net
 - A libero shall not block or attempt to block
 - A libero shall not rotate to the front row

Slide 25 Correct Libero Replacement Procedure

❖ *The Libero replaced #7 in the back row. The libero is not allowed to rotate to the front row and must be replaced. The coach wants #10, not #7 to play the front row. What is the procedure?*

Slide 26 Libero Setting Clip

❖ *The libero set from behind the attack line so no call. A safe signal would be permitted here.*

Slide 27 Libero Replacement Procedures

- Rule 10-4 Art 1
 - The libero designated on the lineup for that game is allowed to replace any player in the back-row position. The libero may serve in one position in the serve order.
 - ❖ *Repeat of Rule 6-4-2*

Slide 28 Libero Replacement

- Art. 1...Procedures for libero replacement
 - The libero may only be replaced by the player whom she replaced. (Sample)
 - ❖ *The tracker has two main jobs:*
 - ❖ *Be sure there is one dead ball/rally between replacements.*
 - ❖ *When the libero leaves the court they must be replaced by the SAME EXACT PLAYER they came in for when they entered the set. THINK SANDWICH!*

Slide 29 Libero Replacement

- Art. 1...Procedures for libero replacement
 - One libero replacement may be exercised per dead ball unless the libero is replacing the player in the RB position and will serve the next rally.
 - Libero replacements do not count as substitutions and are unlimited.
 - A libero replacement must take place between the attack line and the end line in front of that team's bench.
 - A libero replacement must be completed prior to the whistle and signal for serve.

Slide 30 Libero Replacement Zone Visual (Sample)

Slide 31 Libero Replacement Clip (Looping)

- ❖ *Clip #1 - L #5 Is replaced by front row player #14 coming off the bench while #15 Goes back to serve*
- ❖ *Clip #2 - Server #15 loses rally, is replaced by Libero in right back position.*
- ❖ *#a Back Row - yes*
- ❖ *#b Replaced by the player whom she replaced*
- ❖ *#c One per dead ball*
- ❖ *#e Takes place between the attack line and end line*

Slide 32 Libero Replacement Clip (Looping)

- ❖ *Incorrect Exchange*
- ❖ *For sake of tracker exchange needs to be at the line. Warn before penalizing.*

Slide 33 Libero Replacement

- Art. 2...Replacements may only take place:
 - At the start of each game after the starting lineup has been checked;
 - What is the procedure???

Slide 34 Start of Game Clip (Looping)

- ❖ *R2 checks line up, waves in libero standing in replacement zone on the sideline ready to enter the game.*

Slide 35 Libero Replacement

- Art. 2...Replacements may only take place
 - At the start of each game after the starting lineup has been checked;
 - After the end of a rally;
 - While the ball is out of play and prior to the whistle and signal for serve;
 - After a time-out, once all players have returned to the court, provided the replacement sits out one rally/dead ball.

Slide 36 Libero Replacement

- Art. 4...A libero replacement is illegal when:
 - The libero or the replacement is in the set without following the required replacement procedure;
 - The libero or the replacement is not listed on the roster;
 - A libero other than the libero designated on the lineup for that set replaces a player on the floor.

- Whose Job Is It To Catch These Situations??? (a – Tracker/R2, b – Tracker/Scorekeeper, c – Tracker/R2)
 - ❖ *Skipped Art 3 from Rule Book (exceptional substitution and libero)*

Slide 37 Libero Replacement (Art 5 Serving)

- The libero will be allowed to serve in one rotation
- When serving, the libero would not be required to leave the playing area or be out of the set or one rally/dead ball before replacing the incoming player in the right back position.

Slide 38 Libero is Serving in Position #1

- ❖ The Libero for Centerville may now ONLY serve in Position #1

Slide 39 Serving Replacement Option #1

- Libero replaces player and goes directly from bench to serve

Slide 40 Libero Serving Clip (Looping)

- ❖ *Libero comes into serve off bench*
- ❖ *Followed by Serving Option #2 (review)*
- ❖ *Then show next slide of example*

Slide 41 Serving Option #2

- Double replacement: two non-liberos exchange over the sideline

Slide 42 Libero Serving Clip (Looping)

- ❖ *Instead of the Libero being replaced by #15, she goes back to serve and a “phantom” replacement takes place where #14 (next server) and #15 switch places, just as if a full replacement had taken place.*

Slide 43 Libero Replacement

- Penalties: Unnecessary Delay or Illegal Alignment
 - Prior to the whistle/signal for serve . . .Unnecessary Delay
 - After the whistle/signal for serve . . .Illegal Alignment
- You Make the Call

Slide 44 Libero Situation A

- Illegal because ...
 - ❖ *Replacement took place in the sub zone.*

Slide 45 Libero Situation B

- Illegal because ...
 - ❖ *Libero rotated to the front row. Unnecessary Delay if caught before whistle for serve. Problem, it can be corrected at the last minute and then potential for illegal alignment exists. Rarely happens.*

Slide 46 Libero Situation C

- Legal because
 - ❖ *L replaced #18, #18 replaced L, all within the zone.*

Slide 47 Libero Situation D

- Illegal L replaced #18 in back row. #4 replaces L in front row instead of #18.
 - ❖ *Correction - #18 should have replaced L, gone directly to the sub zone to sub with #4*
 - ❖ *Penalty if caught during dead ball would be unnecessary delay.*
 - ❖ *Situation ... tracker caught it after whistle for serve, treat as any other illegal alignment situation. because*

Slide 48 Libero Replacement Clip

- ❖ *L is in for #14*
- ❖ *Far Team at Start of Clip*

2	8	L
7	3	10
- ❖ *Libero goes back to serve and 7 & 14 replace*
Coach changes mind and send 7 back to line and libero come out.

Slide 49 Libero Replacement Penalties

- For the Serving team, any points known to have been scored during a term of service in which an illegal libero is discovered in the game, shall be cancelled and point/loss of rally is awarded to the opposing team.
- After the serve has alternated and before the first serve is contacted, all points scored by the illegal libero server shall be cancelled.
- After the serve has alternated and the first serve is contacted, there shall be no cancellation of points.

Slide 50 Libero Situation 1

- Situation 1: After the whistle/signal to serve, Team A's RB drops the ball in an attempt to get a re-serve. As soon as the whistle sounds and the official signals re-serve, the Libero replaces a back-row player. The official should . . . whistle and signal illegal alignment

Slide 51 Libero Situation 2

- Situation 2: Team R's No. 8 replaces the libero. After the contact of the serve, the referee spots a ball from another court on the floor and whistles for a replay. The Libero then replaces No. 3.
 - Legal - COMMENT: Even though no points were scored, the ball was served and a rally has taken place. Replacements are allowed. (8-1-5)

Slide 52 Libero Situation 3

- Situation 3: The Libero for Team A has replaced player #3 in position No. 1 and has served two points. Player #3 returns to the game to replace the Libero and serve the next rally. The Libero stays on the court to replace another back-row player.
 - Illegal - The officials should intercede to correct the situation, whistle/signal delay of game.
- What if it is not discovered until after the serve?
 - The officials whistle/signal illegal alignment and award the rally/point to Team B. Any points #3 served during this term of service would be cancelled.

Slide 53 Libero Situation 4

- Situation 4: Player #8 for Team S is rotating to the RB position to serve. The coach for Team S requests a substitution, #10 for #8. Player #10 serves and Team S loses the rally. The Libero for Team S then replaces player #10 and plays the back-row positions. When the Libero rotates to the front row . . .
 - A – Player #8 replaces the Libero (Illegal)
 - B - Player #10 replaces the Libero (Legal)
 - C – Player #10 replaces the Libero, moves to the substitution zone while player #8 leaves the bench area, enters the substitution zone and substitutes for player #10. (Legal)

Slide 54 In Review

- It's all in the Timing for the Replacement to be Legal:
 - Replacements should take place before the referee extends an arm in preparation for the serve signal.
 - **Arm extended: legal** replacement, let it go, play the point and warn the captain to replace before the arm is extended.
 - **Arm extended: illegal** replacement, lower arm, correct it, penalize with unnecessary delay.
 - **Arm extended, whistle and beckon: illegal** replacement discovered, penalize with illegal alignment.
 - **Serve: illegal** replacement discovered, penalize with illegal alignment.
- **Common Sense:** If the players are late and moving into position, but have gotten onto and off the court, they should not be penalized unless they are actually not legally aligned at the contact of the serve. A warning should be given at the end of the point.
 - Anytime the replacement causes the game to grind to a halt, an Unnecessary Delay should be considered (unless the delay is caused by an incompetent scorekeeper or assistant)
 - ❖ *If you are doing your preventive game measures properly, scanning the court before signaling for service, there should not be a problem*
 - ❖ *A warning with instruction should prevent the problem from happening again.*