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COMMENTS ON THE RULES

4-2-2 NOTE It has become increasingly difficult to discern the libero's legality when playing the ball when he/she cannot be easily identified apart from the teammates due to multi-colored uniform tops. Requiring either the libero or the other team members to be in a solid colored uniform top of contrasting color will assist the referees in identifying the libero and determining legal playing actions.

5-3-4d In the majority of instances, the first referee requests the second referee to conduct the coin toss prior to the deciding set. Placing the responsibility of the coin toss for the deciding set solely with the second referee in front of the officials' table, will be more efficient and enhance the overall flow of the match.

10-3 Pen 1 The penalty for an illegal substitute identified in the set should be the same as an illegal libero identified in the set, loss of rally/point for illegal alignment. This change in the penalty provides consistency in penalties for illegal players identified in a set.

11-2-3 NOTE With the increase in the number of matches being broadcast in some electronic format, it is appropriate to set the manner for state associations to develop policy and procedure for electronic media time-outs. This will provide consistency in the potential interruption of play and in a method to have minimal impact on the flow of the match.

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