Volleyball Canada Beach Rule Variations

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First Contact Rule (Volleyball Canada, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U)

Receiving serve or first contact with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of the contact.

The first referee will use the "double contact" signal to indicate this infraction. Exception: Hard driven ball.

Second Contact Rule (Volleyball Canada, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U)

On a team's second hit, contacting the ball more than once with fingers in a single attempt to play the ball is not a fault if the ball is next legally contacted by a teammate.

Service Rules

The scorer must indicate the proper server order and correct any incorrect server. A scorekeeper's errors in service order are to be corrected when the fault is discovered, with no penalty to either team.

A service order fault is punished by loss of rally or points scored if a team, prior to their service, has been correctly notified by the scorer, second referee or first referee, that they are out of order. If it is possible to establish the exact time of the fault, the points scored after the fault are cancelled.

Serve Receive Rule (Volleyball Canada, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U)

In sets 1 and 2 of a match, up until the technical timeout, the last player to serve for their team (at the moment of service hit by the opposing team) must be positioned closer to the right sideline than their teammate. These court positions must be maintained (for service reception) until the team regains the right to serve.

Please note this will not be applied to 12U tripleball in Volleyball Alberta events