

Beach Volleyball Coaching Regulations (Test)

1. Introduction

The testing of Beach Volleyball coaching at the Beach Pro Tour events follows the principles and procedures applied in the FIVB specific Regulations for coaching during the FIVB Beach Volleyball Underage World Championships and Confederation Continental Cup Olympic Qualification that have been implemented since 2014.

2. Prior to the Event

- 2.1 The National Federation (NF) is responsible for creating the coach profile in the FIVB VIS System.
- 2.2 Upon the registration of the teams to each event, the NF shall register the coaches that accompany each team. A team can register up to 3 coaches, and one coach can be registered with multiple teams. However, only one team coach can be permitted into the playing area beginning with the warmup until the final whistle of the match.
- 2.3 By registering, the coach acknowledges and confirms the FIVB Coaches Code of Conduct.
- 2.4 The coach shall complete the FIVB Competition Manipulation Prevention Course and FIVB Anti-Doping Course.
- 2.5 The NF can't register an active athlete who participates in the same tournament as the coach.
- 2.6 The entry deadline for coach remains -14 days prior to the event. Late entries may be permitted following relevant procedure.
- 2.7 Coaches registered at the event will be provided with accreditation by Preliminary Inquiry.

3. During the Event

3.1 At the Preliminary Inquiry

- The coach shall also attend the preliminary inquiry with the team and each team shall confirm the name of the coach that is permitted into the playing area as the main coach. The team can also choose no coach accompanying the team in the playing area.
- Other substitute coach can also be registered, and can be substituted shall the confirmed coach is not available due to force majeure (injury, sickness, etc.), and/or clash of competition schedule, or any other valid

reason and such substitution shall be approved by the Technical Delegate at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of match protocol of respective match and such substitution will be reflected in the VIS. No substitutions are permitted after the match starts.

3.2 Prior to the Start of the Match

- The coach with his/her name confirmed at the Preliminary Inquiry or further approved by the Technical Delegate after coach is replaced, may only enter the playing area if he/she presents valid accreditation to the referee team.
- The coach must sign the scoresheet before the match starts.
- In addition, the Coach must leave his/her accreditation on the score table until the match is completed. Hence for the purposes of this competition, the Coach is included under the teams’ “team” and “team member”. Should the Coach refuse to comply with this regulation or have no accreditation, he/she will be requested to leave the playing area and can have no further involvement in the match.
- The coach may participate in his team's warm-up only until the end of official warm-up , and no other member of the team may be present unless authorized by the FIVB official.

3.3 Position of the Coach at the Field of Play

- The Coach sits at the designated seating areas next to his/her team (appendix A) and must remain seated during the play and during intervals between rallies, except during set intervals and while instructing players during regular game interruptions, i.e.: time outs and technical time outs, plus exceptional game interruptions, i.e.: medical Timeout, Recovery Interruption, Protest protocols, Prolonged interruption. During court switches, the Coach switches with the teams.
- The Coach shall switch the side during the court switch and always sits at the same side of his/her team during play.
- The Coach is not permitted to use any device (including digital watch, tablets and mobile, etc.). Otherwise, he will not be allowed to sit at the designated team seating area during the match.

3.4 Coach Conduct During the Match

- The coach must not stand during the play. Should either Referee has to remind the Coach of this fact, he/she will be subject to the misconduct scale, just like the Players.
- The Coach must be with his/ her team right from the start of the match and must remain for the duration of the match unless through force majeure – illness, injury, toilet – in which case the accreditation remains on the score

table and the coach is accompanied to medical assistance/ toilet by the reserve referee, Refereeing Coach, Technical Delegate (whichever is applicable or most appropriate).

- The coach may interact (give instructions) with the players during:
 - Warm-up,
 - Set intervals,
 - Regular game interruptions,
 - Exceptional game interruptions.
- The Coach (as well as the team captain) may request a time out by showing the official hand signal and requesting "time out" when the ball is out of play and before the 1st Referee's whistle for service. His/ her contacting official is the 2nd Referee in this instance. Requests made after or at the same moment of the 1st Referee's whistle for service, or requests made after the team has exhausted its time outs in that set, will be regarded as improper requests. Should this delay resuming the game, the team will be sanctioned for DELAY.
- Same as Volleyball Rules of the Games, when the ball is out of the play, only the team captain is authorized to speak with the referee.
- In the event of a player injury, the coach may enter the field after the authorization from the 1st Referee.
- In the event where the Video Challenge System is implemented, the request shall be made by the team captain officially.
- During medical assistance, if any of the athletes return to the court to warm up, only players may warm up in the field of play.

4. Misconduct and Sanctions

The coach is subject to all sanctions outlined in the Official FIVB Beach Volleyball Rules of the Games.

- 4.1 Delay: The Coach cannot delay the game by any means. Also teams will be sanctioned for delay when team members (players) are judged to be attempting to delay the game in order to get assistance from the Coach in violation of this specific regulation.
- 4.2 Minor Misconduct: Minor misconduct offences are not subject to sanctions. It is the first Referee's duty to prevent the teams (including the Coach) from approaching the sanctioning level.
- 4.3 Misconduct leading to sanctions:

Incorrect conduct by a team member (including the Coach) towards officials, opponents, team-mates or spectators is classified in three categories according to the seriousness of the offence.

- Rude conduct: action contrary to good manners or moral principles.
- Offensive conduct: defamatory or insulting words or gestures or any action expressing contempt.
- Aggression: actual physical attack or aggressive or threatening behaviour.

- 4.4 Sanction scale: According to the judgment of the 1st Referee and depending on the seriousness of the offence, the sanctions to be applied and recorded on the score sheet are Penalty, Expulsion or Disqualification.
- 4.5 Misconduct outside the match: any misconduct outside the match, that violates the FIVB Coaches Code of Conduct and FIVB Regulations including the Disciplinary Regulations, is subject to sanction as per the disciplinary regulations in place.
- 4.6 Illegal coaching by team member and/or coach outside the playing area: Team member and/or coach that is not registered with the team in the playing area, found providing coaching instructions outside the playing area (including the stand), shall be removed his/her accreditation from the said tournament. If offense repeated, suspension will be applied.

5. Dress Code

The Coach must wear a uniform which is different from the team (e.g. T shirt/polo/track suit top/ windbreaker, showing country name/ flag both on the chest and/or the back). Shorts and training suit pants are allowed, but not jeans. Considering the practical limitation in preparing the uniform featuring country name/flag during the test period in 2025, it is not mandatory at the test period.

Sponsors logos on coaches' uniforms can be placed on the uniform (Appendix 2) . The manufacturer logo is not considered as sponsor logo.

Sneakers are recommended while sandals and flip-flops are acceptable.

Should the coach not adhere to the required dress code, the Referee will make a remark on the score sheet and the coach's accreditation can be removed from the coach until the regulation is complied with.