

**NCAA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
SUMMARY OF RULE CHANGES – 2003**

- Rule 4-2-4 The first referee has been added to the list of potential causes of “non-player interference”.
- Rule 5-2-2 Stationary equipment (for example, exercise bicycles) will be prohibited in the warm-up area.
- Rule 6-2-5 A disqualification sanction will now result in the individual being disqualified for the remainder of the current match and the next match as well.
- Rule 14-1-1-a A player will not be allowed to pursue a ball in the opponent’s free zone by crossing under the net or net cables. (This DISALLOWS pursuit under the net- pursuit outside the pole will still be allowed).
- Rule 14-2-3-c Any body part will be allowed to cross the centerline as long as the encroachment does not present a safety hazard, there is no interference with opponents, and some part of the encroaching player is on or over her own court or the centerline. As a point of emphasis, an opponent jumping or moving laterally in the area of the encroachment constitutes a safety hazard.
- Rule 16-2-1-b No timeout will be charged if a protest lodged by a coach is not upheld.
- Rule 17-2-4 More detailed criteria will be added as descriptors of expected crowd behavior (fans must refrain from vulgarities, racial or gender-related statements, and physical intimidation). It will be clarified and emphasized that the referee can penalize or default the match if the event administration does not act to correct the problem after being requested.
- Rule 17-3-7 The second referee’s responsibilities will be expanded to include assisting with antenna faults on both sides of the court.
- Officiating
Techniques To signal a non-charged timeout (media, injury, etc.), the referees will show the timeout signal and then touch both shoulders with the fingers of the respective hand.
- Officiating
Techniques The referees will arrive at the facility at least 60 minutes prior to the scheduled match time, and will be courtside 45 minutes prior to the match.
- Event
Management The host management will ensure that the protocols described in Rules 9-1-1, 9-1-2, and 9-2-1 are adhered to.