



## 9. FREEDOM OF LIBERO

The team may consist of 12 players with up to 2 liberos. For all European Cup matches, the Rules below, being part of the current FIVB “Rules of the Game”, are to be applied.

### FIVB Rules of the adapted CEV Cup and GM Capital Challenge Cup text file

#### 4.1 TEAM COMPOSITION

4.1.1 A team for any match may consist of up to 12 players, one coach, one assistant coach, one trainer and one medical doctor. Only when 12 players are registered in the final list (EC-09bis), the coach has the right to register up to 2 Liberos (0, 1, or 2) from within that list:

- 12 regular players + 0 Liberos
- 11 regular players + 1 Libero
- 10 regular players + 2 Liberos

Where two registered Liberos are to be used, the Acting Libero will be recorded in the score sheet in the top box and the Reserve in the lower box in the special lines reserved for this.

In case a team is composed of less than 12 players the coach has the right to register only up to 1 Libero (0 or 1)

## 15. REGULAR GAME INTERRUPTIONS

Regular game interruptions are TIME-OUTS, and SUBSTITUTIONS.

An interruption is the time between completed rallies. LIBERO REPLACEMENTS may take place without formally interrupting the match.

### 15.1 NUMBER OF REGULAR/OTHER GAME INTERRUPTIONS

Each team is entitled to request a maximum of two time-outs and six player substitutions per set.

There must be a completed rally between two subsequent substitution requests.



## **19 THE LIBERO PLAYER**

### **19.1 DESIGNATION OF THE LIBERO**

**19.1.1** Each team has the right to designate from the list of players on the score sheet up to two (2) specialised defensive players: Liberos.

**19.1.2** All Liberos must be recorded on the electronic scoresheet before the match in the special lines reserved for this.

**19.1.3** One Libero designated by the coach before the start of the match, will be the acting Libero. If there is a second Libero, he/she will act as the second Libero.

**19.1.4** Only one Libero may be on court at any time.

**19.1.5** The Libero cannot be either team captain or game captain at the same time as performing the Libero function.

### **19.2 EQUIPMENT**

The Libero players must wear a uniform (or jacket/bib for the re-designated Libero) whose jerseys at least must contrast in colour with that of the other members of the team. The Libero uniform may have a different design, but it must be numbered like the rest of the team members. For the European Cups season both Liberos must wear the same style of jersey, and will keep their own number.

### **19.3 ACTIONS INVOLVING THE LIBERO**

#### **19.3.1 THE PLAYING ACTIONS**

**19.3.1.1** The Libero is allowed to replace any player in a back row position.

**19.3.1.2-3** He/she is restricted to perform as a back row player and is not allowed to complete an attack hit from anywhere (including playing court and free zone) if at the moment of the contact, the ball is entirely higher than the top of the net.



- 19.3.1.4** He/she may not serve, block or attempt to block.  
A player may not complete an attack hit from higher than the top of the net, if the ball is coming from an overhand finger pass by a Libero in his /her front zone. The ball may be freely attacked if the Libero makes the same action from outside his/her front zone.

### **19.3.2 REPLACEMENT OF PLAYERS**

Replacements involving the Libero are not counted as substitutions.

- 19.3.2.1** They are unlimited, but there must be a completed rally between two replacements involving a Libero (unless there is a forced rotation zone 4 caused by a penalty).
- 19.3.2.2** The Acting Libero can only be replaced by the regular player whom he/she originally replaced or by the second Libero.
- 19.3.2.3** Replacements must only take place while the ball is out of play and before the whistle for service.
- 19.3.2.4** At the start of each set, the Libero cannot enter the court until the second referee has checked the starting line-up.
- 19.3.2.5 A** replacement made after the whistle for service but before the service hit should not be rejected but the game captain must be informed after the end of the rally that this is not a permitted procedure.
- 19.3.2.6** Subsequent late replacements shall result in the play being interrupted immediately and the imposition of a delay sanction. The team to serve next will be determined by the result of the delay sanction.
- 19.3.2.7** The Libero and the replacing player may only enter or leave the court through the "libero Replacement Zone".
- 19.3.2.8** All replacements involving liberos must be recorded in the electronic scoresheet.
- 19.3.2.9** The consequences of an illegal Libero replacement are the same as those for a rotational fault.



#### **19.4 RE-DESIGNATION OF A NEW LIBERO**

##### **19.4.1 TEAM WITH TWO LIBEROS**

- 19.4.1.1** The coach has the right to replace the acting Libero with the second Libero for any reason after a completed rally at any time during the match. When a team uses two Liberors but one becomes unable to play, the team has the right to play with only one Libero and the second Libero becomes the Acting Libero – no re-designation will be allowed, however, unless both Liberors are declared unable to continue.

##### **19.4.2 TEAM WITH ONE LIBERO**

- 19.4.2.1** Where only one Libero is registered on the score sheet, in case the Libero is declared unable to play, the coach may re-designate as Libero for the remainder of the match any other player not on the court at the moment of the re-designation. The coach (or game captain, if no coach is present) must contact the second referee with the request for “re-designation”.
- 19.4.2.2** Should the re-designated Libero be declared unable to play, further re-designations are possible but the original Libero(s) may not return to the match.
- 19.4.2.3** The team captain may relinquish all leadership privileges to be re-designated as the Libero, if so requested by the coach.
- 19.4.2.4** In the case of a re-designated Libero, the number of the player re-designated as Libero must be recorded on the electronic scoresheet.  
The re-designated player will be allocated a jacket or bib to show that a new Libero is in play.

#### **19.5. EXPULSION AND DISQUALIFICATION**

If the Libero is expelled or disqualified, he/she may be replaced by the team's other Libero. Should the team have only one Libero, then it must play without a Libero for the duration of the sanction.