



The NCAA recently released information that the rule regarding double contacts on the second ball will change for the 2024 FALL collegiate season. The USA Volleyball rule did not change. The USAV rule regarding ball handling that is currently in effect will remain in effect for the entire 2024 AAU season.

The current USAV rule regarding double contacts reads:

9.2.2: The ball must not be caught and/or thrown. It can rebound in any direction. (see also 9.3.3; diagram 11 – signal 6)

9.2.3: The ball may touch various parts of the body; provided that the contacts take place simultaneously.

Exception:

9.2.3.2: at the first hit of the team, the ball may contact various parts of the body consecutively, provided that the contacts occur during one action (see also 14.1.1, 14.2)

Faults in playing the ball:

9.3.3: CATCH: the ball is caught and/or thrown; it does not rebound from the hit.

9.3.4: DOUBLE CONTACT: a player hits the ball twice in succession or the ball contacts various parts of his/her body in succession.

The current USAV interpretation has not changed and will remain the same for AAU Volleyball.

BALL HANDLING GUIDELINES

In accordance with the spirit of the rules and to encourage longer rallies and spectacular actions, only the most obvious violations will be whistled. Therefore, when a player is not in a very good position to play the ball, the 1st referee will be less severe in his/her judgment of ball handling faults. For example:

- 1) A player running to play the ball or forced to make a very quick action to reach the ball in order to set.
- 2) A player is forced to run or make very quick actions to play a ball after it has rebounded from the block or from another player.
- 3) The first team contact may be freely made except if the player catches or throws the ball. AAU will continue to use USA Volleyball rules, regulations and interpretations.