

VIDEO CHALLENGE SYSTEM (VCS) IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS (2025)

1. OBTAINING REFEREE DECISIONS

In accordance with the International Official Volleyball Rules; the referees officiating in a match shall express their decisions on matters within their jurisdiction and responsibilities as indicated below:

- a) The second referee shall share their opinions and decisions regarding the faults caused by team members within their authority and responsibilities with the first referee by whistling and using official hand signals, and the line judges shall share their opinions and decisions with the first referee by giving signals with the flags in their hands according to the type of fault as specified in the rules of the game, leaving the final decision to the first referee.
- b) The first referee, depending on the type of fault, either based on their own determination or by evaluating the decisions given by the second referee and/or line judges, indicates the team that has won the right to serve by using official hand signals and extending their arm in the direction of that team. The moment the first referee extends his/her arm to indicate the team that has won the right to serve is the moment of the **"FINAL DECISION."**

2. TEAMS' VIDEO CHALLENGE SYSTEM (VCS) REQUEST CONDITIONS

If the accuracy of the final decision given by the first referee at the end of any rally in a match does not satisfy one of the teams; in this case, the teams may request a video review regarding the actions within the rally that can be subject to VCS requests, as listed below. **This request is not limited to the last action only and covers the process from the beginning to the end of the rally.**

The video request can only be made if a tablet is used via the tablet, and if a tablet is not used, by the team coaches.

However;

- a) If the team coach has to leave their team for any reason, including penal sanctions, the 1st assistant coach may assume the coach's duties with the consent of the captain in the game and the permission of the first referee during the period when the team coach is not present. In this case, the 1st assistant coach also obtains the right to request a video instead of the team coach. If the 1st assistant coach has to leave their team for any reason, the right to request a video is given to the 2nd assistant coach.
- b) If the team coach and assistant coaches have to leave their team, the right to request a video is only given to the captain in the game.
- c) If the team coach is not present at the beginning of the match, the right to request a video review cannot be given to the assistant coach. In this case, the right to request an evaluation is used by the captain in the game. (The process referred to as the beginning of the match is the moment the referees measure the net, starting with the official game protocol.)

The video request to be requested by the coaches of the teams with a tablet or in cases where there is no tablet can be made within 8 seconds, starting from the **final decision moment when the first referee opens their arm and shows the side that will serve**. Requests exceeding the 8-second period will not be considered.

The authorization and conditions for requesting video are specified below:

- a) If a team's video request(s) is found successful, they have the right to make unlimited requests.
- b) If there is no change in the referees' decision as a result of the first request of the team requesting the video, the number of request rights for the requesting team for that set decreases to 1 (one). If there is no change in the referees' decisions as a result of the second video request in the same set, the team will have used their 2 (two) unsuccessful rights and will have no request rights for that set.
- c) If the team thinks that the referees could not detect a fault regarding the situations in which video can be requested below while the rally is being played, they wait for the **rally to end** and then request a video review. (Teams will not be able to make a VCS request before the rally ends.)
- d) Teams have only one video request right between two rallies. If one of the team coaches has requested a video, the other team has the right to request a video again if the decision given by the referees as a result of the video evaluation regarding the request in question has changed. (E.g., After the referees' decision of IN, after Team A's video request of IN/OUT BALL, the referees change their decision to OUT, and Team B requests a video regarding the BALL TOUCHING THE BLOCK PLAYER or TOUCHING THE NET.) After that, the teams do not have any right to request a video.
- e) In the above case, where both teams can request a VCS for different faults from the same rally actions, the referees will identify the first fault that occurred and take it into consideration.
- f) If, upon review of the video request, a decision cannot be made due to insufficient camera footage, the decision made by the first referee that caused the objection shall be deemed valid, and the team requesting the video review shall not have a reduction in the number of video review requests for that set.
- g) Video review can be requested from the second referee via tablet, or if a tablet is not used, by the team's coach making a rectangle sign with both hands. After making the request with the tablet, the relevant play action must be selected. If there is no tablet, the team's coach verbally communicates the play action for which he/she is requesting a video review to the second referee after conveying the video review request to the second referee.
- h) Teams' video review requests are limited only to the issues specified in Article 3 below.

3. VIDEO FROM THE VIDEO CHALLENGE SYSTEM BY TEAMS GAME ACTIONS THAT CAN BE REQUESTED

Referees';

- a) To the "BALL IN" or "BALL OUT" decisions they make as a result of the ball touching the ground,
- b) The player involved in the act of playing the ball;

- Faulty contact with any part of the 9-meter length of the net, bounded by the antennas,
 - Player's contact with the antenna,
- c) The ball's contact with the antenna,
 - d) The ball's contact with the blocking player (including Four Hits and Double Touches),
 - e) Determination of whether a back-row player completes an attack hit on a ball above the top of the net by stepping on the front zone, including the attack line and its extensions, or whether the libero using a finger pass has contacted the front zone if an attack hit has been completed on a ball when the ball is entirely above the top of the net,
 - f) The player's faulty entry into the opponent's playing area (center line violation with foot/feet)
 - g) A video challenge request may be made regarding the serving player's contact with his/her foot/feet on the end line, defined as outside the service area, on his/her own playing area, or on the free zone outside the service area, with respect to the last place he/she touched the ground before or at the moment of hitting the ball for the serve.
 - h) Ball contact with the playing area: Can be requested to determine whether the ball touched the playing area or not
 - The ball has contact with the playing area.
 - The ball has no contact with the playing area.

4. ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE FIRST REFEREE, SECOND REFEREE AND VC REFEREE IN CASE OF REQUESTING IMAGE FROM VIDEO CHALLENGE SYSTEM:

- a) After the video review request appears on the tablet, if the first referee deems the request appropriate, he/she blows the whistle and makes a rectangle sign with both hands, extending his/her arms parallel to the ground and pointing to the monitor table. The video review of the request is made by the VC Referee. If there is no VC Referee, the assessment is made by the Second Referee. If a tablet is not used, the second referee receives the video review request from the team coach at the end of the rally; first, he/she blows the whistle and makes a rectangle sign with his/her hands, and then verbally informs the first referee and the VC Referee about the subject of the request through the headset system. If the first referee deems the video review request appropriate when it is communicated to him/her by the second referee, he/she blows the whistle and makes a rectangle sign with both hands, extending his/her arms parallel to the ground and pointing to the monitor table. The same procedures are then followed.
- b) If the first referee decides that the request is outside the scope of the issues specified in Article 3, he/she rejects the video review request. This type of first UNSUITABLE REQUEST is rejected without any penalty. If the UNSUITABLE REQUEST is repeated during the match, a DELAY PENALTY is applied. If the first referee concludes that the game is being delayed in cases where one of the teams does not accept the explanation regarding the rejection of the request, he/she may also impose a DELAY PENALTY.
- c) After the first referee's permission, the VC referee (or second referee if not available) evaluates the image from the monitor, then informs the second referee and the first referee about the result.
- d) Upon receiving information from the VC referee, the second referee moves to the side of the court where the fault was found, in order to assist the first referee, takes a stance, and also

verbally informs the first referee via the headset system.

- e) After the first referee receives information from the VC referee or second referee, the image, with the first referee's permission, is displayed on the LED screen in the hall and, if available, on the television broadcast. After the image appears on the screen, the first referee makes the **"FINAL DECISION"**. The first referee may change the decision of the VC referee or second referee if deemed necessary.
- f) If the initial decision of the referees is changed as a result of the evaluation, the other team has the right to request a video review for another fault that may have occurred within the same play and before the given decision. The procedure is as described in the articles above.
- g) Teams do not have the right to object to or request a new video review after the final decision made by the first referee. If sustained objections are considered unsportsmanlike conduct, penal sanctions will be applied.
- h) If a team that has no remaining video review requests for a set makes a new request, the request will be rejected and evaluated as an improper request.
- i) The examination and evaluation of the image from the monitor is only under the authority of the VC referee or second referee, and no one else is allowed to participate in this examination; the VC operator is only obliged to show the requested image to the VC referee. The operator may not comment on the image, express opinions, or interfere in any way.
- j) During the video review, all team members must be in the areas and zones where they are required to be, as per the rules.
- k) After the first referee makes the final decision, before restarting the game, the VC operator and the scorer show the ready signal to the second referee, and the second referee shows the ready signal to the first referee.
- l) Before the game is restarted, the second referee checks and confirms that all scoreboards show the same and correct score, and that the players on the court are in the correct positions according to the match sheet.
- m) If the VC referee or second referee identifies a different fault other than the requested issue while conducting a video review examination regarding a position, the identified fault is evaluated and a decision is made. The fault that occurred first is taken into account.
- n) The first referee may request the VC Referee or Second Referee to conduct a video review regarding a play that they assess could affect the outcome of the set or match, or that they deem necessary and are not confident in making a decision about.

5. PARTIAL OR COMPLETE FAILURE OF THE VIDEO CHALLENGE SYSTEM

If the VC system becomes partially or completely unusable for any reason before the start of the match, at the moment of the start, or during its continuation, this does not affect the start, continuation, and registration of the result of the match. The first referee manages the match within the framework of the Official Volleyball Game Rules together with the referee team, and the match is completed without VC. In such a case, the parties have no right to object in any way. However, if the VC is temporarily disabled while the match is in progress, the referees must inform the game captain both at the moment the VC is disabled and at the moment it is reactivated.