



IMAGE EVALUATION SYSTEM

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Regulations of the Image Evaluation System :

1) Referees decision taking

According to Official Volleyball Rules pursuant and in matters within their authorities and responsibilities of related match, referees will express their decisions as follows:

a) Second referee, under his/her authority and responsibility, share his/her opinion and decision with the first referee about errors caused by the team members by whistling and using hand signals and leave the final decision up to the first referee. The line judge, depending on the error made, share his/her decision by using the flag according to the Official Volleyball Rules and leave the final decision up to the first referee.

b) The first referee will show his/her final decision (after the evaluation of the aid of the second referee and/or line judges opinions) by opening his/her arm in the direction of the serving team. 'Final decision made' will be the moment when he/she opens his/her arm towards the serving team.

2) Conditions of requesting to use the Image Evaluations System (IES) by the Teams

After the end of any rally of a match, if the final decision of the first referee does not satisfy the team concern, team can request the use of an IES. While rally continues, supposedly teams identify that referees did not notice the errors about below mentioned cases which could be questioned, rally can be interrupted right away and can be requested for the use of an IES by the teams.

Request for the usage of an IES can be made through tablets if being used, if not request can only be made by the head-coaches on bench.

But;

a) If the team coach is forced to leave the court for any reason including sanction received, first assistant coach can take the responsibility of the team coach's duties only if the game captain requires and if the first referee approves this request. In this case first assistant coach will also obtain the right to request an IES instead of the team coach. If the first assistant coach is forced to leave the team at the beginning for any reason, the right to request an IES is then given to the 2nd assistant coach.

b) If the head coach and the assistant coaches are forced to leave, then the game captain within the court will have the right to request an IES.

c) If the head coach is absent at the beginning of the match, the right to use an IES will only be granted to the game captain on court. (The process meant at the beginning of the match is the moment when an official match protocol begins and when the referees measure the net.)

The use of an IES will only be considered if the head coach is not satisfied by the first referee's decision and soonest the first referee presents his/her final decision by opening the arm and pointing towards the team in service, so therefore the team coach has only 8 seconds from that moment to request an IES. Requests after 8 seconds will not be evaluated.

IES usage rights and conditions are listed as follow:

a) If the head coach requests to use an IES and if his/her objection is found right, he/she will be able to request unlimited IES use for appealing against the decision.

b) If the team requests an IES and the first referees decision is still not altered, the team is only allowed to request one more use of an IES for appealing during the set. If the second IES

request used during the same set and the first referees decision hasn't changed again, then the team would be considered used their two IES appealing allowances.

c) At the end of a rally, IES can only be requested about the last movement. Nonetheless during the rally if teams notice that referees in question did not notice the errors which could be questioned as mentioned in below cases, rally could be interrupted by the teams and requests for an IES can be made by the coaches using a tablet. (In the case no tablet, coaches can use the buzzer which is being used for time-outs and request for an IES.)

d) The IES can only be requested once between two rallies. If one of the coaches of the team requests an IES and if the decision of the referees has been changed after this request, the other team still has the right to request an IES about the same movement. (For example: After the decisions of the referees ball IN and after the request of IES about Ball IN/OUT by the team A and the change of the referee decision to ball OUT, team B can request for TOUCH of a BALL to the BLOCKER or NET TOUCH) After this both teams can no longer make any IES request.

e) After the evaluation of the image and if the video image is not clear and a decision can not be made then the first referee's decision will be valid however, the team's IES allowance will not be reduced.

f) In the case of no tablets, if the team wants to use an IES, the coach must use both hands to make a rectangular shape towards the second referee to request the use of IES. After making the rectangular shape to the second referee, the coach also has to verbally tell the second referee for which position he/she needs re-evaluating.

g) The request to use IES by the team coaches is limited by below topics mentioned in the third article below.

3) Particular game movement's which could be requested by the teams to be evaluated once again. Coaches could request for video re-evaluating.

Against referees' decision:

- a) As a result if the ball touches the ground as 'ball in' or 'ball out'
- b) Player in possession of the movement with the ball ;
 - full contact within the 9m restricted at any place to the net
 - If has contact to the net
- c) If the ball has contact to the antenna
- d) Ball going out by having a contact with blocker (Including 4 hit and double hit)
- e) If the back row players attack and finish on the attackline including stepping on the extensions on the top of the net.
- f) If the player has inaccurately a contact in the opponent's playing area (either by foot/by feet center line violation)
- g) IES is claimable if the player is going to serve or after serving, the last step the player takes on the endline of the team court or outside the free zone and makes contact with foot or both feet.
- h) Floor Touch: ball touches the court surface-pancake-to determine if the ball contacts the court or did not touch the court during the play (Mid-Rally)
 1. Floor touch or
 2. No floor touch

4) In the event of requesting the use of IES, how the first, second and IES referee need to apply the application

- a) When the head coaches request to use IES, the first referee will blow the whistle and make a rectangular shape using both hands and prolonge his/her arms parallel to the ground by showing the monitor table. If rally continues during the request, referee can stop the rally right away and if approved by the first referee, he/she blow whistle and make a rectangular shape using both hands and prolonge his/her arms parallel to the ground by showing the monitor table. IES referee will evaluate the request. If IES referee is absent than it will be evaluated by the second referee on court. If no tablet being used, second referee, after the stop of the rally or after the end of the rally, receives the request of an IES by the coach of the team. He/she whistles and make a rectangular shape using both hands and inform first referee and IES referee by the head phone about exact topic of the request. If first referee approves this request than he/she whistles and make a rectangular shape using both hands and prolonge his/her arms parallel to the ground by showing the monitor table. Same prodecures take place at following.
- b) First referee, if the evaluation portrays the result outside of article 3 can object the evaluation of the IES. First non-appropriate request can be refused without any sanction. In the case non-appropriate request continues during the match delay sanction will be applied. First refere can also apply delay sanction in the case of one of the team refuses the explanation of the rejection of the request.
- c) After the permission given by the first referee, IES referee evaluates the image through the monitor and gives information to the second referee and first referee about the result.
- d) The second referee, after the information received by the IES referee, will move to the court side of the team indicating the fault in order to help the first referee and notifies the first referee verbally through the use of the head phone.
- e) The first referee will make the final decision in accordance with the information received from the IES referee and second referee only after the image shown on the LED screen and on the TV permitted by the first referee. First referee if necessary can change the decision of the IES referee and second referee.
- f) After the evaluation, if the first decision of the referees has been changed, the other team has still the right to request for an evaluation of a different error which happened during same game and before the declaration of the decision. Procedure is as above articles.
- g) Team will not have the right to object or request of a new evaluation after the final decision made by the first referee. Continuation of objections will be considered as non-gentlemanliness and sanction will be applied.
- h) Teams will loose the rally in the case of their image evaluation request not being right or in the case they have un-appropriate request.
- i) If the team runs out of IES allowance in a set and requests another IES usage then the request will be objected and it will be evaluated as a pause request.
- j) The image will only be viewed and evaluated by the IES referee or second referee and no one else is allowed to participate during the evaluation procedure. The IES operator is only obliged to perform the desired image to the IES referee and can not comment on the image, offer opinion or intervene with the decision.



- k) During the IES procedure, all team members must remain in their own areas.
- l) First referee, before starting the next rally and after taking his/her decision, IES system operator and e-scorer will notify to the second referee, than second referee will hand signal the first referee that the game could start.
- m) The second referee will check all the scoreboards and score sheets to ensure correct information is shown and will also ensure that the players are in the correct positions before approving to re-start the next rally.
- n) During the application of IES, if the IES referee **or second referee** sees another fault in the image other than the one requested by the head coach, **this particular fault will be evaluated and decision will be taken.**
- o) **First referee can request from IES referee or second referee for an evaluation of the image of a movement which can effect the result of a set or of the match and when he/she can not be certain to decide.**

5) In the likelihood of the IES system partially or fully failing

If the IES system fails **partially or fully prior, beginning** or during a match, the results will not **affect the start of the match, continuation of the match or the result of the match.** First referee together with his team, will command the match following the framework of the official volleyball rules and the match will finish without the IES system. None of the teams on court will have the right to object in this case.

