

# Ralia Volleyball Fans

This year there have been a number of additional USAV rules and interpretation changes with some being **SIGNIFICANT**. Please take a moment to acquaint yourself with the rule changes below as we hope it may explain why calls that were obvious in the past are not being made by the referee's. Please keep in mind that many of these rules are still judgment calls by the referee's and they have a different visual vantage point to make or not make a call.

- **Contact with the net by a player is not a fault, unless it interferes with the play**
- **Players may touch the post, ropes, or any other object outside the antennae, including the net itself, provided that it does not interfere with play.**
- **A player interferes with the opponent's play by (amongst others):**
  - a. touching the top band of the net or the top 80 cm of the antenna during his/her action of playing the ball, or
  - b. taking support from the net simultaneously with playing the ball, or
  - c. creating an advantage over the opponent, or
  - d. making actions which hinder an opponent's legitimate attempt to play the ball.
- **To touch the opponent's court with any part of the body above the feet is permitted provided that it does not interfere with the opponent's play.** If a player's foot (feet) penetrates completely into the opponent's court it is considered a fault.
- For junior competition, when one team has exclusive use of the court, the other team must either be at its team bench or out of the playing area. Warming up with balls at the team bench or the spectator walkways is not permitted.
- The ball that is heading towards the opponent's court through the lower space is in play until the moment it has completely crossed the vertical plane of the net.

## North Country Region Rules (Our local USAV Region):

- No personal electronic devices are allowed while officiating (all 7 positions included). If this occurs the player may be Disqualified from the event.
- Libero can serve depending upon tournament director rules (but not at Nationals or Qualifying events).
  - a. **RALIA sponsored power league and tournaments ALLOW the libero to serve unless specifically noted for that tournament.**
- For all 12's and under competition, the up referee (R1) must be a qualified adult (preferably a coach) that has attended an NCR officiating clinic. For all other competition, the qualified adult must be either R1 or R2. The Qualifying adult may overrule an R1 (if a player) call if justified.