

## Coaching in Beach Volleyball

### Introduction

The introduction of Coaching for FIVB under-age Beach events and to phases One and Two of the Continental Cup was done for the first time within FIVB competition in 2014. This is an update for implementation in 2016 and onwards.

- 1. TEAM LEADERS:** In addition to the Team Captain, at this FIVB Competition, as defined above, the team may be accompanied by a Coach.
- 2. ACCREDITATION:** The coach may receive an accreditation from the organiser where hotel and food plus local transportation must be proposed by the organisers at special rates.
- 3. NUMBER OF TEAMS PER COACH:** A coach may be registered for more than one team – but must stay with one team for the duration of the match (i.e. from warm up until the final whistle).
- 4. NUMBER OF COACHES PER TEAM:** Only one team coach will be permitted into the playing area beginning with the warm up until the final whistle.
- 5. ACCESS TO FIELD OF PLAY:** Coaches are allowed on the Field of Play to provide support for the young athletes at the FIVB Beach Volleyball Age Group World Championships and rounds 1 and 2 only of the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup. The Coach may enter the playing area with the players, prior to the match, but is **no longer restricted** to remaining for the warm up period only, as is the case currently with other competitions – he/ she may remain for the duration of the match.
- 6. UNIFORM DRESS:** The coach must wear a uniform which is different from the team (e.g. polo/ track suit top, showing country name/ flag). Should the coach not adhere to the FIVB dress code, the referee will make a remark on the score sheet and the Technical Supervisor will rescind the coach's accreditation until the regulation is complied with.
- 7. PRIOR TO THE MATCH:** the Coach should sign the score sheet prior to the match (after the toss) in the Remarks box (or in the Coach's confirmation box, where a modified score sheet is being used), to confirm his/ her position, thus allowing him/ her to be subject to the discipline of the Referee corps. In addition, **the coach must leave his/ her accreditation on the score table** until the match is completed. Hence for the purposes of this competition, the coach is included under the terms **"team"** and **"team member"**. Should the Coach refuse to comply with this regulation or have no ID, he/ she will be requested to leave the playing area and can have no further involvement in the match.
- 8. POSITION OF THE COACH DURING PLAY:** The Coach sits at the designated Team seating areas, and must remain seated during the play and during intervals between rallies, except when switching courts, during set intervals and while instructing players during time outs. During court switches, the Coach switches with the teams.

The Coach may **not** stand during play to talk to the team members. Should either Referee have to remind the Coach of this fact, he/ she will be subject to the misconduct scale, just like the players.

**9. INTERACTION WITH PLAYERS:** An accredited coach may interact with his/her players only during warm-up, change of set, between rallies, at switch of the court and during time-out. The coach can freely give instructions during Time-outs, Technical Time-outs, Set intervals, intervals between completed rallies and during exceptional game interruptions. The coach may also give instructions during court switches (while walking) – however, the match shall not be delayed by this. Existing rules concerning coaching players from outside the playing area still apply.

**10. REQUESTING TIME-OUT:** The coach (as well as the team captain) may request Time out by showing the official hand signal and requesting "time out" when the ball is out of play and before the 1st referee's whistle for service. His/ her contacting official is the 2nd referee in this instance. Requests made after or at the same moment of the 1st Referee's whistle for service, or requests made after the team has exhausted its time outs in that set, will be regarded as improper requests. Should resumption of the game be delayed by this, the team will be sanctioned for DELAY.

**11. BEHAVIOUR DURING MEDICAL TIME-OUT:** During a medical time out, only players may warm up in the playing area.

**12. FORCE-MAJEURE:** The Coach must be with his/ her team right from the start of the match and must remain for the duration of the match unless through *force-majeure* – illness, injury, toilet – in which case the ID remains on the score table and the coach is accompanied to medical assistance/ toilet by the Refereeing Delegate, Technical Supervisor or reserve referee (whichever is applicable or most appropriate).

**13. DELAY:** Teams will be sanctioned for delay when team members (players) are judged to be attempting to delay the game in order to get assistance from the coach in violation to this specific regulation.

**14. MISCONDUCT AND ITS SANCTIONS:** *This applies to all team members, including the coach if present.*

**14.1. MINOR MISCONDUCT:** Minor misconduct offences are not subject to sanctions. It is the first referee's duty to prevent the teams from approaching the sanctioning level.

There are two stages to this:

*Stage 1* is done verbally through the team captain.

*Stage 2* involves showing a yellow card official warning to the team. This is done by issuing the warning to the offending team member or to the team through the game captain. **Since the coach is to be regarded as a team member, this would apply also to this individual. The team captain would be requested to inform the coach of his/ her offence. The FIRST referee would then show the yellow card to the coach, who would be expected to stand, and raise a hand to acknowledge the warning.**