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AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL REFEREES COMMISSION

TO: All Constituent State Associations, State Referee Commissions and Individual Referees .

SUBJECT: Rules Interpretations-- Official Changes:

You are advised that following exchange of correspondence between Mr. K. Ikeda, Member of I.A.C. of F.I.V.B. that advice has proven forthcoming that the following Rule Interpretations are now in force:

SCREEN: There is no minimum distance that players must stand apart in order to avoid screening.

The Screen, in the opinion of the referee, shall CONCEAL the ACTION of the server.

Players not screening at the instant of contact with the ball by the server shall NOT be penalised for screening if they cross over to specialist positions after the ball has been hit by the server and the ball passes over their heads during the cross-over.

Comment: Please note that the old interpretation whereby a screen was determined when the ball went over the heads of two persons in the act of 'switching' is now invalid. What is now pertinent is that if, in the opinion of the referee, two or more persons on the serving team are deliberately attempting to screen the server's action, even before the serve is hit, then, and only then, is a fault by screening penalised.

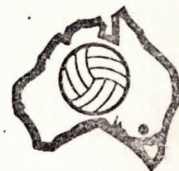
BACK LINE PLAYER INSIDE THE ATTACK AREA:

For the possibility of a fault being committed by a back line player in putting the ball over the net the following conditions must apply:

- a. The ball must have been FULLY ABOVE THE HEIGHT OF THE NET.
- and
- b. The ball must completely cross the net with its FULL DIAMETER WITHOUT BEING TOUCHED BY THE OPPOSING TEAM BEFORE IT GOES OVER THE NET BY ITS FULL DIAMETER.

Comment: The 'crux' wording is that the ball must be fully above the height of the net and must thereafter, after being played across, be fully over the net on the opposition side by the distance of the ball's full diameter before a fault is committed. If however, the ball is blocked by the opposition before it passes over the net, or before it is fully on the opposition's side of the net, then no fault is committed and play continues. The only difference in this interpretation from the old interpretation, is that the ball must be FULLY ABOVE THE NET...and go FULLY OVER THE NET, in order for a back line player to commit a fault. The old rule interpretation was that if PART of the ball was above the height of the net, and a back line player played the ball over, a fault was

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committed if the ball was not blocked.

I ask all States, all Referee Commissions, and all individual referees to insist on these interpretations from immediately henceforth.

These interpretations will apply at the Australian Under 17 Championships and all Australian Championships held thereafter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Foot".

Chairman A.V.R.C.

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