

VICTORIAN AMATEUR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Re 4/10/79.
21 Pilcher Street,
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3/10/79

TO: ALL AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

FROM: V.A.V.A. SECRETARY

OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION OF RULE 21

(Back Line Players playing ball inside attack area.)

Attached is a copy of the official interpretation of this controversial rule. You may recall that about April 1978, this interpretation was promulgated to a limited extent, and on the advice of the State Director of Coaching in Victoria, was not adopted by the V.A.V.A. Several months later, the interpretation was withdrawn by the A.V.F. Referees Commission.

In August of this year, the interpretation was re-issued (see attachment). Because of the previous in-decision, a copy of the correspondence from the International sources explaining this rule was requested. This was subsequently provided by the A.V.F.R.C., and the V.A.V.A. are satisfied that the interpretation enclosed is correct.

It is the V.A.V.A.'s belief that this rule is very hard to accurately apply, never-the-less, it is official, and have adopted the implementation forthwith. We recommend that each Affiliated Association do likewise to ensure a uniform interpretation.

I wish you luck.



Murray Mansfield

Secretary

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