

Volleyball WA



Policy Paper on Coaching Beach Volleyball during the WA Volleyball State Series

Please note, this Policy Paper supersedes the Players Handbook and the official FIVB Beach Volleyball Rules. IE If this paper has inconsistencies with either of the above two sources, then what is written in this paper will apply.

Further to point 28 of the “Player’s Handbook” (in reference to all events that make up the WA Volleyball State Series)

- Teams are permitted to have Coaches.
- Coaches are permitted to coach the players during the course of the game.
- Coaches names **MUST** be written on the scoresheet before the game commences (by either the team captain or the coach themselves).
 - If a Coach’s name is not on the scoresheet (when the game commences) the referee should ask the Coach to not coach during the game (ie can only watch the game as a spectator).
- Coaches who wish to “coach during the game” must **NOT** swap ends when the teams swap ends (ie a coach should remain on the side that their players first started on – in the player’s area). **PLEASE** note that this ruling is incorrect in the Handbook and Coaches must remain in the “Player’s Area” **OR** at **ONE** baseline (see below).
- The other option is if a Coach wishes to remain on one particular “end” (ie to stay with a video camera etc), they may remain at the baseline (past the freezone).

What can a coach do during a game in terms of coaching their team;

- A coach may only speak to players during the following breaks in play.
 - During a time out
 - During a break between sets
- A coach may speak to their players during a rally (as long as it is not in any breach of behaviour codes).
- A coach may speak to players during the following circumstances, **IF IT DOES NOT DELAY THE GAME.**
 - Change of ends (talking while walking).
 - At the conclusion of a point

These above two points are critical as the coach talking to their players can NOT interrupt the flow of the game. If a referee believes that the opposing team is waiting for the rally to commence because the opposition coach is talking to his / her player, then they should issue a warning to the offending coach. If this continues then the referee should sanction the opposition coach (see below).

What a coach can not do during a game in terms of coaching their team;

- A coach may not speak to the opposing players or coaches.
- A coach may not question a referee decision directly.
- If either of the above occur, the coach should be warned and if it persists, they should be penalized further (see the sanction scale below).

Code of Conduct:

As a coach during a game of volleyball, the coach is subject to all the same codes of conduct as are the players. Please read page 21 of the "Players Handbook".

Please note that all volleyball coaches are subject to the same responsibilities as players and should perceive themselves as role models in the volleyball community.

Sanctions:

As an official coach during a game of Beach Volleyball, the coach is subject to the same sanctions as are the players. This can include anything from a warning to being asked to leave the courts to then being sanctioned by VWA and possibly being suspended for the next Tournament.

The following sanctions will apply;

Yellow Card:	A warning
Red Card:	A loss of point.
Red and Yellow Card Together:	The coach must leave the court for the duration of the match (not the set (as is the case for players)).
Red and Yellow Card Apart:	The coach must leave the courts for the duration of the tournament.

As such, the Coach should be very careful in terms of their behaviour.

Protests against a Coach:

If a team has a protest against the action or behaviour of their opposition's coach, the captain of this team must lodge a complaint with the referee during the game. The referee will then decide on the course of action to follow (ie a sanction as above or no action). If the Captain of the protesting team is not satisfied with this action, they can lodge another protest through the referee during the game. The referee **MUST** stop the game and go and get the Tournament Director to come courtside.

The Tournament Director will then hear the case of both team Captains, the "reported coach" and the Top Referee, and will decide the appropriate course of action (either a sanction against the Coach or no action).

The Tournament Director will use this document as well as the Code of Behaviours part of the Player's Handbook to make their decision.

The Tournament Director's decision is final. Any disrespect towards the Tournament Director or their decision could result in further penalties, either for the game in question OR as a post tournament sanction imposed by VWA.

No protests can be lodged post game.

Post Tournament Sanctions:

If a coach is suspended for their own personal misconduct during a game, the post tournament sanction will only apply to the coach and not the team. IE The coach can be suspended for their misconduct and not the team they are coaching. **HOWEVER**, a coach's misconduct during a game may result in their team being penalized a point (ie the opposition will receive a point).