



## **Rules, regulations and procedures for implementation from 2026/2027 season**

### **Positioning of the receiving team**

The receiving team must be in correct rotational order at the referee's whistle but may move once the serving action is initiated. Players may leave their correct rotation **position at the moment the server's motion begins**, including a step or movement of the arms or legs in the first motion to serve.

### **Substitutions**

The number of substitutions per set will be increased from six to **eight**.

### **Team roster**

Teams may register between 12 and 14 players. Each roster must include at least **one Libero and up to two**. Teams may choose to nominate two Liberos from the registered roster. Teams with 12 players or less do not have to nominate Libero player.

### **Ball contacting the ceiling**

If the **first or second ball** contacts venue infrastructure above the field of play and remains playable **on the same side of the court**, the **rally will continue**. If the ball contacts the ceiling infrastructure and rebounds into the opponent's court, it will be ruled a fault.

### **"Push-carry-catch-throw-tip" attack**

Rule 9.2.2 will be applied **strictly** in relation to attack contacts. The ball **must not be caught or thrown**. Attack actions involving changes of direction, two-hand attacks, pushes, open-hand block outs and carries will not be permitted. Only the action of "tipping" the ball, with very short contact will be allowed.

### **Coach to speak to referees**

The head coach may approach and **speak politely** to referees **to clarify** or confirm the type of challenge requested or to seek clarification regarding a call or decision. Complaints and protests remain prohibited.