



The Libero

Serving us off the court!





The Basics

- The Libero may replace the player in the right back position in the service order. The Libero may only serve in one position in the serving order. If the Libero is in the game immediately prior to moving to a serving position, there does not have to be a rally between Libero replacements if the Libero serves the next rally. When the Libero is going to serve, it is good preventative officiating for the umpire to turn and verbally inform the scorer, "Libero serving."



Highlights of Related Rules

- Rule 6-3-2e (allows the Libero to serve)
- Rule 8-1-5 (during a re-serve)
- Rule 10-4-1a (timing of replacement)
- Rule 10-4-1c (replacement after time-out)



Referee Responsibilities

- Awareness
- Bench and court scanning
- Smooth match flow and tempo
- Eye-contact with umpire and scorer
- Aid and Abet!



Umpire Responsibilities

- Bench and court scanning
- Facilitation for teams
- Encouraging not discouraging
- Communication, both verbal and visual
 - with referee
 - with scorekeeping crew
 - for duration of match



Scorer Responsibilities

- Recognize
- Verbalize
- Synchronize



Assistant Scorer Responsibilities

- Confirm and verify
- Re-confirm throughout the match
- Recording substitutions

Tips for the Referee

- Awareness leads to facilitation
- Eye-contact with umpire and score table
- Informal signals
- Mental notes
 - Identify the position/player for whom the Libero serves

Tips for the Umpire

- Notation on the line-up card
- Eye-contact and informal signals with referee
- Verbalize with scorer then use visual confirmation

Tips for the Scorekeeping Crew

- Crew should verbally communicate throughout the match
- Use of the triangle
 - Both scorer and assistant scorer



- Throwing substitutions into the mix
- Scanning the benches at the end of the rally



Scenarios and Situations

- The Libero “dosey-doe”
- Substitution procedures & “splitting” the term of service
- A re-serve
- Oops!
- Others?



Faults involving the Libero serve

- Errors with replacement procedures
 - Libero currently on-court
 - Libero currently at the bench
- Serving in the wrong (second) position
- Penalties
 - Illegal alignment/rotation fault
 - Unnecessary delay

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Enjoy the Season!