



Substitution and Libero Replacement

Rule 10

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Substitution Request

- **Head coach's verbal request or visual signal or by the sub entering the substitution zone**
- **Referee recognizes the request by whistle and signal**
- **Only one request per team for substitution during the same dead ball.**

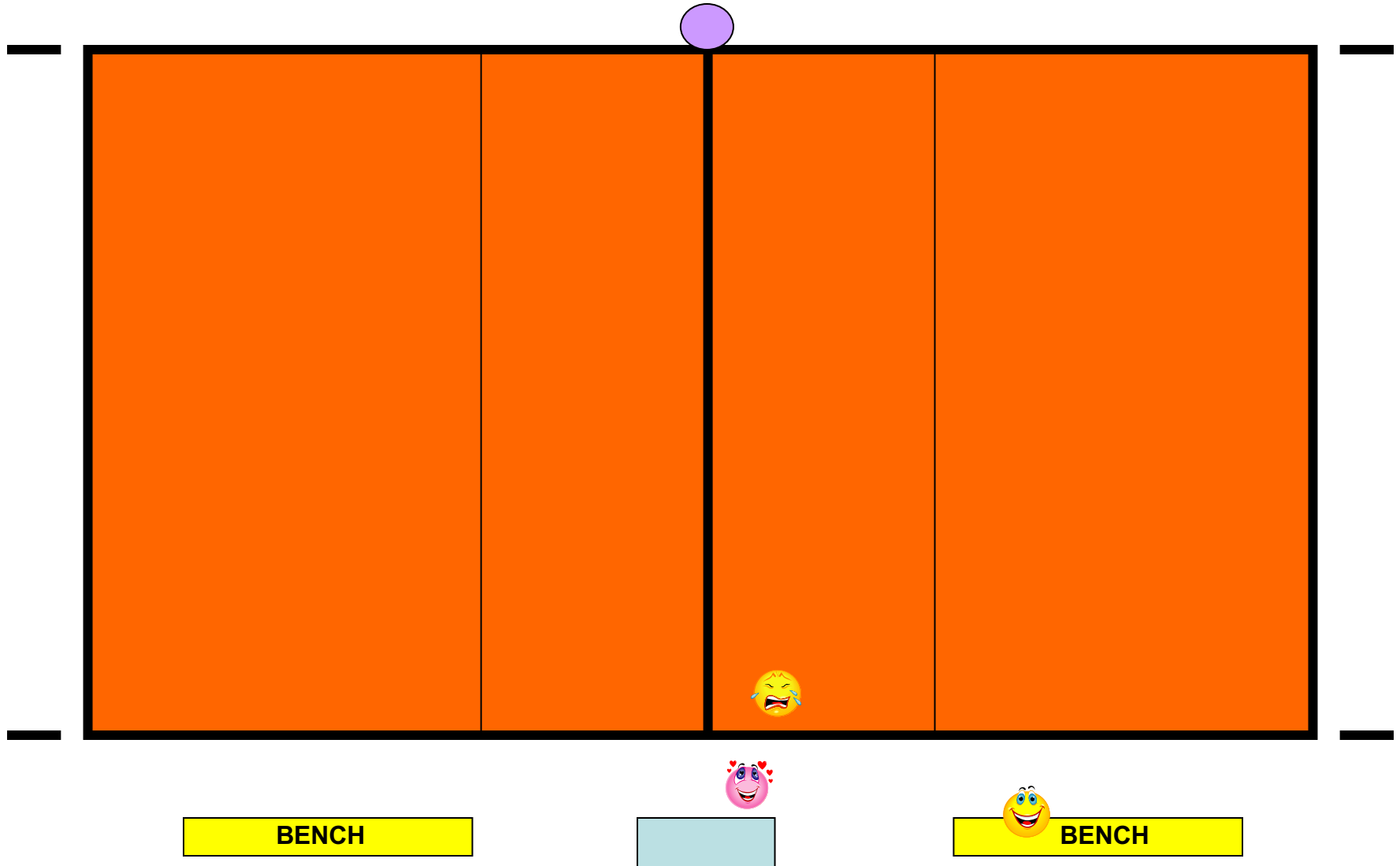
Substitution Request

- **Requests at the start of a set are permitted and recorded as a regular substitution**
- **Substitutions during a time-out will take place after both teams have returned to the court**

Substitution Request

- **If more than one substitution is to be made, the subs shall be made in succession, one pair of players after another with only one substitute in the substitution zone at a time.**
- **Any number of substitutions may be made during the same dead ball.**

Substitution Procedure



Substitution Rules

- **Teams are allowed a maximum of 18 substitutions per set.**
- **Each player is allowed unlimited entries within the team limit.**



Substitution Rules

- **Starting the set does not count as a substitution.**
- ***The Libero is a replacement – not a substitution***



Substitution Rules

Re-entry

- A re-entering player shall not return to the set during the **SAME** dead ball in which the player was replaced.
- The re-entering player shall assume the original position in the serving order in relation to the other teammates.

What is an Exceptional Substitution?

When teams have exhausted their 18 substitutions or when no legal substitutions are available an exceptional substitution is permitted only for an injured or ill player

Exceptional Substitution-Priority

An exceptional substitution is permitted in the following priority:

- **By a teammate who has never played in the set or a player who has played in the position earlier in the set;**
- **By any legal non-libero player on the bench, regardless of previous position played;**
- **By a libero if no other possible substitute exists--same uniform as teammates.**

Exceptional Substitution

- **An injured/ill player replaced by an exceptional substitution may not re-enter a set in which the exceptional substitution takes place.**
- **A team may not play with fewer than six players if there is a legal substitute (including an exceptional substitution) available.**



Exceptional Substitution

An exceptional substitution is counted as a team substitution if the team has not exhausted its 18 team substitutions.



UNNECESSARY DELAY

Unnecessary delay is charged to the offending team when an illegal substitute attempts to enter or is found in the set.

Penalty:

Administrative **Yellow or **Red** Card as appropriate.**



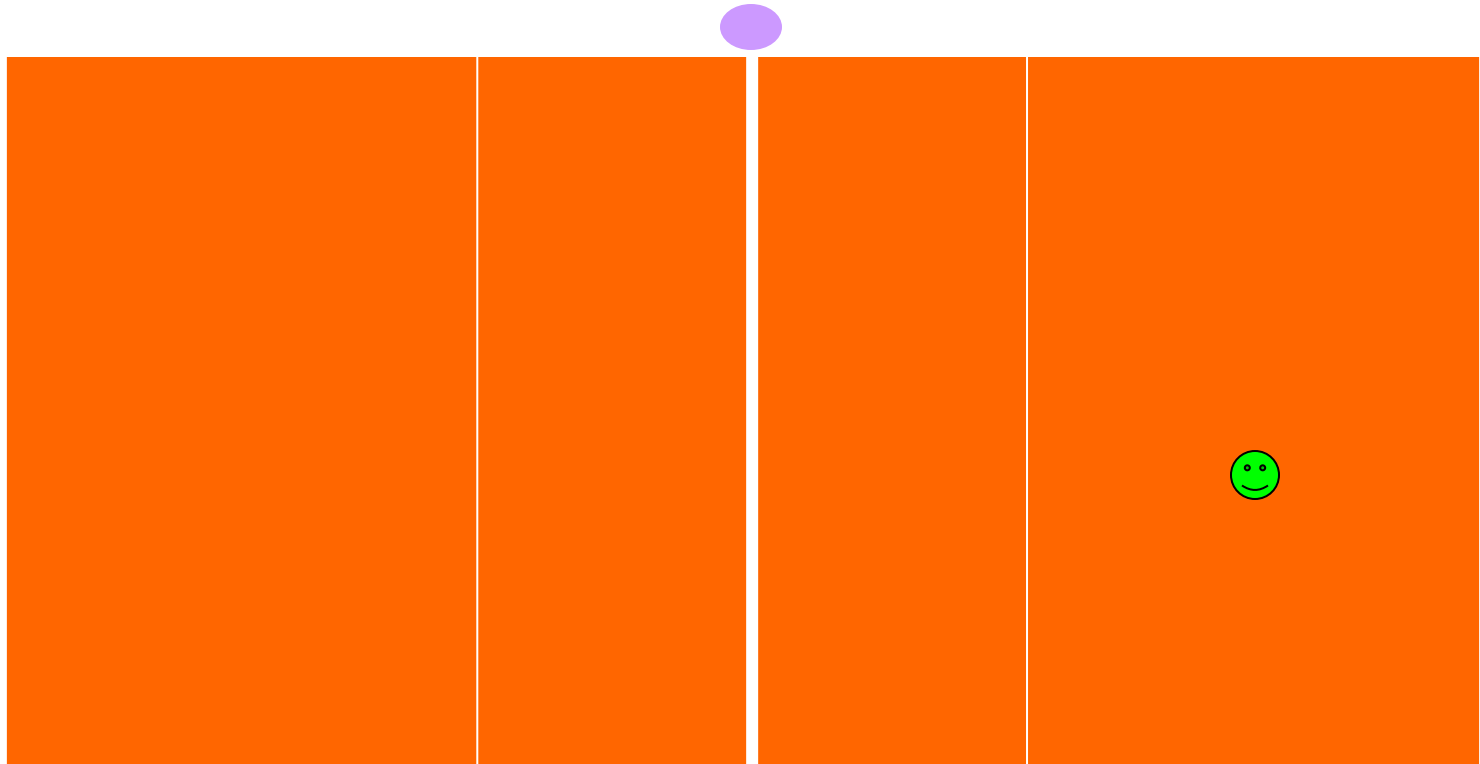
Libero

- **Back row player defensive specialist**
- **Is designated on the lineup**
- **May serve in one position in the serving order**
- **May only be replaced by the player whom she replaced**
- **Replacement takes place in the libero replacement zone during a dead ball**

Libero is not allowed to:

- **Complete an attack from anywhere if, at the moment of contact, the ball is entirely above the height of the net**
- **Set the ball using overhead finger action while on or in front of the attack line extended, resulting in a completed attack above the height of the net**
- **Block or attempt to block**
- **Rotate to the front row**

Libero Exchange



BENCH



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Unnecessary Delay or Illegal Alignment?

Unnecessary delay is charged to the offending team when an illegal libero replacement takes place prior to the whistle and signal for serve



Penalty:

Administrative Yellow or Red Card as appropriate.

Unnecessary Delay or Illegal Alignment?

**If identified after the whistle/signal
for serve, illegal alignment results**

Penalty: Loss of Rally/Point



**In all case, the illegal libero shall enter
legally or be replaced by a legal player**

Further Penalties

- **Serving team-any points known to have been scored during the term of service in which an illegal libero is discovered in the set shall be canceled**
- **Receiving team-prior to the contact of serve by the opposing team, all points earned during the previous term of service by the violating team while the illegal libero was in the set shall be canceled**
- **If serve has alternated-no cancellation of points**

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