

## **DUTIES FOR LIBERO TRACKER WITH LIBERO SERVING**

Any individual other than the scorekeeper must be provided to track the entries of the libero player, and should report to the referee no less than 20 minutes before the start of the match. Ideally, the home team is responsible for supplying a person to track the entries of the libero. However, if the home school does not use the libero player, the school that does use the libero must provide the libero tracker for the match. If a traveling team is to provide the tracker, the home team must tell the traveling school of this well in advance of the team traveling to the match. This Libero Tracker is charged with tracking the libero replacements. There are two important procedures that the assistant scorekeeper is responsible for enforcing. The first procedure is to assure that once the libero is replaced, at least one rally/playover must take place before the libero can replace another player. The second procedure is to ensure that when the libero leaves the court, the player replacing the libero must be the same player that the libero replaced when he/she last entered the game.

### **Libero Tracker Duties before the start of each game:**

Before the start of each game the libero tracker must accurately record the starting players in the proper service order on the libero tracking sheet when this information is received from the scorer. The coach must always list the libero on the roster. If the player is just playing the libero position, the coach will write only the libero number; Ex libero #4 is recorded on the roster as 4. If the player is both a regular player and a libero for different games during the match but has the same number on both uniforms, the coach will record only the player's number; Ex regular uniform #4, libero uniform is #4, record 4. If the player is both a regular player and a libero for different games during the match and has a different number uniform for each position, then the coach must record both uniform numbers; Ex a player's regular uniform number is #15 and her libero uniform number is #4, the coach will record 15/L4 (L is for libero). Remember, there can be no duplication of any numbers for any player; this also applies to any number of liberos used, listed on the roster. A Libero, when used, must be designated on the lineup sheet prior to each game and there can only be one libero designated per game. If a libero has not been listed on the lineup sheet for a game, the team may not use a libero in that game.

### **Tracking the Libero:**

During the match, the libero tracker who shall be seated at the officials' table next to the official scorer will:

1. Record all substitutions and libero replacements on the libero tracking sheet accurately, so the libero tracking sheet reflects the six players who are actually on the court at all times and ensure that when the libero leaves the court, the player replacing the libero must be the same player that the libero replaced when she last entered the game. Under the column labeled "SP", the starting players are listed in serving order. Libero replacements are recorded by slashing the number of the player leaving the game, and writing "L" beside the slashed number, to indicate that the libero is now in the game in that player's position. When the non-libero player returns to the game, the "L" is slashed, and the player's number written beside the slashed "L". Substitutes are also recorded by slashing the number of the player leaving the game, and writing the number of the substitute entering the game. If the assistant scorekeeper identifies that either of the procedures above has not been followed, the umpire should be notified immediately. The assistant scorekeeper does not have to wait for the serve to be contacted to report the problem. See example below.
2. Note that once the libero is replaced, at least one rally/playover must take place before the libero can replace another player. At all times, the libero tracker should observe that


when the libero is replaced, she does not re enter the game until after the next rally/playover is completed (a 'rally' consists of a legally contacted serve or a sanction penalty assessed). Notify the officials if the libero does not remain out of the game for one rally/playover between replacements. See example below.

In the example below, the libero has replaced the starting players' No. 6 and No. 1 several times. At some point, player No. 2 substituted in for player No. 6, and the libero then replaced player No. 2. In that instance, player No. 2 must be the player who replaces the libero. If the coach does not want No. 2 to remain in the game, he or she must then substitute for No. 2 (in this case, No. 6 was substituted for No. 2). Other substitutions are also recorded on the libero tracking sheet (as in line VI), so that the six players who are on the court are always accurately recorded.

TEAM:		Libero # 9
Serving Order	Starting Player	
I	<del>6</del>	<del>L 6</del> <del>L 6</del> <del>2</del> <del>L 2</del> 6
II	3	
III	7	
IV	<del>1</del>	<del>L 1</del> <del>L 1</del> L
V	8	
VI	<del>4</del>	<del>5</del> 4

- Record the libero serving. The libero can serve in one rotation by replacing the player who is in the service position and who would serve the next ball. When the libero serves, a triangle is used in the serving order column on the libero tracking sheet to indicate the serving position. See the example below.

In the situation below the libero for Team R has not yet served in the current game. The libero has replaced player No. 8 and is playing in the back row. Team R wins a rally and rotates, moving player No. 2 to the serving position and the libero to the Left Front position (a position the libero can't play). The libero goes to the service area, player No. 2 exits the court over the sideline between the attack line and end line, and player No. 8 returns to the court. In serving order IV, the triangle indicates that the libero is in the IV serving position. **Ruling: Legal. Comment: These player replacements are allowed. There does not have to be a rally between libero replacements if the libero is already on the court in replacement of another back row player and serves the next rally.**

TEAM: R		Libero # 9
Serving Order	Starting Player	
I	<del>8</del>	<del>L</del> 8
II	3	
III	7	
 IV	<del>2</del>	L
V	6	
VI	1	

In the above illustration the libero does not leave the court and then comes back on to the court if the libero is going to the Right Back position for serve if already on the court. #8 replaces L as L rotates to the LF position. L is then replacing #2 who would be rotating to Right Back position but

instead is coming off the court. L moves to serve from the Left Back position directly to Right Back and the service area. #2 and #8 are replacements for the libero and these replacements must take place only by the sideline in front of the libero's team bench between the attack line and the end line. It is important for these libero replacements and other substitutions to be easily distinguished from each other. Officials and scorers may think they are missing something because they will see 2 teammates switching on and off the court. Umpires and assistant scorers will need to get used to the idea of 2 teammates in the same-color uniform top switching on-off the court behind the attack line. This happens because the previous right front will be coming off the court and a teammate will go in to take the place of where the libero would have been. It looks like a double replacement simply because the libero does not have to leave the court and sit out one rally in this one instance where the libero will be the next server.

4. Communicate and coordinate with the scorekeeper to ensure accuracy of both the scorebook and the libero tracking sheet.