
LIBERO PLAYER—BASICS

LIBERO BASICS:

- * 18 substitutions are allowed. The libero replacement is not counted as a substitution.
- * The libero must be designated on the roster and then on the line-up card prior to each set.
- * The libero may be the floor captain.
- * The libero can replace any back row player and in one rotation, may replace a player in the service position to serve and then must be replaced by that same player.
- * The player exchange must take place between the end line and the attack line; no umpire signal is required and the replacement must be completed before the start of the next rally.
- * The libero may be used as an exceptional substitution for an injured player if no other legal substitutes are available.
- * The libero may not be used as a substitute for a disqualified player.
- * If the libero is disqualified, she must be replaced by the player whom she replaced.
- * All players, except the server, and including the libero, shall be within the team's playing area and may be in contact with the boundary lines or center line, but may not have any part of the body touching the floor outside those lines. All players including the libero shall be in correct serving order.

LIBERO PLAYING ACTIONS:

- * The libero cannot complete an attack hit from anywhere, if at the moment of contact the ball is completely above the height of the net (illegal back row attack).
- * The libero cannot block or attempt to block (illegal block).
- * The libero cannot overhand finger set a ball while on or in front of the attack line to a teammate who completes an attack while the ball is completely above the height of the net (illegal back row attack).
- * The libero must sit out a rally/loss of rally or playover before replacing another player (unnecessary delay).
- * The libero cannot rotate to the front row (illegal alignment).

LIBERO UNIFORM:

- The libero must wear a uniform shirt or jersey that is in distinct COLOR contrast to shirts worn by other members of the team and must be recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team. The style and trim of the libero's shirt or jersey may differ from her teammates', but her shorts must be **like-colored** to her teammates.
- The libero uniform shirt must have a legal number as prescribed by NFHS volleyball rules (Rule 4, Section 2).
- The numbering system for the libero is for the libero to **either** wear the same number on both her libero jersey and her regular playing jersey, or the libero may have a regular jersey number and a different libero uniform number. The libero must always be listed on the roster. If the player is playing only the libero position, 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 sets during the match, but has the same number on both uniforms, record only the player's number. Ex. Regular uniform #4, libero number is #4 – record #4. If the player is both a regular player and a libero for different sets during the match and has a different number uniform for each position, then both uniforms numbers must be recorded. Ex. A players' regular uniform number is 15 and her libero number is 4, recorded 15/L4. (L 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. Using the traditional "home and away" uniforms works very well provided the color of the uniform is very distinct. If the school does not have a duplicate set of uniforms that are contrasting in color, then specific libero uniforms must be purchased (ex. a t-shirt). Number placement must be

regulation, however it is legal for the libero to have a center number while the rest of the team has a shoulder placed number.

- All non-libero players in a match must wear identical uniforms, so if a player ceases to be a libero in a subsequent set, she must wear a uniform identical to her teammates. She is required to retain the same jersey and libero number throughout the match.
- If a striped libero shirt is used, it should not have any color that appears on more than 25 percent of the **body of the uniform** worn by non-libero players. **In determining the body of the uniforms, the sleeves and collar should be ignored.**

LIBERO INJURY:

If the libero can not play due to an injury:

- * She must first be replaced by the player whom she replaced.
- * A new libero may be designated at any time.
- * Any substitute on the bench may be designated as the new libero.
- * The new libero must follow the libero uniform rule.
- * The new libero must be the libero for the rest of the set.
- * The injured libero can not re-enter that set.