



# VOLLEYBALL SCORER INSTRUCTIONS

**It is imperative that the individual keeping score for a volleyball match is familiar with volleyball scorekeeping to track the game. The official scorekeeper maintains the official record of the score.**

## PRE-MATCH

1. In the scorebook, fill in site, match and date.
2. Write team names on the corresponding serving side.
3. Make a mark indicating which team has the first serve when the official reports the pre-match results.
4. Fill in starting player numbers by serving order for each team - mark the captain with a "C."
5. Write the set number.

## DURING THE MATCH

*Each square represents one play/action such as a serve, substitution, or time-out - every play should be recorded.*

1. There must be frequent communication between the score keeper, the scoreboard operator, and the officiating crew - if at any point there is a discrepancy in score, immediately get the attention of the R2 (down official) to stop play and clear up the discrepancy - see page 2 of this document for full instructions.
2. If the server scores a point, put the point number in the square and circle the score in the corresponding point in the running score column.
3. If the serve is a point for the non-serving/receiving team, put a loss of rally symbol (-l) in the box and move to the other side of the scoresheet and make a square in the next server. Put the point within the square for this server.  $\boxed{2}$
4. If the serve is an ace where it lands in the opponent's court without being touched, or is touched by one player only and unable to be kept in play, put an "A" next to the point number.  $\boxed{5A}$
5. Continue this scoring process throughout the set.

## SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Whenever a substitution occurs, it should be written on the scoresheet.
2. If the serving team is substituting, put an "S" where the next serve circle would go and then the number of the player going in over the number of the player coming out (like a fraction).  $\boxed{S\ 23/21}$
3. If the receiving team is substituting, put an "Sx" where the next serve circle would go and then the number of the player going in over the number of the player coming out (like a fraction).  $\boxed{Sx\ 16/14}$
4. Mark off the number of substitutions at the bottom of the line score.

## END OF SET

1. Fill out the final score.
2. Have the official initial in the verification box for each set.

## END OF MATCH

1. Both officials sign the scoresheet at the end of the match.

## SCORING KEY

Point	Point Scored Off Loss of Rally	Loss of Rally	Timeout	Opponent Timeout	Substitution Serving Team	Substitution Opponent	Re- Serve	Playing Captain	Penalty	Penalty Opponent	Penalty Point	Ace
1	$\boxed{2}$	-l	T	TX	S 23/21	Sx 16/14	RS	C	P	Px	P3	5A

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## SCORING - VIDEO TUTORIAL

**The link below details specific scoring instructions for volleyball. This resource is provided by the National Federation of State High School Associations; adherence to the protocol outlined by the NFHS allows for consistent scoring throughout matches.**

[NFHS High School Volleyball Scoresheet/Scorebook Keeping & Libero Tracking Tutorial YouTube](#)

## IESA VOLLEYBALL SCORE DISCREPANCY PROCEDURE

**The following is an exception to NFHS Volleyball rules 5-6-4 and 11-3-3:**

In the volleyball state series, it is recommended that each competing team keep a scorebook. The individual keeping the team scorebook must be a minimum of 17 years old and must be seated at the score table if room allows. If space is not available, this individual must sit in the immediate proximity of the score table during the match. Immediate proximity is the first seat on the bench closest to the score table or in a seat next to the score table.

- In the event that there is a discrepancy between the visible score and the official scorebook, the match officials will compare the scorebooks of the competing teams with the official scorebook to determine an appropriate correction if applicable.
- If after examination of all scorebooks the match officials cannot determine an appropriate correction, the original record of the official scorebook will be considered official and correct.
- The judgement and/or decision of the match officials cannot be protested.

**NOTE 1:** It is recommended that all competing teams keep a team scorebook, regardless of whether they are hosting the contest. In this case, it is required that the host school provides an individual to record the official book and it is recommended the host also has an additional individual to record their own team book.

**NOTE 2:** If a team does not keep a scorebook as outlined in the IESA exception above, the team loses the opportunity to challenge a score discrepancy.