



Dear National, Junior National, and Zonal Officials,

IMPORTANT RULES INTERPRETATION!

The USAV Rules Commission met last week and wants to clarify the rule change regarding 14.3 Blocking in the Opponents Space: In blocking, the player may place his/her hands and arms beyond the net, provided that this action does not interfere with the opponent's play. Thus, it is not permitted to touch the ball beyond the net before an opponent has executed an attack hit.

The Rules Commission has issued some clarification regarding simultaneous contact. [Download the Rules Interpretation 2 \(PDF\)](#) or [find it on our website](#) by visiting our Rulebooks and Interpretations page. Scroll to Indoor Casebook, Indoor Critical Rules, Points of Emphasis, and Rules Interpretations. Select 2023-24 Rules Interpretation 2 – February 2024.

This will clarify some confusion regarding simultaneous contact. This is being implemented immediately. If you are working this weekend and have not been interpreting simultaneous contact with continued play, please do so now. The advantage of this rules interpretation is the allowance of continued play and spectacular rallies.

Hope everyone has a great weekend. Thank you for working with USA Volleyball events on behalf of the regions, clubs and players.

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