

Referees:

Here are a few reminders about USAV rules reminders and OVR procedures. I have sent most of these to club directors and coaches as well. We need to be consistent in applying these.

1 - The numbers 0 (zero) and 00 (double zero) are NOT legal numbers in USAV. If a player is wearing 0/00 as their jersey number, they are not permitted to play unless the change to a jersey with a legal number. (This was provided to coaches/club directors.)

2 - The ONLY legal request for a substitution is when the substitute enters the substitution zone. That means a verbal or hand-signal request is NOT a legal request. Facilitate this by reminding coaches of the rule requirement. Do NOT whistle a verbal/hand-signal request for sub. (This was provided to all coaches.)

3 - A team may NOT designate "co-head coaches" on a roster. There is only ONE head coach. If a team says there are two head coaches, you must ask them to identify the ONE head coach who will serve in that capacity for the match. (This was provided to all club directors/coaches.)

4 - Rosters are REQUIRED for each match. The roster must be at the scorer's table during the match. If the team uses the OVR roster/line-up combo sheet (<https://www.ovr.org/forms/2012/officiating/roster-and-lineup-combo.pdf>), the roster must be filled out, OR they may submit their own pre-printed roster or a copy of the tournament entry roster. Ensure this is completed prior to each team's first match of the day.

5 - A player may NOT be listed with two jersey numbers. (This is different than the NFHS/high school rule.) Each player must have only ONE number for the match. If the player will play as both a Libero and a regular player during a match, the number must be the same on both jerseys.

That's it for now. If you have any rules questions or encounter any unusual situations during the season, feel free to drop me a note.

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