

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIBERO TRACKER

- ❖ An individual other than the official scorer must be provided to track the entries of the libero player. By rule, this individual should be supplied by the host school. However, in Ohio, if the host school does not use the libero player, then the libero tracker shall be supplied by the visiting school in order for the libero to be used in a match. This libero tracker (LT) is charged with tracking libero replacements as well as substitutions. There are three important procedures that the LT is responsible for enforcing. The first procedure is to assure that once the libero is replaced, at least one rally must take place before the libero can replace another player UNLESS the next action of the libero is to legally serve the next rally. 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. The third procedure is to ensure that the libero does not rotate to the left-front position (front row) since the libero may only play a back-row position.

Scorekeeper and Libero Tracker (LT) Duties:

- ❖ **Before the start of each set, the scorer will:**
- ❖ a. Obtain the lineup sheets from the second referee (R2) and record the uniform numbers of the starting players in serving order and the libero on the scorebook.
- ❖ b. Ensure that the libero tracker accurately records the lineups on the libero tracking sheet (LTS).
- ❖ **After the toss of the coin and before each set:**
- ❖ a. Review the lineups submitted to ensure that a captain is indicated, no duplicate or illegal numbers are entered, and the libero's number is noted. If no libero is indicated, as a courtesy (clarifying that it's a courtesy, not a rule) notify the R2 so the coach can verify that no libero will be utilized in the current set or add a libero.
- ❖ b. Record the team information and the positions of the player on the court according to the serving order on the lineup sheet including the number of the libero to ensure that a different libero doesn't play in the set.
- ❖ c. Record all libero replacements accurately, so the libero tracking sheet reflects the players actually on the court at all times.
- ❖ d. If an incorrect libero replacement occurs, notify the R2 unless the team immediately fixes the illegality with no delay.
- ❖ **During the match, the libero tracker will:**
- ❖ a. Record all substitutions and libero replacements on the libero tracking sheet.
- ❖ b. Notify the officials if the libero is replaced by an incorrect player, or if an undesignated libero enters the game.
- ❖ c. Notify the officials if the libero does not remain out of the game for one rally between replacements unless the libero is legally able to serve the next rally, having been replaced by the player whom the libero last replaced and with the player who would have served the next rally exiting through the libero replacement zone.

- ❖ d. Communicate and coordinate with the official scorer to ensure accuracy of both the scorebook and the libero tracking sheet.
- ❖ e. Verify when a time-out is called whether each team's libero is on or off the court and share this information with the R2. Then, at the end of the time-out, verify that the status of the libero in relationship to players returning to the court is unchanged. If the libero for either team is on the court at the start of the time-out, ensure that the libero has returned to the court; if the libero for either team is not on the court at the start of the time-out, ensure that the libero does not return to the court without the R2 authorizing the exchange so that you are able to view the replacement and properly record the player number to mark the LTS.
- ❖ f. When the libero serves, put a triangle around the Roman Numeral that is next to the number of the player for whom the libero is serving. This triangle indicates that this is the only position from which the libero may serve in this set. Ensure the R2 is aware that the libero is serving when the libero for either team serves for the first time in a set. When the libero moves from an on-court, back-row position to serve, make sure the player whom the libero last replaced returns to the court and that the player for whom the libero will serve exits the court, both through the libero replacement zone. Then, ensure that the libero does not attempt to serve from another position in the serve order during the same game.