

# Illegal Attacks

# How Many are There?

- Illegal Back Row Attack
- Illegal Libero Attack
- Illegal Attack from a Libero Assist
- Illegal Attack of Serve

# What is common between these four calls?

- Ball must be entirely above the net when attacked by the offending team
- The attack must be completed
- Basic Signal

# What is a completed attack?

- An attack is a ball directed towards the opponent's court
- It is completed when any of the following three happen:
  - The ball goes completely beyond the vertical plane of the net untouched
  - The ball is played by the opponents while in the vertical plane of the net
  - The ball is legally blocked by the opponents before it reaches the vertical plane of the net

# Illegal Back Row Attack

- Player is a back row player
  - Player is in the front zone (or has jumped from the front zone)
  - And ... the other illegal attack criteria
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- Exception: The “Safe Set” – if a back row player directs the team’s first or second hit towards a teammate and the ball is next played by the opposition in the plane of the net, we PLAY ON.

# Illegal Libero Attack

- Player is the libero
- Player is in ANYWHERE on the court
- And ... the other illegal attack criteria

- NO Exception for a “Safe Set” – if the libero directs the team’s first or second hit towards a teammate and the ball is next played by the opposition in the plane of the net, we signal ILLEGAL ATTACK.

# Illegal Attack from a Libero Assist

- Libero:
  - Is in the front zone
  - Plays a ball using overhead finger action (ball height at time of set doesn't matter)
- Player receiving the set:
  - Is ANYWHERE on the court
  - Attacks the ball when it is completely above the height of the net
  - The attack is completed
- Signal Illegal Attack, then indicate libero

# You Make the Call

- Libero in front of the attack line sets a ball that is partially below the height of the net to a teammate using overhead finger action. When the ball is completely above the height of the net, the teammate swings and misses. The ball is blocked in the plane of the net by the opposition.

**PLAY ON**

# You Make the Call

- Libero in front of the attack line picks up a dump from the opposition using overhead finger action. When the ball is completely above the height of the net, the setter, seeing a opening, dumps the ball to the opponent's court.

**ILLEGAL ATTACK – INDICATE LIBERO**

# You Make the Call

- Libero jump sets a ball using overhead finger action after leaving the ground with her foot on the attack line. When the ball is completely above the height of the net, a back row player jumps 15' from the center line, and send the ball to the opponent's court.

**ILLEGAL ATTACK – INDICATE LIBERO**

# You Make the Call

- Libero jump sets a ball using overhead finger action after leaving the ground with her foot on the attack line. His teammate lets the ball drop partially below the height of the net before down-balling it over the net.

PLAY ON

# You Make the Call

- Libero in front of the attack line picks up a dump from the opposition using overhead finger action. When the ball is completely above the height of the net, the setter sets the ball towards a teammate. When the ball enters the plane of the net, it is blocked by the opponent.

**ILLEGAL ATTACK**

# You Make the Call

- The back row setter goes up to set a ball that is in the plane of the net and contacts the ball at the same time as an opposition blocker. The ball goes to the setter's teammate who pounds the ball, which is completely higher than the net, to the floor.

**TRICK QUESTION: BACK ROW BLOCK**