



Rule 6 – The Team

Composition and Positions
What You Need To Know



Team Players

- Shall consists of six players to begin the first set of the match
 - If a team has fewer than six players to begin the match, a forfeit shall be declared
 - If a team has fewer than six players due to illness, injury or disqualification after the start of the match, play shall continue

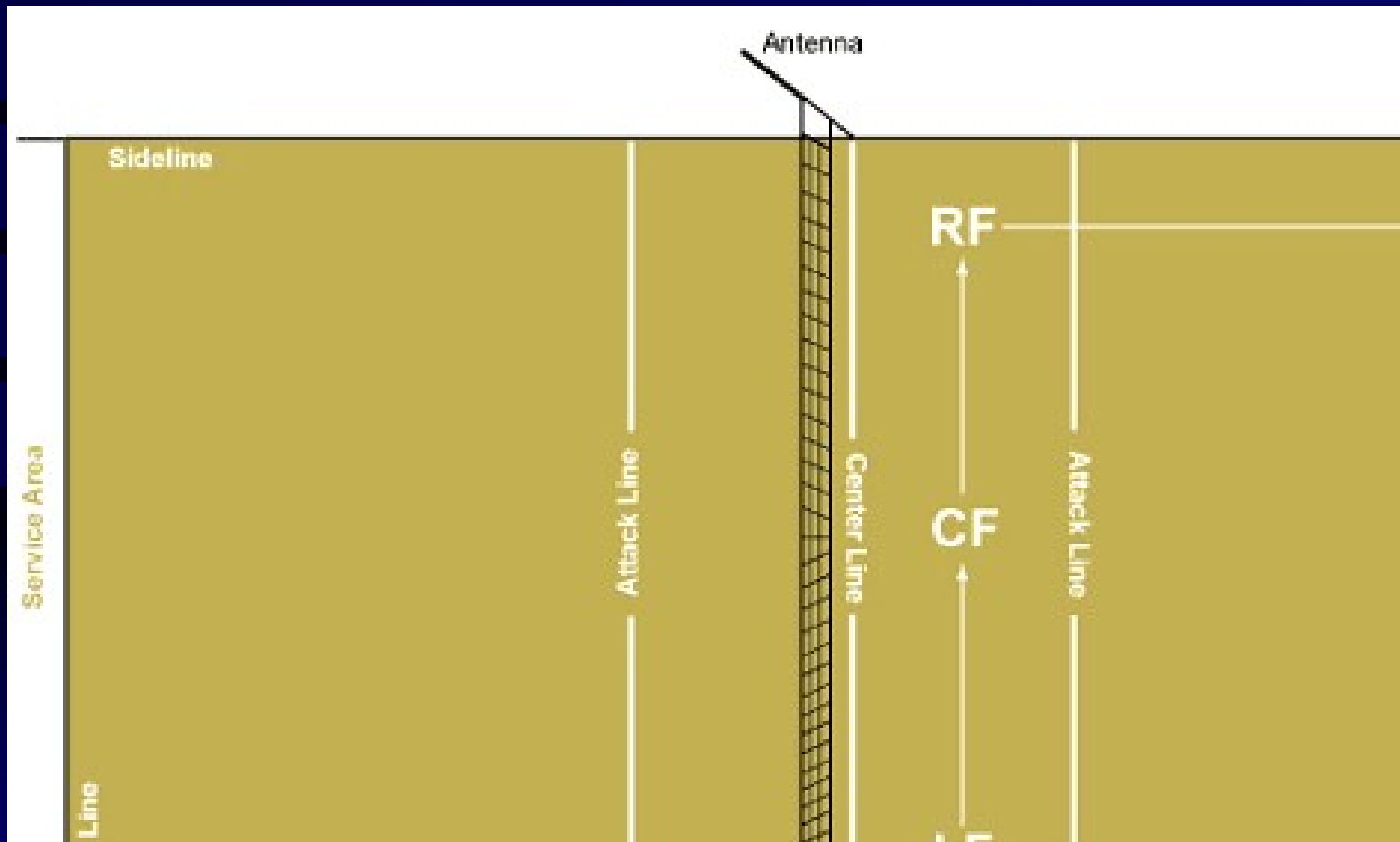
The Captain

- A Captain(s) shall be designated by each team
- The captain(s) is the only player who may communicate with the Referees
- If substituted for, the coach shall designate another player as captain until substituted for or the original captain returns to the game
- During a dead ball, the captain may request the following:
 - Time-out
 - Verification of time-outs used
 - Verification of serving order
 - Verification of proper server for the opponent
 - Ask the First Referee to repeat the call

Player Positions

- The position of players in order of the serve shall be
 - Right Back (RB)
 - Right Front (RF)
 - Center Front (CF)
 - Left Front (LF)
 - Left Back (LB) and
 - Center Back (CB)

Player Positions



The Libero

- LEE-ba-row or La-BEAR-oh
- Is a back row player who is a defensive specialist
- Only one libero may be designated per game
- When used
 - Must be designated on the lineup sheet prior to each set
 - May be the team captain
 - May be used as an exceptional substitution for an injured player if no other legal substitutes are available
 - Shall not replace a disqualified teammate
 - Shall be allowed to serve in one position in the serving order

At The Moment of Serve

- All players (except server) shall be within the team's playing area
 - May be in contact with the boundary lines or center line
 - May not have any part of the body touching the floor outside those lines
- All players shall be in correct serving order
 - Each right side player shall have at least part of one foot touching the floor closer to the right sideline than both feet of the center player in the corresponding row (except server)
 - Each left side player shall have at least part of one foot touching the floor closer to the left sideline than both feet of the center player in the corresponding row
 - Each front row player shall have at least part of one foot touching the floor closer to the center line than both feet of the corresponding back row player
- After the ball is contacted for the serve, players may move from their respective positions
- NOTE: See Proper Alignment Powerpoint Presentation

Player Positions

- When a loss of rally occurs
 - The team preparing to serve shall rotate clockwise one position
 - A point is awarded as the team rotates
- When a team plays with fewer than six players, a loss of rally shall be awarded to the opponent each time the vacant position is the RB position
- A request for the team serving order may be made by the team's coach or playing captain while the ball is dead

Screening

- Players on the serving team shall not take action to prevent receivers from seeing the contact of the serve or the path of the served ball
- Potential screens exist, but are not limited to
 - When a player(s) on the serving team waves arms, jumps, moves sideways, or stands close to the server and the ball is served over the player(s)
 - When a group of two or more teammates stand close together and the ball is served directly over them

Penalties

- Illegal Alignment

- Overlapping by players other than the server at the moment a legal serve occurs
- Any player other than the server at the moment a legal serve occurs has any part of the body touching outside the boundaries of the playing area

Penalty – Loss of rally/point is awarded to the opponent

- Improper server or illegal replacement found in the game

Penalty – Loss of rally/point is awarded to the opponent as soon as it is discovered and verified

- When an improper server is discovered prior to the contact of the first serve by the opposing team
 - All points earned by the improper server shall be canceled
 - After the opposing team has served, no penalty is assessed
- Proper serving order as written in the scoresheet shall be regained immediately

- Screening

Penalty – Loss of rally/point is awarded to the opponent