

Metro Volleyball Conference

Libero Reference Guide/Summary

NOTE: Teams failing to follow Libero guidelines/protocols will automatically forfeit the match.

All 7th and 8th grade teams may designate up to two liberos. If designating one libero they must have a minimum of 7 players present. If designating two liberos they must have a minimum of 8 players present. Only one libero can be in the game at a time. Use of the Libero is optional. The libero is a back-row player who is a defensive specialist. Liberos may change from set to set.

Uniform:

- The libero shall wear a uniform top that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from other members of the team. *The libero uniform does not require a number.* Note: For Metro Volleyball Conference games this could be any opposing colored t-shirt or uniform shirt available. A contrasting color pinney may also be worn in place of a contrasting uniform top whether or not the Libero's number is visible. *When designating one libero, the libero uniform does not require a number. When designating two liberos, the liberos' uniform tops require different numbers or must be different colors*
- The libero shall have with them a regular team uniform top, like colored/identical to that of the other team members, whenever playing, in the event of an injury and/or need for an exceptional substitution thereby eliminating the libero position. The number on that jersey shall not be a duplicate of any other player on the team.

Libero Tracking:

- 7th or 8th grade teams using a Libero are required to provide an experienced Libero tracker. This could be the parent of a player or a high school aged volleyball player with knowledge of the game, a club player, or an *assistant* coach.
- **All Libero trackers will sit at the scorers' table.** Exception: If the libero tracker is an assistant coach for a team playing, they may libero track from the bench.
- **If both teams are using a libero, it is suggested they agree on one libero tracker to track for both teams. It is not necessary in this case to have one libero tracker for each team.**
- Exception: If a school chooses to provide a Libero tracker at the scorer's table, the team(s) using the libero does not have to provide one.
- **The Libero tracking sheet is retained by the host school with the scoresheet for the duration of the season.**

When used, the libero:

- 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 service order. When using two liberos, either may serve and they can alternate with each other.

The libero shall not:

- Complete an attack from anywhere if, at the moment of contact, the ball is entirely above the height of the net.
- Set the ball using overhand finger action while on or in front of the attack line extended, resulting in a completed attack above the height of the net.
- Block or attempt to block.
- Rotate to the front row.

Procedures for libero replacement:

- Is allowed to replace any player in a back-row position.
- May serve in one position in the service order.
- May be replaced only by the other libero or the player whom he/she replaced.
- One libero replacement may be exercised per dead ball/rally unless the libero is replacing the player in the right back position and will serve the next rally.
- Libero replacements do not count as substitutions and are unlimited.
- Must take place between the attack line and the end line in front of that team's bench.
- Must be completed during a dead ball prior to the whistle and signal for serve.

Replacements may only take place:

- At the start of each set after the starting lineup has been checked.
- After the end of a rally.
- While the ball is out of play and prior to the whistle and signal for serve.
- After a time-out, once all players have returned to the court, provided the replacement sits out one rally/dead ball.



Libero Serving:

- Allowed to serve in one position in the service order. When using two liberos, either may serve and they can alternate with each other.
- When serving, the libero would not be required to leave the playing area or be out of the set for one rally/dead ball before replacing the incoming player in the right back position.

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