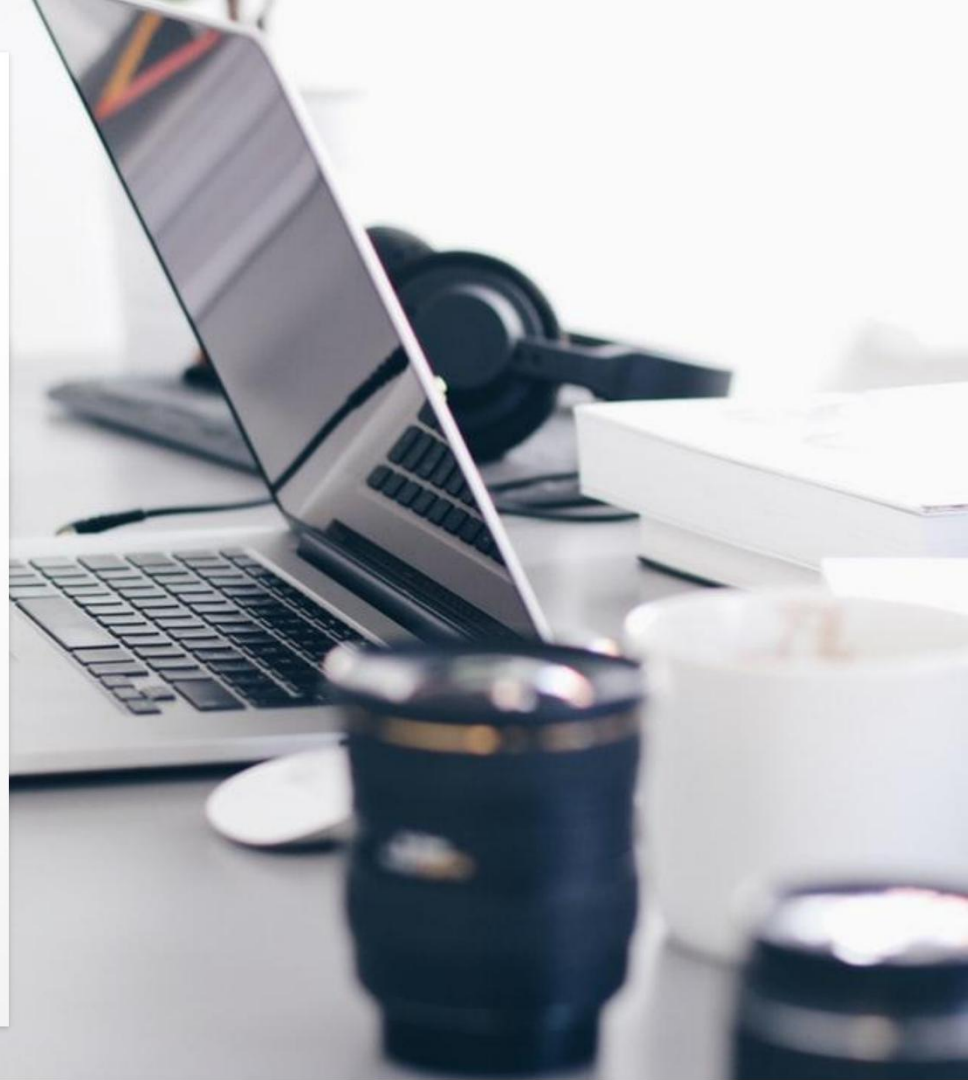


Center Line



Hello!

We are going to learn all about the volleyball center line.



What is the Center Line?

The center line is 2 inches wide, parallel to and equidistant from the end lines. It separates the court into two playing areas. It is also parallel to the attack line.

THE CENTER LINE IS:

- NCAAW: Rule 1.2.2.2
- USAV: Rule 1.3.3
- NFHS: Rule 2-1



Line of Demarcation

Can I step on the center line? Can I cross
the center line?

**BY RULE,
SOMETIMES...**

CENTER LINE:
TO TOUCH OR NOT TOUCH? CROSS OR NOT CROSS?

- NCAAW: Rule 15.2.4
- USAV: Rule 11.2, 11.4.3
- NFHS: Rule 9-5 Article 7 & 8

CENTER LINE: TO TOUCH OR NOT TOUCH? CROSS OR NOT CROSS?

NCAA

15.2.4 Crossing the Center Line

15.2.4.1 Encroachment into the opponent's court with the foot, feet or hand(s) is permitted, provided some part of the encroaching extremity remains in contact with or directly above the center line, and there is no interference with opponents. It is not a fault to contact the opponent's team court with the hair. 15.2.4.2 Encroachment into the opponent's court with any part(s) of the body is permitted, provided some part of the body remains either in contact with or directly above the center line, and there is no interference with opponents. In addition, completely crossing the center line with the foot, feet or hands, or encroachment with other body parts must not present a safety hazard to opponents.

15.2.4.3 It is not a fault to cross the center line after the ball is out of play.

15.2.4.4 It is not a fault to cross the extension of the center line outside the boundaries of the court and enter the opponent's free zone, provided there is no interference with opponents and it does not present a safety hazard.

USA

11.2 PENETRATION UNDER THE NET

11.2.1 It is permitted to penetrate into the opponent's space under the net, provided that this does not interfere with the opponent's play.

11.2.2 Penetration into the opponent's court, beyond the center line

11.2.2.1 to touch the opponent's court with a foot (feet) is permitted, provided that some part of the penetrating foot (feet) remains either in contact with or directly above the center line (see also 1.3.3; Diagram 11-Signal 22);

USA 11.2.2.2:

to touch the opponent's court with any part(s) of the body is permitted, provided some part of the body remains either in contact with or directly above the center line, and there is no interference with opponents. In addition, completely crossing the center line with the foot, feet, or hands, or encroachment with other body parts, must not present a safety hazard to opponents. (see also 1.3.3; Diagram 11-Signal 22)

11.2.3 A player may enter the opponent's court after the ball goes out of play. (see also 8.2)

11.2.4 Players may penetrate into the opponent's free zone provided that they do not interfere with the opponent's play.

NFHS



9-5 PLAYER ACTIONS

ART. 7 ... A player may touch the floor across the **Center line** with one or both feet/hands provided a part of the foot/feet or hand(s) remains on or above the **center line**. Contacting the floor across the **center line** with any other part of the body is illegal.

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ART. 8 ... A player may cross the extension of the **center line** outside the court at any time provided the player does not interfere with play by the opposing team.

While across the **center line** extension outside the court, any player may play a ball that has not completely crossed the vertical plane of the net extended.

PENALTY: Loss of rally/point is awarded to the opponent for an illegal hit, center line violation or back-row player fault.

9-6 NET PLAY

NET PLAY

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Where They Are The Same:

NCAAW & USAV

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NFHS

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Where They Are Different:

NCAAW & USAV

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NFHS

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Thanks!

Any questions?

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