

# Net Play





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Some net play actions do not involve blocking.

## Net Play (Not Involving Blocking)

- NFHS: Rule 9-6 Articles 1, 2, 5, 6, 7
- NCAAW: Rule 15.2
- USAV: Rule 11.3 & 11.4

## Net Play (Common On All Levels)

### Action of Playing The Ball

Contacting the net during the action of playing the ball is illegal.

**Outside The Antennae**  
Can touch the post, rope, net, or anything outside the antennae. It is not a fault unless it interferes with play or is used as means of support while playing the ball.

### The Ball

Recovering a ball hit into the net shall be permitted.

### Ball Driven Into Net

If the ball driven into the net contacts an opponent, it is not a net fault.

## Net Play (Common Only to USAV & NCAAW)

### Not Playing The Ball

Contacting the net or antenna while not in the action of playing the ball is not illegal.

### Outside The Antennae

Can touch the post, rope, net, or anything outside the antennae. It is not a fault unless it interferes with play or is used as means of support while playing the ball.



# BLOCKING

What Is Blocking?

## Blocking Is...

### 14.6 Blocking

#### 14.6.1 Definitions

Blocking is the action of a player(s) close to the net that deflects the ball coming from the opponent by reaching higher than the top of the net. A blocked ball is considered to have crossed the net. The blocking action ends when the blocking player makes a subsequent attempt to play the ball.

*Note: If a player near the net is reaching above the height of the net and the opponents legally cause the ball to contact her, the player is considered to be a blocker. A back-row player attempting to play a ball in the crossing space above the net is considered an illegal blocker if the ball is attacked or blocked by an opponent into the back-row player while the player is reaching above the height of the net (including simultaneous contact).*

# Blocking

- NFHS: Rule 9-5 Articles 1, 5, & 6; Rule 9-6 Articles 3, 4, & 5
- NCAAW: Rule 14.6
- USAV: Rule 14



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*Can Back Row Players Factor  
In Blocking?*

# Blocking (Back Row Players)

Back Row Players  
Cannot Participate In A  
Completed Block

B

Liberos  
Cannot Attempt To Block

L

Cannot Contact The Ball  
That Is Completely Above  
The Height Of The Net  
Which Is Attacked Or  
Blocked By An Opponent  
Back Row Players

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Cannot Participate In A  
Block  
Liberos

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*Front Row Players Can Block,  
Obviously. When Can They  
Legally Block?*

# Blocking (Front Row Players)

## THREE HITS

Attacking team has completed its three allowable hits

3

## NET

Ball is falling near net; Via judgment, no one on attacking team can make a play on the ball

Attacking team has opportunity to complete the attack or via judgment, directs ball to opponent's court

## OPPORTUNITIES

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N

Ball is in the plane of the net

## NET

# OVER & UNDER THE NET

Can Players Go Over or Under The Net?

# Front Row Players Can Go Over The Net If...

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*What About Under The Net?*

# CENTER LINE

We cover that in our presentation regarding the Center Line. We will include those rule references in this presentation.



## Over & Under The Net

- NFHS: Rule 9-5 Articles 7 & 8; Rule 9-6 Articles 3 & 4
- NCAAW: Rule 15.1.3, 15.2
- USAV: Rule 11.2, 11.3 & 11.4

# Thanks!

Any questions?

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