

# LIBERO TRACKING (LT) GUIDE

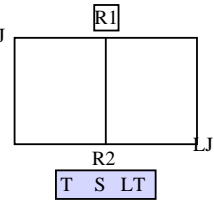
## BEFORE THE MATCH

### LIBERO BASICS:

- Libero (LEE-bah-ro) is a defensive specialist.
- Wears different color, clearly contrasting jersey for easy distinction from other players.
- Unlimited replacements (NOT substitutions).
- May not complete an attack on a ball that's totally above net height, block or attempt to block.
- May replace back-row players only.
- May serve in (only) one position in the rotation.

### ARRIVAL AT THE SITE:

- Libero Tracker is a required score table official either team will use a libero. If home team will use a libero, home team provides libero tracker. If not, visiting team must provide libero tracker or libero player can't be used.
- Be at court at least 20 minutes prior to start time. R2 reviews duties before match.



## RESPONSIBILITIES

### RECORD LINEUPS BEFORE SETS

- Each team's starting lineup is entered on the Libero Tracking Sheet (LTS) in serving order. The lineup must be submitted in serving order (shown below). This makes it easy to translate to the LTS.

I	1 <sup>st</sup> server
II	2 <sup>nd</sup> server
III	3 <sup>rd</sup>
IV	4 <sup>th</sup>
V	5 <sup>th</sup>
VI	6 <sup>th</sup>

- The libero must be designated on each set's lineup or the team can't use a libero for that set. If it is missing, inform R2 so she/he can ensure it wasn't forgotten accidentally.
- Enter the libero number on the LTS.
- Review lineup to ensure there are no duplicate numbers.

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I	5
II	2c
III	18
IV	7
V	12
VI	10

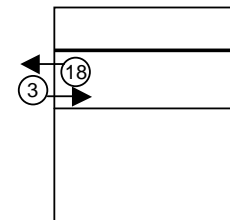
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GAME	Serving Order	SP	
1	I	5	
	II	2c	
	III	18	
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	VI	10	

EXAMPLE A

- This lineup is for the team serving first. Since 5 is listed first, 5 will be the first server. 5 is then entered on the LTS in Serving Order Position I.
- Serving order is then per the diagram. The rest of the serving order (2, 18, 7, 12, 10) is entered in spots II – VI on the LTS.
- Lineup shows 21 is the libero. This is entered on the LTS.

### RECORD ALL SUBSTITUTIONS

- Substitutions occur between the center line and the attack line and must be authorized by the R2. If multiple subs, R2 handles one sub at a time.
- All regular substitutions are recorded on the LTS by putting a slash through the number of the player coming off the court and then writing in the number of the player entering the set.
- The scorer and libero tracker should work together to ensure all substitutions are recorded.



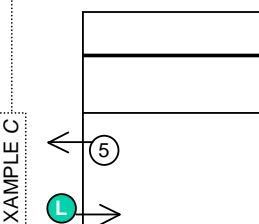
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GAME	Serving Order	SP	
1	I	5	
	II	2	
	III	<del>18</del> 3	
	IV	7	
	V	12	
	VI	10	

EXAMPLE B

- 3 reports to the substitution zone for 18; the R2 whistles.
- On the LTS, 18 is slashed out, and 3 is entered.

### RECORD ALL REPLACEMENTS

- Libero replacements occur between the attack line and the end line, but there is no formal exchange.
- Except at start of each set when R2 is checking lineups and after time-out, libero replacements aren't authorized by R2.
- Replacements occur during dead ball situations.
- Each team may have only one replacement per dead ball (exception: see libero serving).
- To record a replacement, put a slash through the player replaced (leaving the set), and then write in the player entering the set.
- The libero is always recorded on the LTS by an L and never by his uniform number.
- The scorer and libero tracker should work together to ensure all replacements are recorded.



TEAM	Central HS		L21
GAME	Serving Order	SP	
1	I	<del>5</del> L	
	II	2	
	III	<del>18</del> 3	
	IV	7	
	V	12	
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EXAMPLE C

- The libero runs onto the court between attack and end lines, and 5 leaves the court through the same area.
- On the LTS, 5 is slashed out, and L is entered.

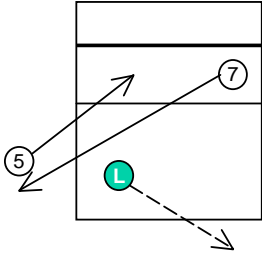
## TRACK LIBERO SERVING

- Liberos are allowed to serve from one position in the rotation (see Example **E**).
- This position is not designated before the set.
- When the libero serves for the first time in a set, the libero tracker places a triangle around the serving order position on the LTS.
- Once a libero has served in a set, the libero cannot serve from another serving order position.

### SPECIAL LIBERO SERVING REPLACEMENTS

- To facilitate libero serving, there is a special exception to the rule allowing one replacement per deal ball (see Example **D**).
- If the libero is on the court, the libero may directly move to the right back position to immediately serve. To make this happen, two non-libero players must replace each other:
  - ✓ The player the libero had replaced returns.
  - ✓ The player who would have served leaves.
- The replacement must occur during a dead ball between the attack and end lines.
- Two replacements are recorded on the LTS.

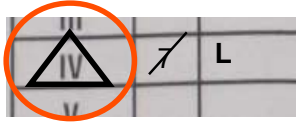
**EXAMPLE D**



TEAM	Central HS		21
GAME	Serving Order	SP	
1	I	5 / <del>L</del> / 5	
	II	2	
	III	18 / 3	
	IV	<del>7</del> / L	
	V	12	
	VI	10	

- The libero, who is already on the court, moves to RB to serve.
- Since the libero had replaced 5, 5 MUST return to the court.
- On the LTS, L is slashed out, and 5 is entered.
- 7, who would have served, must leave the court.
- On the LTS, 7 is slashed out, and L is entered.

**EXAMPLE E**

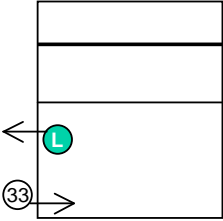
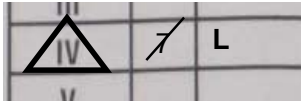


- The libero makes his first serve of the set.
- On the LTS, put a triangle around service position IV.
- The libero may only serve from position IV for the rest of this set.

## NOTIFY R2 OF REPLACEMENT DISCREPANCIES

- When the libero tracker notices a discrepancy with a libero replacement, the R2 should be notified. If the problem is discovered during play, wait until the next dead ball.
- The following discrepancies should be reported immediately if a team does not quickly self-correct:
  - ✓ Two libero replacements take place without an intervening rally (except for the special serving replacement).
  - ✓ The player replacing the libero is not the player the libero replaced.
  - ✓ A double replacement moves the libero from another position to RB to serve in the incorrect position in the rotation.
- If a libero comes off of the bench to replace the RB to serve in the wrong rotation, notify the R2 AFTER the serve is contacted (see Example **G**).

**EXAMPLE F**

- 33 enters the court replacing the libero.
- Since the libero last replaced 7, 7 MUST be the player to next replace the libero.
- The libero tracker notifies the R2.

**EXAMPLE G**

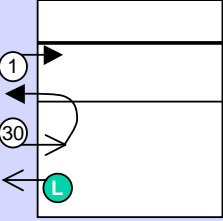
- The libero enters the court replacing 5 to serve.
- Since the libero has served this set in position IV in the rotation, he cannot serve in position I.
- The libero tracker notifies the R2 AFTER the serve is contacted.

TEAM	Central HS		21
GAME	Serving Order	SP	
1	I	5 / <del>L</del> / 5	
	II	2	
	III	18 / 3	
	IV	<del>L</del> / 7	
	V	12	
	VI	10	

## TIPS & TRICKY SITUATIONS

- Libero replacements can occur very quickly. Libero trackers must be aware of potential replacements on both sides of the net as soon as a rally ends.
- Scorers and libero trackers should work together to ensure all substitutions and replacements are correctly recorded in the appropriate places. Two sets of eyes are better than one! Partnering is essential.
- Libero replacements and substitutions are separate events. A team may have one or more substitutions as well as a single libero replacement during the same dead ball (see Example **H** to the right).
- When in doubt, notify the R2 at the first dead ball. It is easier to fix a potential problem right away than trying to correct things several points later.

**EXAMPLE H**



TEAM	Central HS		L21
GAME	Serving Order	SP	
1	I	<del>5</del> / <del>L</del> / <del>5</del> / 30 / 1	
	II	2	
	III	18 / 3	
	IV	<del>7</del> / 7	
	V	12	
	VI	10	

- The libero is on for 30 who had previously substituted for 5.
- 30 runs on to replace the libero, then immediately goes to the substitution zone (within the court) to await substitution.
- On the LTS, record the libero replacement: slash L & write 30.
- 1 comes off the bench, and the R2 whistles for a sub.
- On the LTS, record the substitution: slash 30 & write 1.