

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
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Dear NORCECA Referee Delegates,

During the first two weeks of the FIVB VNL competition, we ran a test of the double contact on the second contact. If a player uses finger action on a second contact to set the ball to a teammate and doubles the ball, this will no longer be a fault. The survey results from coaches, players, referees, referee coaches, and technical delegates overwhelmingly supported the test. I have attached the report for your review, given to us by Willy Paredes, President of the FIVB Rules of the Game & Refereeing Commission. As a result of the report, the test will continue through 2025.

**Interpretation:**

- **No Fault:** When passing the ball between teammates, using an overhand finger action, consecutive contacts with the ball in the hands are allowed, provided they occur during one action.
- **Fault:** When a player has contacted the ball twice in a successive manner.
  - **Definition: Successive contacts:** The ball slips through the players' hands and hits the head or visibly makes separate successive contacts; this is a double contact, resulting in a FAULT.
- **Fault:** All attack hits, directed to the opponents' court, made with a "double contact" are considered a FAULT.
- **Instructions to Referees:** Referees must still judge overhand finger action for double contact in cases where the contact results in a completed attack hit.

Due to the support to "KEEP THE BALL FLYING," NORCECA will implement this new test interpretation of the double contact through 2025, effective immediately.

We look forward to your feedback from future NORCECA events.



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