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### **Take two...**

Remember, a serve is contact with the ball to initiate play. A server that throws the ball up and lands in front of the end line, but allows the ball to fall untouched has not committed a foot fault. This would just be a re-serve.

### **Keep 'em Moving**

One of the most important aspects of an official's games is contest management. This is the ability to use good judgment in enforcing the rules properly, while maintaining the flow of the game utilizing a philosophy that fairly balances common sense and fair play. However, with progressive unnecessary delay penalties, don't be afraid to issue an administrative yellow card for team delay when a team releases onto the court late following stoppages for timeouts or between sets. It just may be the thing that keeps both teams adhering to a good pace of play.

### **Speaking of...**

It's not always the teams that create the delays in our matches. Sometimes scorekeepers struggling to keep up with recording substitutions can contribute to interruptions as well. If there is a single substitution, the second referee can save some time by releasing the substitution onto the court immediately and remembering the numbers of the players involved is clarification is needed.

### **Something to Consider**

On a ball that is directly above the net, Team R's attacker and Team S's blocker make simultaneous contact with a ball that is completely on Team R's side of the net. What's the ruling? Check back in the next Volleyball Bulletin for the answer.

### **Last Week's Consideration**

The second referee whistles and signals a request by Team R's head coach for a substitution. The substitute is on the bench removing a shirt and tying her shoes as the second referee and outgoing player stand ready to complete the competition. As it becomes apparent an unnecessary delay will be charged to Team R, the head coach attempts to withdraw the substitution.

Ruling: Team R will be charged an unnecessary delay when the coach attempts to withdraw the substitution request. (10-2-7a(2))