OVERVIEW

The aim of this section is to provide the FIVB Officials with a standardised method by which to deal with the situation of the "misconduct sanction fee scale" to be enforced at FIVB World and Official Competitions.

1. GENERAL

- Any action of equipment abuse or officials and on court personnel abuse by players which leads to a penalty or higher sanction by the referee (to be judged in accordance with the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball rules) implies a sanction fee as published at the FIVB Handbook and depending on the nature of the offence in accordance to the hereunder guidelines.
- The referee must at the end of the game clearly identify at the remarks section of the Scoresheet the nature (type) of the offence in accordance to the "misconduct sanction fee scale" description.
- In case the offence will occur in the competition area after the end of the match during the post match administration process the same procedure applies. Relevant player must be informed.
- Any other type of incidents (i.e.: outside of the competition area, after the post match administration process being completed, etc.) must be verbally reported to the FIVB Technical Supervisor who is responsible to follow up on these matters. In case required a written report must be presented in order to support an eventual inquiry.

2. EQUIPMENT ABUSE

- In this area we have differentiated between no damage and damage as this will dictate the time to rectify the situation. Should the offence occur during any matches played on Centre Court, this will be taken into consideration for establishing the consequences of the offence.

- **Abuse of balls:**
  - Nature of the offence (1): this covers actions such as deliberately kicking the ball outside of the playing area, or the ball aggressively hitting equipment or people in the playing area, or actions disrespectful in nature (i.e.: kicking a ball into the air which although did not go out of the playing area still was an aggressive disrespectful behavior).
  - Nature of the offence (2): the expression "deliberately" makes it clear that the action made by the player is intentional. Any accidental actions with the same result are not to be subject to the sanctions as hereunder described.

Action

1 recommended sanction by the referee to the abuse of the ball for the various scenarios above: red card (or remark on the scoresheet if after the end of the match).

2 money fine scale:
   a) US$ 100 for simple offence with no further consequences;
   b) US$ 250 for more serious cases implying match delay or equipment lost / replaced;
   c) US$ 500 for more serious cases implying match delay or equipment lost / replaced, during Centre Court matches.

- **Abuse of players area:**
  - Nature of the offence: this covers cases of serious abuse of equipment in the players' area (i.e.: chairs, ice chests, umbrellas, smashing water bottles, etc).

Action:

1 recommended sanction by the referee to the serious abuse of equipment in the player's area: red card (or remark on the scoresheet if after the end of the match).

2 money fine scale:
   a) US$ 100 for simple offence with no further consequences;
   b) US$ 250 for more serious cases implying match delay or equipment lost / replaced;
   c) US$ 500 for more serious cases implying match delay or equipment lost / replaced, during Centre Court matches.

- **Playing uniform abuse:**
  - Nature of the offence: this covers the intentional shirt (top) ripping, etc

Action

1 recommended sanction by the referee for playing uniform abuse: red card (or remark on the scoresheet if after the end of the match). If occurring during the match this would imply the mandatory replacement of the concerned piece of uniform.

2 money fine scale:
   a) US$ 100 if replaced with no match delay;
   b) US$ 250 for cases implying match delay due to replacement;
   c) US$ 500 for cases implying match delay due to replacement, during Centre Court matches.

- **Abuse of net system:**
  - Nature of the offence (1): this covers the intentional and/or aggressive hitting or pulling of the net, the poles, etc.
  - Nature of the offence (2): the expression "intentional and/or aggressive" make it clear that any case of net system hitting or puling that would originate from no disrespectful or intentional actions are not to be subject to the sanctions as hereunder described.

Action

1 recommended sanction by the referee to the intentional and aggressive abuse of the net system: red card (or remark on the scoresheet if after the end of the match).

2 money fine scale:
   a) US$ 100 for simple offence with no further consequences;
   b) US$ 500 for more serious cases implying match delay or equipment lost / replaced;
   c) US$ 2500 for more serious cases implying match delay or equipment lost / replaced, during Centre Court matches.

- **Abuse of lines:**
  - Nature of the offence (1): this covers actions such as the intentional pulling of the court lines or line anchors.
  - Nature of the offence (2): the expression "intentional" makes it clear that any accidental actions with the same result are not to be subject to the sanctions as hereunder described.

Action

1 recommended sanction by the referee to the intentional abuse of the lines system: red card (or remark on the scoresheet if after the end of the match).

2 money fine scale:
   a) US$ 100 for simple offence with no further consequences;
   b) US$ 500 for more serious cases implying match delay or equipment lost / replaced;
   c) US$ 2500 for more serious cases implying match delay or equipment lost / replaced, during Centre Court matches.

- **Abuse the referee stand:**
  - Nature of the offence: this would cover deliberate hitting of the referee stand, etc.

Action

1 recommended sanction by the referee to the abuse of the referee stand: red card (or remark on the scoresheet if after the end of the match).

2 money fine scale:
   a) US$ 100 for simple offence with no further consequences;
   b) US$ 500 for more serious cases implying match delay or equipment lost / replaced;
   c) US$ 2500 for more serious cases implying match delay or equipment lost / replaced, during Centre Court matches.

- **Advertising panels abuse:**
  - Nature of the offence: this would cover deliberate hitting of the advertising panels, etc.

Action

1 recommended sanction by the referee to the deliberate abuse of the advertising panels: red card by the referee (or remark on the scoresheet if after the end of the match).

2 money fine scale:
   a) US$ 100 for simple offence with no further consequences;
   b) US$ 500 for more serious cases implying match delay or equipment lost / replaced;
   c) US$ 2500 for more serious cases implying match delay or equipment lost / replaced, during Centre Court matches.

3. OFFICIAL'S AND ON COURT PERSONNEL ABUSE

- In this area we have differentiated between verbal and non-verbal actions in relation to the level of the offence, and also if these actions have been committed during any matches played on Centre Court as this will more significantly impact in a negative exposure of our sport.

- **Verbal abuse:**
  - Nature of the offence: this covers actions on the court such as loudly shouting at or offending any member of the refereeing corps, FIVB Officials and court personnel, etc.

Action

1 recommended sanction by the referee for verbal abuse: penalty or expulsion or disqualification (or remark on the scoresheet if after the end of the match) depending on the level of the offence and in accordance to the Official Beach Volleyball rules.

2 money fine scale:
a) in a regular match
   a. US$ 250 for penalty;
   b. US$ 500 for expulsion;
   c. US$ 2500 for disqualification.
b) in a Centre Court match
   a. US$ 500 for penalty;
   b. US$ 2500 for expulsion;
   c. US$ 5000 for disqualification.

- **Non-Verbal abuse:**
  - Nature of the offence: this covers actions on the court such as throwing objects (i.e.: glasses, water bottles, etc) at the referee stand, deliberately kicking sand at any of the officials, throwing objects (glasses, water bottles, ball, etc) at anyone, gestures of an offensive nature, etc.

Action

1 recommended sanction by the referee for non-verbal abuse: penalty, expulsion or disqualification (or remark on the scoresheet if after the end of the match) depending on the level of the offence and in accordance to the Official Beach Volleyball rules.

2 money fine scale:
a) in a regular match
   a. US$ 250 for penalty;
   b. US$ 500 for expulsion;
   c. US$ 2500 for disqualification.
b) in a Centre Court match
   a. US$ 500 for penalty;
   b. US$ 2500 for expulsion;
   c. US$ 5000 for disqualification.