

Dear Georgia Volleyball Coaches:

Revising and refining the state Volleyball Statistics Manual has been a difficult process. I appreciate your patience in being flexible. As several of you sent in "Record Performances" the flaws in the system became obvious. We have been trying to set realistic minimums before someone is eligible for a "record." (This is similar to baseball or softball; i.e., when a batter needs a minimum number of "at bats" before being eligible for a batting title.) I have tried to simplify the minimums by having only one standard for each category. Therefore:

1. The "Individual Single Match Attack %" requires a minimum of 6 attack attempts per match.
2. An athlete must have participated in 60% of the matches to be eligible in any category for "Season" records.
3. An athlete must have competed in 70 matches to be eligible for any Career records. (Note: The change here is these are separate minimums. A player does not need to participate in 60% of the matches to be eligible for Career records.)
4. "Team Attack %" for a single match requires at least 24 attack attempts.
5. "Team Attack %" for a season requires an average of at least 24 attack attempts per match.

Note: When attempting to determine "per game" statistics for past performances you probably do not have accurate records of the number of games an athlete played. That's ok! Therefore, just count up the number of games your team played that year and use that figure. The result will be you will report a lower per game performance than she had in reality. That will be fine. It's just that we do not want inflated statistics. However, for future performances we ask you keep an accurate record of the number of games each athlete played.

BIGGEST CHANGE: BLOCKING DEFINITION:

If a player blocks by herself then she is awarded a "block solo."

If more than one player goes up on a block then each player is assigned a "BLOCK ASSIST" EVEN IF YOU CAN TELL WHO TOUCHED THE BALL. A player is then awarded a half of a block for the assist. One half "Block Assists" plus "Block Solos" equals "Total Blocks."

Enclosed is a statistic manual. It contains:

1. **GVCA STATISTICAL RECORDS FOR VOLLEYBALL:** This is for your local use. It best describes how to interpret the statistics for your own players, your school and the press when calling them, after a match.
2. **GVCA OFFICIAL STATISTICS MANUAL:** This gives you an accurate definition for each skill and how to use the "Raw Data Sheet."
3. **RAW DATA SHEET:** Use this form to collect data during the match or buy a palm pilot!
4. **STATE RECORD PERFORMANCES:** A list of all the categories being accepted
5. **APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL RECORD PERFORMANCES:** Send in one for each record for which you are applying.
6. **APPLICATION FOR TEAM RECORD PERFORMANCES:** Send in one for each record for which you are applying.

We will give you until August 1, 2002 to submit performances from previous years. Do not be concerned about the absolute accuracy of your statistics. Just so long as there was a "good faith" effort. Now, get to work and thanks again for all your hard work!

Sincerely,

Sidney Feldman