

USAV Volleyball Training Practice Test (Sample)

Study Guide



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

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- 1. If the coach designates no Liberos in set one, she can designate #6 as the Libero for set two.**
 - A. True**
 - B. False**
 - C. Only if the coach agrees with the referee**
 - D. Only in the deciding set**

- 2. In a deciding set, which of the following is not recorded on the far right side before the teams switch courts?**
 - A. Exit scores for the team on the left.**
 - B. Points at change.**
 - C. The team's last exit score with no check mark.**
 - D. The court switch indicator.**

- 3. Is the server allowed to serve the ball directly out of a hand?**
 - A. True**
 - B. False**
 - C. Only in certain leagues**
 - D. It depends on the line judge**

- 4. Whistle quality should be maintained so that it is clear enough to be differentiated from whistles on other courts.**
 - A. True**
 - B. False**
 - C. Not necessary**
 - D. Only for home court**

- 5. Which piece of information should the scorer record on the far right side of the score sheet?**
 - A. Slashes in the Points column for all points scored by the team on the left**
 - B. The team's last Exit Score with no check**
 - C. Exit scores for all servers so far in the match**
 - D. A check in the Service Rounds box number of the current server**

- 6. Before the court switch in a deciding set, exit scores for the team starting on the left should be entered on which sides of the score sheet?**
- A. Both the far left and far right**
 - B. Only the far left**
 - C. Only the far right**
 - D. Not recorded**
- 7. Which statement about Libero designation is true?**
- A. A team can designate only one Libero for the match**
 - B. A team can designate zero or one Libero for each set, or two Liberos for the match**
 - C. A team can designate zero, one, or two Liberos for each set**
 - D. A team can designate zero, one, or two Liberos for each match**
- 8. Teams are allowed to select 0, 1, or 2 Liberos when submitting their line-up for the first set.**
- A. True**
 - B. False**
 - C. Only 1 is allowed**
 - D. Only 0 or 2 are allowed**
- 9. Once play is underway, which team member is allowed to question the first referee about a fault?**
- A. Captain**
 - B. Setter**
 - C. Any Player**
 - D. Libero**
- 10. What is the first thing the first referee should do after getting off the stand at the conclusion of the match?**
- A. Thank the work team**
 - B. Shake hands with the captains**
 - C. Review the score**
 - D. Leave the court immediately**

Answers

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1. A
2. A
3. B
4. A
5. B
6. A
7. B
8. A
9. A
10. A

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Explanations

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1. If the coach designates no Liberos in set one, she can designate #6 as the Libero for set two.

A. True

B. False

C. Only if the coach agrees with the referee

D. Only in the deciding set

Libero designations are made for each set, not locked in for the entire match. The libero is a defensive specialist who can replace back-row players, and the coach can decide who will wear that role at the start of each set. Because the second set is starting anew, the coach can designate a libero then, even if no libero was designated in the first set. Identifying #6 as the libero for set two is therefore allowed. It isn't about needing referee agreement or about being limited to the deciding set; the choice resets with the start of the new set.

2. In a deciding set, which of the following is not recorded on the far right side before the teams switch courts?

A. Exit scores for the team on the left.

B. Points at change.

C. The team's last exit score with no check mark.

D. The court switch indicator.

In a deciding set score sheet, the far-right area is dedicated to changeover details: the points at change, the court switch indicator, and the team's last exit score with no check mark. The exit scores for the team on the left belong on the left-side portion of the sheet, not the far right, because they are part of that team's scoring area rather than the changeover-specific section. Keeping these changeover items isolated on the right helps scorers verify serve order and side switches quickly. Therefore, the exit scores for the team on the left are not recorded on the far-right side.

3. Is the server allowed to serve the ball directly out of a hand?

A. True

B. False

C. Only in certain leagues

D. It depends on the line judge

A legal serve happens after the ball is released from the server's hand. If the ball is struck while it's still in contact with the hand (i.e., held or "directly out of the hand"), it's considered a fault for a thrown or held ball. Therefore, you must release or toss the ball before making contact in order to have a legal serve. That's why the statement is false. In practice, players typically toss the ball into the air and then strike it, or release it so it can be struck as it leaves the hand.

4. Whistle quality should be maintained so that it is clear enough to be differentiated from whistles on other courts.

A. True

B. False

C. Not necessary

D. Only for home court

Sound quality of the whistle matters because it ensures signals are heard clearly, even when multiple matches are happening nearby. A distinct, consistent tone and appropriate volume help players and coaches identify which official is signaling and prevent confusion with whistles from adjacent courts. Regular maintenance—keeping the whistle clean, avoiding cracks, and replacing worn parts—preserves the tone and pitch necessary for quick, unambiguous communication. In noisy gym environments, a clearly audible whistle reduces delays and disputes and keeps the game moving smoothly. So, maintaining whistle quality so it can be differentiated from whistles on other courts is essential.

5. Which piece of information should the scorer record on the far right side of the score sheet?

A. Slashes in the Points column for all points scored by the team on the left

B. The team's last Exit Score with no check

C. Exit scores for all servers so far in the match

D. A check in the Service Rounds box number of the current server

The key idea is that the far right side of a volleyball score sheet is used to capture the Exit Score—the score of the team at the moment a player exits the court. Recording the team's last Exit Score (without a check) gives a clear reference point for substitutions and rotation, so officials and scorers can verify that scoring and substitutions line up correctly as play continues. It helps keep the progression of points consistent across substitutions and server changes. Slashes in the Points column, recording exit scores for every server, or marking the current server's service rounds are not the information this far-right field is designed to hold. The Exit Score reference is the standard, concise way to track how the score stood when a player left, which is essential for accurate scorekeeping and rotation tracking.

6. Before the court switch in a deciding set, exit scores for the team starting on the left should be entered on which sides of the score sheet?

A. Both the far left and far right

B. Only the far left

C. Only the far right

D. Not recorded

In this situation, the idea is to keep the substitution log accurate across the side switch. Before the court switch in a deciding set, the exit scores for the team starting on the left are entered on both the far left and far right of the score sheet. This redundancy ensures that whichever end is reading the sheet after the switch, the exiting player information remains visible and consistent. It prevents any mismatch or missing data when scorers change ends or when the sheet is viewed from the opposite side. Recording on both outer margins means the information travels with the team regardless of which side they're on, rather than being available to only one side or being lost entirely.

7. Which statement about Libero designation is true?

A. A team can designate only one Libero for the match

B. A team can designate zero or one Libero for each set, or two Liberos for the match

C. A team can designate zero, one, or two Liberos for each set

D. A team can designate zero, one, or two Liberos for each match

Libero designation is about how many Liberos a team is allowed to use in a match and how they can be used across sets. The Libero is a defensive specialist who is restricted to back-row play and can substitute for other back-row players without counting against the team's usual substitutions. The best statement reflects the official usage: you can either have zero or one Libero active in a given set, or you can designate two Liberos for the entire match to use across the sets. This captures the flexibility of choosing no libero in a set, using a single libero across sets, or having two Liberos designated for the match and rotating them as needed. The other options don't fit because they imply limits or allowances that aren't part of the standard rule: designating only one Libero for the entire match, or allowing two Liberos to be used in every set, or suggesting two Liberos can be active for each set.

8. Teams are allowed to select 0, 1, or 2 Liberos when submitting their line-up for the first set.

A. True

B. False

C. Only 1 is allowed

D. Only 0 or 2 are allowed

The key idea is that the libero is a special defensive player and the lineup rules allow Teams to designate libero roles in flexible ways. A team may have up to two players on its roster designated as liberos, and you submit the lineup for the first set with the libero(s) you intend to use. Because of that, you can enter zero liberos (no one designated as libero), one libero (a single starting libero), or two liberos (designating a backup as well). Remember that only one libero can be on the court at a time, and you switch liberos through the substitution rules. So the statement is true because the rules permit zero, one, or two liberos to be listed for the first-set lineup.

9. Once play is underway, which team member is allowed to question the first referee about a fault?

A. Captain

B. Setter

C. Any Player

D. Libero

The person who should address rulings on the court is the captain. In volleyball, the captain acts as the team's official on-court representative for questions about calls or faults, so they're the one who can ask the first referee for a ruling or clarification during play. This keeps communication with the officials orderly and prevents multiple players from interrupting the rally. The setter and the libero aren't designated to question or appeal calls to the referee mid-rally, and while they can be involved in play, they don't have that formal on-court authority. So, the captain is the correct choice to question a fault.

10. What is the first thing the first referee should do after getting off the stand at the conclusion of the match?

A. Thank the work team

B. Shake hands with the captains

C. Review the score

D. Leave the court immediately

After the match, the first thing to do is thank the work team. Acknowledging the entire officiating crew—the table staff, scorekeeper, and line judges—recognizes that running a match is a team effort and helps close the event on a respectful, professional note. This initial courtesy sets the tone for good sportsmanship and shows appreciation for everyone who supported the match behind the scenes. Shaking hands with the captains is a nice sign of sportsmanship, but it typically follows the acknowledgment to the crew. Reviewing the score or leaving the court immediately aren't the first actions because the crew's coordination and verification work should be acknowledged before any other closing steps.

Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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