

## **Sun Country Region Volleyball Association (SURVA)**

### **2011 Rule Modification – Incomplete Team(s)**

A team is considered incomplete when a minimum of 6 eligible players are not available to play due to injury or other reasons beyond a team's control. In SURVA sanctioned tournaments, an incomplete team of at least 5 eligible players will be allowed to play using the following guidelines.

An incomplete team will not be allowed to play or continue to play in tournaments where a region's bid to a national tournament will be awarded. No exceptions will be allowed in tournaments where a national bid is awarded.

An incomplete team of at least 5 eligible players will be allowed to play or continue play using a "ghost" position on the court. The "ghost" player will occupy its proper position as determined by serving order. A ghost player rotating to the serving position will result in an automatic side-out for the opposing team, as a ghost player cannot serve.

The "ghost" player will be identified on the score sheet with a capital "G" enclosed in a circle. If an eligible player becomes available, the ghost player must be replaced by substitution. The team will continue to play the set/match in an incomplete status.

An incomplete team will be allowed to play, but will not be allowed to win the set/match. A team that plays in an "incomplete" status will default the entire match, even if a minimum of 6 eligible players finish the set/match. If an incomplete team scores the winning point of the set, the opposing team will be awarded enough points to record a winning score. For example, if an incomplete team scores 25 points, the opposing team is awarded enough points to record a 27 point winning score.

Commentary: This rule modification is intended to allow our teams to play, when conditions out of their control arise. Our teams often have to travel several hours to our tournaments, only to find out that illness or transportation problems prevented other team members from making the trip. This modification allows teams to at least play, rather than just lose by forfeit. This modification also helps our tournaments, as it minimizes changes to the playing schedule and allows the other teams to play too.