

Sun Country Region Volleyball Association (SURVA)

REF: Region Modification of USAV rule DCR 18.2 in regards to Change of Court Responsibilities

USAV 18.2 CHANGE OF COURTS

USAV 18.2.1: The default protocol is for each team to remain on their respective side of the court throughout the match, including the deciding set.

EXCEPTIONS:

18.2.1.1 The event organizer determines there is a clear disadvantage on only one side of the court.

18.2.1.1.1 In the case of a clear disadvantage, the decision to change courts will remain in effect for the duration of the match but may change for a subsequent match.

18.2.1.2 The event organizer may determine that a change of courts will take place between sets and during a deciding set for all matches.

USAV 18.2.2: If the teams will change courts during the deciding set-in accordance with USAV 18.2.1.1 or USAV 18.2.1.2, the change of courts takes place when the leading team reaches 8 points.

SUN COUNTRY MODIFICATION

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18.2.1.1.1 In the case of a clear disadvantage, the decision to change courts will remain in effect for the duration of the **tournament to ensure fairness to all teams competing on that court.**

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***In all exceptions, the National rated official, Official's Chair or Head Official are encouraged to solicit input from the Tournament Director, Site Director and/or officials & coaches.**

Rationale: Things that may dictate changing courts are overhead obstructions, lighting and lack of legal playing and serving area. Officials are more trained in the recognition of court regulations and requirements and can better determine if a court is "unfair" to one side. Officials have an established line of communication within the cadre & across the Region. Once a court is placed in "change of court" status for a tournament, the designating official can submit the court to Officials leadership for inspection and future court status. Officials' leadership will assign local National rated officials for inspection and input.