

With the rule change making it legal for a blocker to make simultaneous contact with the attack-hit in the attacker's space, there have been changes to a few interpretations regarding simultaneous contact. These changes will have a positive impact on the match, as there will be fewer whistles, allowing for longer rallies and more spectacular plays! The following interpretations have changed.

SIMULTANEOUS CONTACT SCENARIOS – NOW NO FAULT

- A ball is completely higher than the top of the net and set by a back-row setter, who is in the front zone, but the ball remains on the setter's side (not in the plane of net) and is simultaneously contacted by players from both sides.
 - This is **NO FAULT**. The setter is not called for an illegal attack since their teammate contacted the ball simultaneously with the blocker. Play continues.
- A ball is completely higher than the top of the net and set by a back-row setter, who is in the front zone, and the ball is simultaneously contacted by players from both sides in the plane of the net.
 - This is **NO FAULT**. This situation follows the same interpretation as a situation where the ball is simultaneously contacted on the attacking team's side. If the ball enters the plane and is simultaneously contacted by the attacker and the blocker, the attack-hit has been made and negates an illegal attack on the setter. Play continues.
- A ball is contacted three times by a team and then enters the plane of the net, and the ball is simultaneously contacted by players from both sides.
 - This is **NO FAULT**. Previously this was considered 4 hits since the team that had contacted the ball three times also contacted the ball in the plane (considered the 4th contact by that team). With the new simultaneous contact interpretations, if a blocker contacts the ball at the same time as the attacking team, the opponent's contact of the ball negates the 4 hits fault. Play continues.
- A ball contacts the ceiling after a team's first or second contact and enters the plane of the net, and the ball is simultaneously contacted by players from both sides.
 - This is **NO FAULT**. Previously the ball was considered "out" when the blocker contacted the ball. With the new simultaneous contact interpretations, the attacking team's contact of the ball negates the fault of the ball being "out" from the ceiling. Play continues.