

CATHOLIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CAA)
2024 VOLLEYBALL RULES' *CLARIFICATION* PAGE
OCTOBER 7 - WEEK IV

COACHES/ASSISTANT COACHES, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, and REFEREES
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WEEK IV TOPIC

1. RULE IV. b ***SERVING: 5th/6th GRADE PLAYERS**

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- b. **5th/6th grade players** are allowed to serve from designated lines/areas **when serving underhand**. Designated lines/areas must be predetermined by Referee & teams' coaches before match play commences.

CLARIFICATION All 5th and 6th grade players may serve from anywhere inside the court providing they stay in between the court's left and right sidelines. **There is no predetermined line/area on the court, e.g., the Free-Throw line, from where a player must serve the ball.** The area/line from where a server may serve the ball is **not guided by 'house rules'**; the **CAA Rule**, longstanding now for more than 40 years, is the coaches inform the referee of team's and/or certain player's needs. Together with the coaches, the referee confirms the serving parameters for the match before play begins. The referee is the final authority on all serving parameter matters.

Again, **there is no dedicated spot on the court at which 5th/6th grade players must serve the ball underhand.** Players with limited ability are permitted to underhand serve the ball from anywhere on the court, including up to and in front of the three meter/ten-foot/back-row attack line. The referee monitors servers' abilities and the serve's effectiveness. If the referee determines that a server has an unfair advantage over their opponent due to net proximity when serving, the referee will adjust where player stands. For subsequent serves, the referee will have the server move back toward serving line incrementally.

Overhand servers, regardless of grade level, may **neither move-up, nor foot-fault when serving. Zero exceptions.**