

The YJOVD had some concern with the rule change requiring assistant coaches to remain seated on the bench during a match. Consequently review of Rule 5.3.1 was requested, and the USAV Executive Committee decided to make a modification to the verbiage, which originally stated *“While remaining on the bench, the assistant coach(es) may give instructions to the players on the court.”*

As per the Executive Committee decision of October 8, the USA Volleyball Rules Interpreter, Steve Thorpe, has released the following rule wording change to be effective immediately:

New USAV 5.3.1

*“One assistant coach may leave the bench to give instructions to the players on the court. This assistant coach may give these instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team bench from the extension of the attack line up to the warm-up area, no closer than 1 meter from the court, without disturbing or delaying the match. Other assistant coaches may give instructions to players on the court while remaining seated on the team bench.”*