



12-AND-UNDER STEP-IN RULE

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The Badger Region is going to allow tournament directors to decide if they want to use a rule modification at the 12-under-age level for the 2019-20 season.

For 12-and-under age groups (but not the 12 Open Division), servers can start in front of the endline and serve from approximately six feet in front of the endline. The step-in serve can be used for both overhand and underhand serving.



The server must “declare” which area he or she is serving from before they serve by setting up in front of behind the standard serving line. Once declared, they should stay in the serving area through contact of the serve. Serving line violations should/will be called if he or she steps on or in front of the serving line they are using.

If a player declares to use the short serving zone but then decides to move back past the endline to use the the regular 30-foot serving zone, that is legal, but he or she must now (since they have re-declared to the full serving zone), they must complete the serve from behind the end line.

Court markings to indicate the step-in serve line are suggested but are not required due to some facilities not allowing tape on the floor.

There will be a maximum of two step-in serve points per term of service. After two step-in points have been scored in a term of service, all subsequent serves for that term of serves must be from behind the endline.

When the team has scored its 20th point in a non-deciding sett, no more step-in serves will be allowed for the remainder of that set. For deciding sets, no step-in serves will be allowed after a team has scored its 12th point.

This is a Badger Region only rule modification and is not in effect for USAV Qualifier or the USAV National Tournament.

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