**Volleyball PBP**
- Volleyball is intense and fast paced, even more so than basketball or hockey
- Principle of volleyball play calling is to call who serves the ball, who receives it and how the play continues or ends
  - It is not necessary to always call a dig, set, reception or attack
  - You may miss something and fall behind if you try to call every play
- Important to focus on how the ball was played
  - Have many different descriptions for various actions

**Soccer PBP**
- Don’t over announce
  - Soccer matches are long with some time to fill when there’s nothing exciting going on
  - You don’t have to describe every little thing or be talking all the time. Let the game breathe
    - Unfilled spaces are just as important as those that are filled
  - Relax and take it calm and slow
- Know your terms
  - Offside not offsides
  - Know the difference between a goal kick, free kick, corner kick and penalty kick
  - Instead of “out of bounds” use “into touch” or “out of play”
- Ball position controls the broadcast
  - When the ball is in the attacking third you need to be more descriptive and focus on the play by play more than when the ball is in the neutral third. Use player names
  - In the neutral third it is fine to just ID the player or team with the ball. This is when you can bring up storylines, talk about players and show off your research
- Be prepared!!

**Football PBP Constants** (In order, each play)
- Time & score
- Position of the ball on the field
- Down and distance
- Offensive set
- Defensive set
- Motion of ball
- Offensive player with the ball
- End of play (how is the player stopped? What yard line?)
- Defensive player with tackle
- Yardage gained or lost
Court Descriptions

Attack zone/line
Front line, 3 meter line, front zone, 10 feet

Defense zone/service line
Back line, back set, back zone, end-line, 9 meters, 30 feet

Sideline
Outside, down the line, on the line, near/far side, perimeter

Net
Hits the tape, goes off the white, gets help from the equipment, into the mesh

Directional Descriptions
Middle, center, outside/inside, left/right, near/far, ahead/behind, up/back

Offensive Game Actions

Serve
Sends it over, takes the swing, bombs, unloads, sends it across, starts it off, delivers, clears the net, from 9 meters/30 feet

Set/Pass
played along, back over to, sets it up, sends it to, plays it up for, across to, tipped it over, back to, sets it up, tosses, sets up the offense, finds help, chips it, switches it over, flips it, distributes

Free ball/Overpass
Exchange, floater, dump, return, put over, putting it in play, in transition, lobs, sends it back, pushes it over, keeps it alive over the net, puts it across

Attack/Swing
Took the angle, overhand, smack down, takes a swing, fires, big swing, takes a shot, lights it up, gets on top of the ball, gets a swing, gets a crack at it, takes a leaping swing, going for the swing, unloads, takes a heavy swing, wires, directs, drills, rips

Kill
Goes straight down, put the ball away, finds the opening, splits the block, pushes it through the block, finds the back/side line, crushes, gets a huge swing, wins the rally, puts it down, goes deep, catches the back corner, sliced down the line, finishes, knocks it down, taken care of, sent down
**Attack error/Ball hit out of bounds (wide, long, outside)**
Goes wide, hit long, outside attack, turns it wide, turned outside the line, takes a wide swing, hits it out, missed wide, too far, off the mark, too much on it, pulls it wide/too deep, off target, out of play, misses, Unforced error, mistake, misconnect

**Defensive Game Actions**

**Dig**
Kept alive, able to get down, able to recover, gets it up, handled by, fought off, saves it, keeps it up, brings it back, sends it up, gets underneath, gets a hand on it

**Block**
Knocks it down, shot down, sends it into the front line, rejected, shut it down, smothers that one, gets the block involved, seals the net, read by, gets a hand on it
Field Descriptions

Midfield Line
Center line, middle line, half line, midway line, mid-line, circle

Touch Line
Sideline, plays it down the flank, wide, down the side, near/far, left/right wing, width, outside, perimeter

Penalty Area
Penalty box, box, penalty zone, 18 yards, 54 feet

Goal
Net, cage, frame

Goal box
Six box, 6 yards, 18 feet, crease, backdoor

Goal line
End line

Directional Descriptions
Middle, center, outside/inside, left/right, near/far, ahead/behind, up/back

Offensive Game Actions

Running With Ball
Streaking, leading the attack, gets free, driving, rushing, hustling, moving forward, playing it up the field, sprinting, charging, dashing, moving into opponent’s territory, flying, gaining ground, fast break

Dribbling Ball
Controls, eludes pressure, trying to create space, trying to get an advantage, handling the ball, making a move, looking for a better angle, turns, changes direction, jukes, maneuvering, manipulating the defense, managing the ball, creating space, gets around a defender

Pass
Keeps it coming for, plays it out wide, plays it ahead, springs, finds help, back to, flicks it to, hooks up with, fed to, distributed by, pushes it for, switches it over, chips it, leading, pushing it, gives it to, plays it for, advances, directs it, pass, delivers to, distributes, spreads it around, flips it, taps it, finds help, finds an option, switches it over
Long Pass
Plays it long, sends it, puts it up, puts it into the sky, long ball, getting it forward, lobs, high ball, flings, boots it, down the field

Cross
Puts it across, across to, setting up a chance, across the box, sends it near the goal, into the crease, from the corner

Through Ball
Plays it through, sends it through the defense, ahead, creating space, sending it past, leading, beyond the defenders

Shot
Fires, strikes, rips it, drills, on target, directs it on goal, delivers, strikes, wires, sends it, launches, takes the attempt, from long distance

Driving to the net
Cutting, slicing, making his/her way, bringing it in close, looking, takes the angle, brings it in, making a move, in a good spot, getting separation, gets in close

Ball out of Play
Touched too far, hit too hard, gets away from, played out of touch, gives it away, sends it out, cant keep it in, off target, wide

Gathering a loose ball
Able to trace, tracks it down, gained possession, cleans it up, comes up with it, gets onto it, back on it, collects, gathers, brings it in

Free kick/throw
Serves it in, sends it, sets it up, draws the foul, gets the whistle, on the throw in, is awarded a free play, takes the free chance, place kick

Defensive Game Actions

Tackle/Turnover (use team names as well)
Steals it, intercepts, takes over, takes it away, shut down, breaks it up, disrupts, picked off, interrupted, broken up, stomps it out, stripped of the ball, cut off, regains possession, wrestles it away

Defending Man on Man
Keeping the pressure on, giving chase, marked by, tangling with, well defended, challenge, covers, marks, pressured by

Clear
Sweeps it away, knocks it away, relieves the pressure, played up-field, sent away, gets it out

Save/Block
Punches it away, takes a swat at it, denied, gets a hand on it, turns it away, dealt with, handled by, keeps it out, Got in front of, got a piece of, knocks it back
Directional Descriptions
Middle, center, outside/inside, left/right, near/far, ahead/behind, up/back

Offensive Game Actions

Pass
Throws, hauls, chucks, sends it, delivers, directs, fires, flings, heaves, slings, tosses, lets it fly, lets it go

Short Pass
Quick, underneath, shallow, near, easy, flips

Long Pass
Down the field, deep, far, lobs, launches, puts it up

Incompletion
Misses, goes long, couldn’t keep control, loses it, can’t bring it in, off target, no good, drops, can’t keep possession, overthrow, underthrow, too far in front/behind, drops, slips through his hands, gets away from him, hits the ground

Rush
Turns up-field, runs with the ball, streaking, pushing forward, marching, sprinting, moving, dashes, races, surges, charges, barrels, lumbering, darts, bursts, heads to the r/l side, angles to the r/l

Evading Tacklers
Makes a move, gets around a defender, jukes, bursts through, gets away, finds an opening, cuts, finding space, dodges, makes a man miss, eludes pressure, creating space, fighting off defenders, maneuvering, escapes

Catch
Hauls it in, secures, grabs, latches on, snags, with the reception, gets his hands on it, snatches, pulls it out of the air, brings it in

Defensive Game Actions

Tackle
Stopped, brought down, denies, ends the play, prevents, wrapped up, hits, knocked down, shut down, cut off, well-defended, gets his hands on, wrestles him down, taken down, overpowered
Deflection
Gets a hand on it, knocked away, swats, punches it away, turns it down, keeps it away, got a piece of, prevents

Blitzing/Rushing Passer
Brings pressure, attacking, shedding blocks, collapsing the pocket, gets in close, gets behind the line, into the backfield, disrupting, bringing the heat
**Field Descriptions**

**Perimeter**
Point, flat, wing, outside, wide, down the side, near/far

**Hole Set**
Slot, middle, center, in deep, in the hole

**Directional Descriptions**
Middle, center, outside/inside, left/right, near/far, ahead/behind, up/back

**Offensive Game Actions**

**Counter Attack**
Fast break, breaks the other way, counters, in transition, has a break

**Pass**
Dry pass, wet pass, weak side (backdoor) pass, sends it to, over to, gives it to, plays it for, across, ahead, advances, finds an option, finds help, feed to, pushes it for, chips it, leading, switches it over, flicks it to, plays it out wide, distributed, leading, flips it

**Set Pass**
Gets it into, feeds the middle, into the slot, centers, plays it in the hole, into a scoring position, in close

**Driving**
Takes the angle, cuts, brings it in, making a move, slicing, moving in, finding a shooting position, in a good spot, moving to a better position, getting separation, brings it close

**Pump**
Fakes, shakes, looking

**Shot**
Bounce, lob, fires, launches, drills, delivers, takes the attempt, skips, sends it on goal, long distance attempt, on target, rips, directs

**Goal**
Scores, puts it away, finds the back of the net, delivers, finishes

**Minor Foul**
Gets the whistle, draws the foul, gets a free throw, on the throw in, is awarded a free play, takes the free chance
**Major Foul**
Receives an exclusion, gets ejected, takes a 20 second penalty, swims out, (team) now a player down, out of the water

**Defensive Game Actions**

**Defending**
Covers, marks, pressured by, keeping the pressure on, tangling with, well defended, challenged

**Steal/Interception**
Takes it away, forces the turnover, regains possession, wrestles it away, intercepts, takes over, shut down, breaks it up, disrupts, picked off, cut off, strips, interrupts

**Block/Save**
Knocks it back, turns it away, gets a piece, gets his hands up, dealt with, handled by, keeps it out, denied, punches it away, takes a swat, gets a piece of, got in front of