

[the Addressee]¹ Sent by email: [the Addressee's email]
Delivered: : [the Addressee's country]
Volleyball Federation, Team Delegation

[place][date]

Re: Formal Reprimand- Actions after the [event] semifinal match on [date]

Dear : [the Addressee],

This is an important communication to you regarding your actions taking place immediately after the match between [the Addressee's country] and [opponent country] ("**Match**") during the semifinals of the [event] taking place on [date].

Whereas, you were witnessed kicking a ball with force into the stands of [sports arena] in an area in which members of the international media, [international and national sports committees], the [event] Organising Committee and International Volleyball Federation were present shortly after the match. Video evidence and witness statements confirm these actions;

Whereas, your behavior as evidence falls within the purview of Articles 2.2 and 8.1 of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations 2020 ("FIVB DR") as it constitutes an action that is not respectful and courteous in the spirit fair play and sportsmanship defined in Article 20.2.1 of the Official Volleyball Rules of the Game. While the FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee recognises that the Match and the loss thereof resulted in intense emotions, you did not consider the potential consequences of actions when you kicked the ball into the stands. The FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee would like to emphasize that, while athletes participating in elite sports may experience intense emotions, especially in the semifinals of the [event], said athletes must conduct themselves in a manner demonstrating sportsmanship and befitting the [event] values. Given the nature of the offence, the FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee finds that this constitutes a simple offence and applies Article 3.1 of the FIVB DR;

Whereas, in accordance with Articles 13.5.2 of the FIVB Event Regulations and 14.6 of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations, the FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee is competent to impose sanctions during an FIVB competition, such as [event];

Whereas, the fact that you are scheduled to play in a match [one day after this decision] and the decision below is designed to impact any future behaviour means that immediate action is required;

Now, the FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee herewith takes the following:

DECISION

1. [The Addressee] is hereby issued a formal reprimand to be mindful of his actions before, during and after matches.
2. In the event that [the Addressee] fails to act in a manner consistent with this reprimand, the FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee and/or FIVB Disciplinary Panel may take this warning/reprimand into account when examining future cases involving [the Addressee].

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Tomohiro Tohyama
FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee

¹ In the interest of the protection of privacy, this is a redacted version of the decision. Any reductions are marked with bold brackets.