



Proper Alignment

Overlapping



Proper Alignment

- All players, except the server, are in proper position within the team's playing area at the instant the ball is contacted for serve
- Determined by position on the floor of the player's foot relative to the feet of the adjacent player(s)



At the instant of the serve:

Each **right-side** player shall have at least part of one foot closer to the right sideline than both feet of the **center** player in the corresponding row (except the server and the center back of the serving team)



At the instant of the serve

Each **left-side** player shall have at least part of one foot closer to the left sideline than both feet of the **center** player in the corresponding row

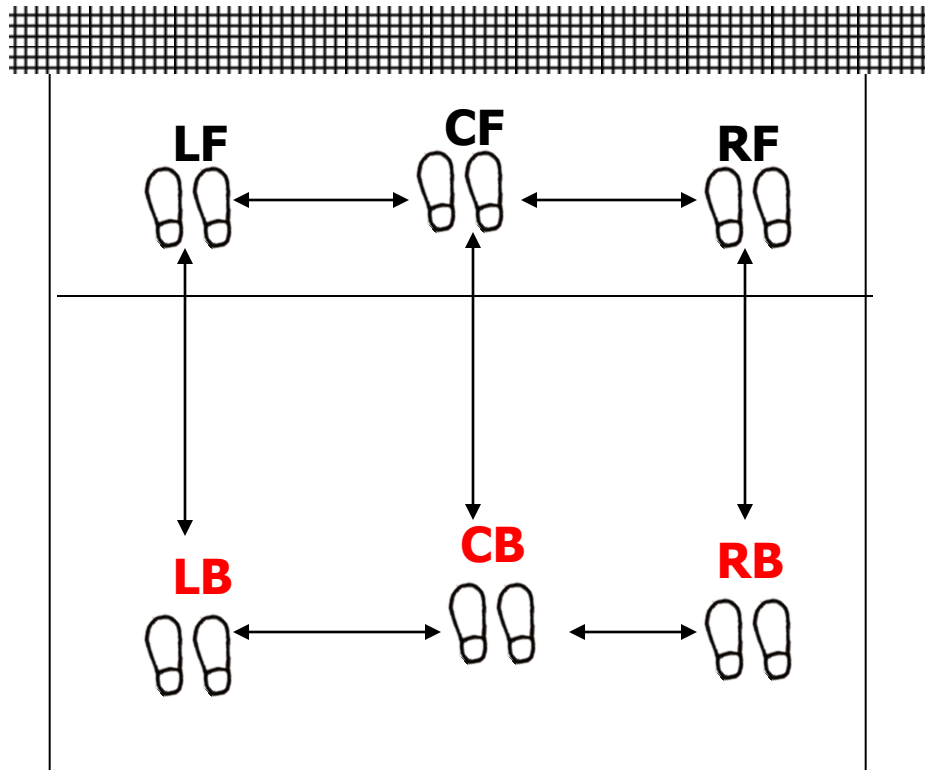


At the instant of the serve:

Each **front-row** player shall have at least part of one foot closer to the center line than both feet of the corresponding **back-row** player

Points to Remember

Overlapping occurs only between adjacent players; **side-to-side** and **back-to-front**



Points to Remember

- **Players may have any part of the body on the boundary line, but not on the floor outside those lines**



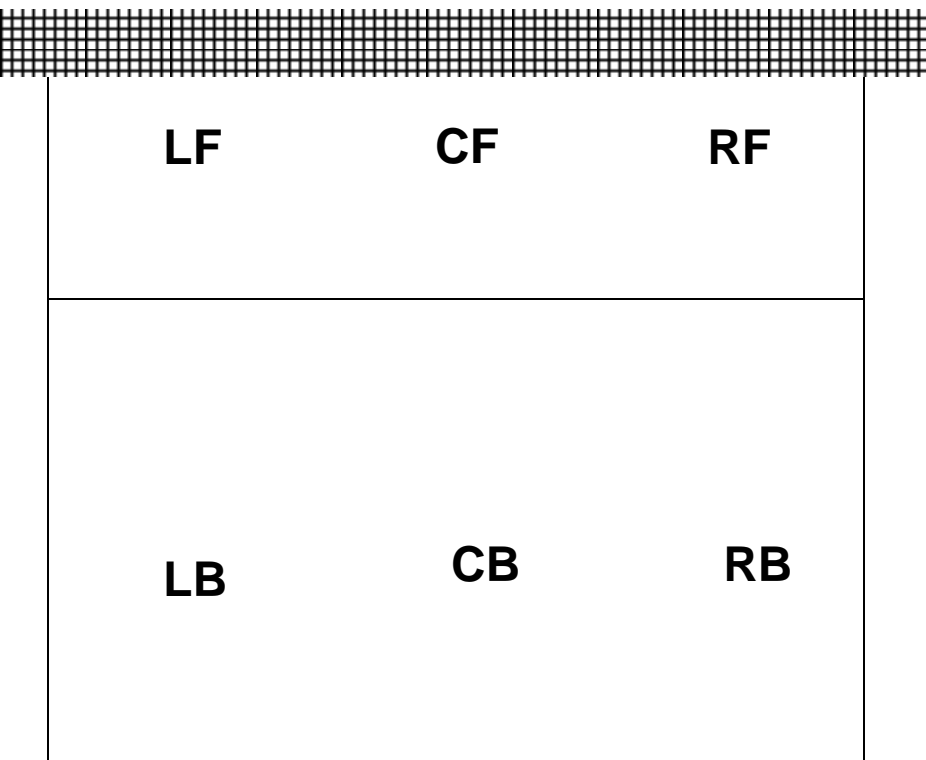
Legal

Out of
bounds
area



Illegal

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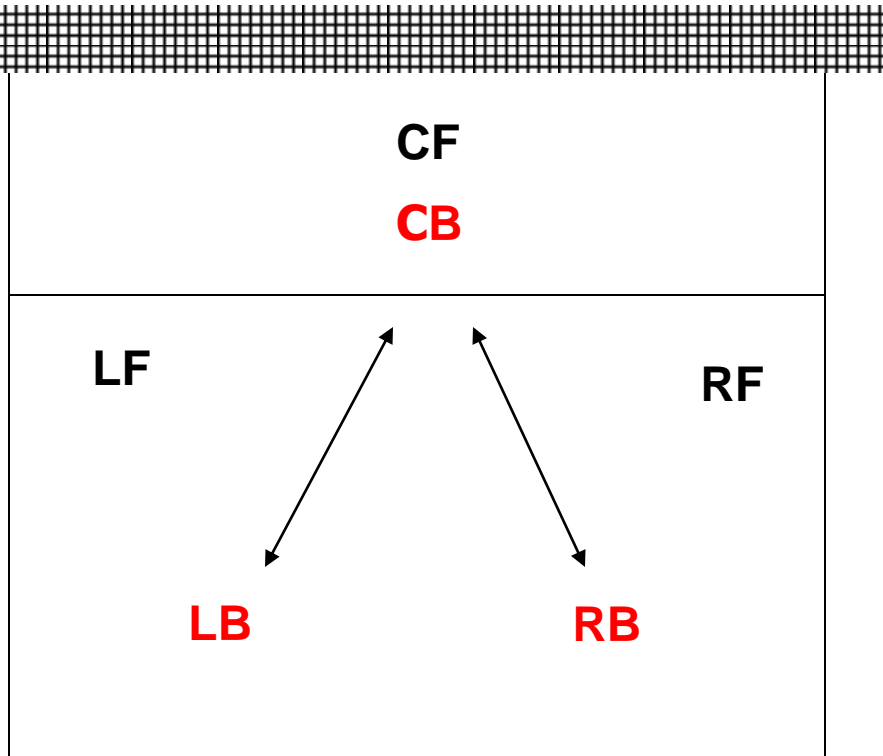


<u>Player</u>	<u>Must be properly aligned with</u>
RB	RF, CB
RF	CF, RB
CF	CB, LF, RF
LF	LB, CF
LB	LF, CB
CB	CF, LB, RB

Watch for possible overlap with:

CB and LB

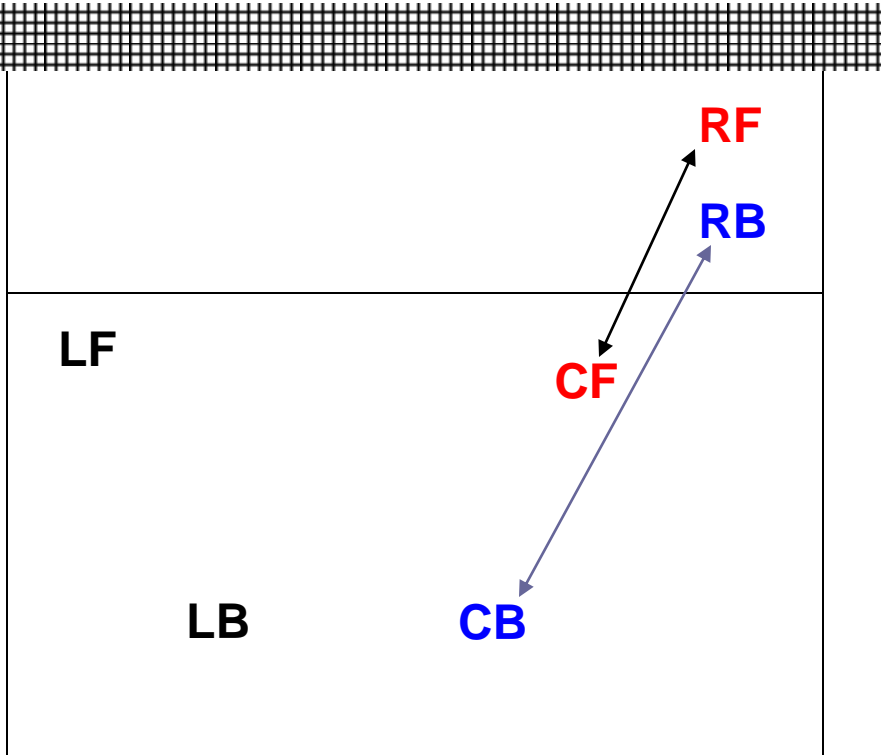
CB and RB



Watch for possible overlap with:

CF and RF

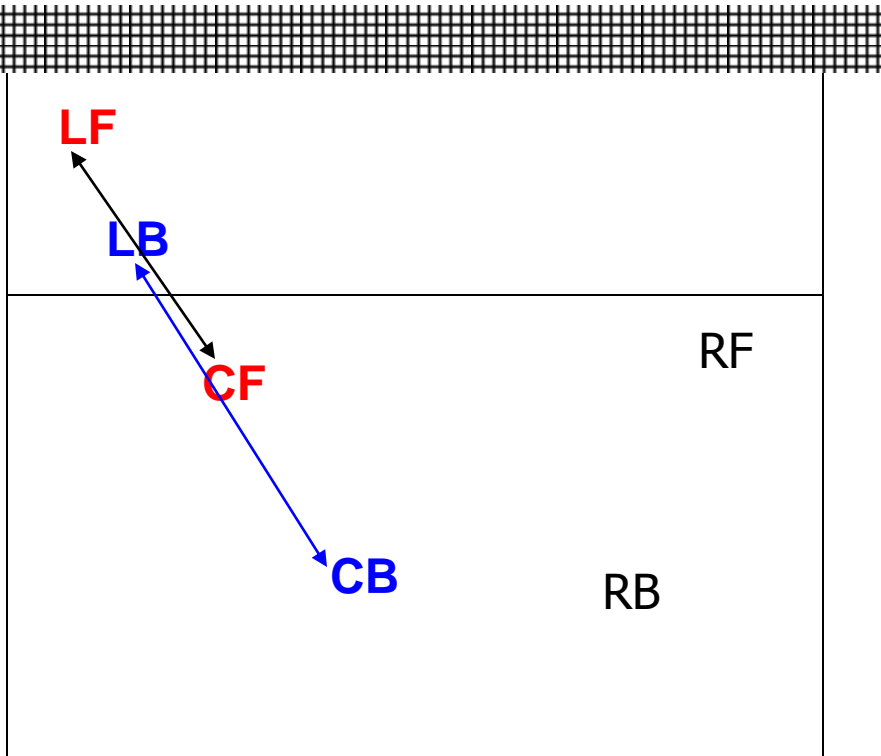
CB and RB



Watch for possible overlap with:

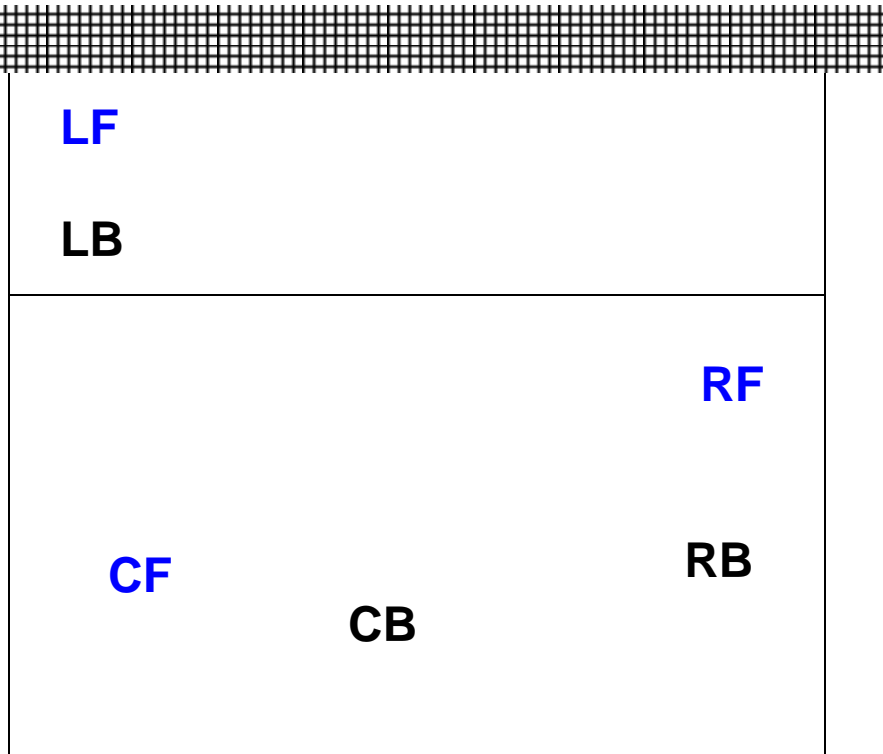
LF and CF

LB and CB



Situation #1

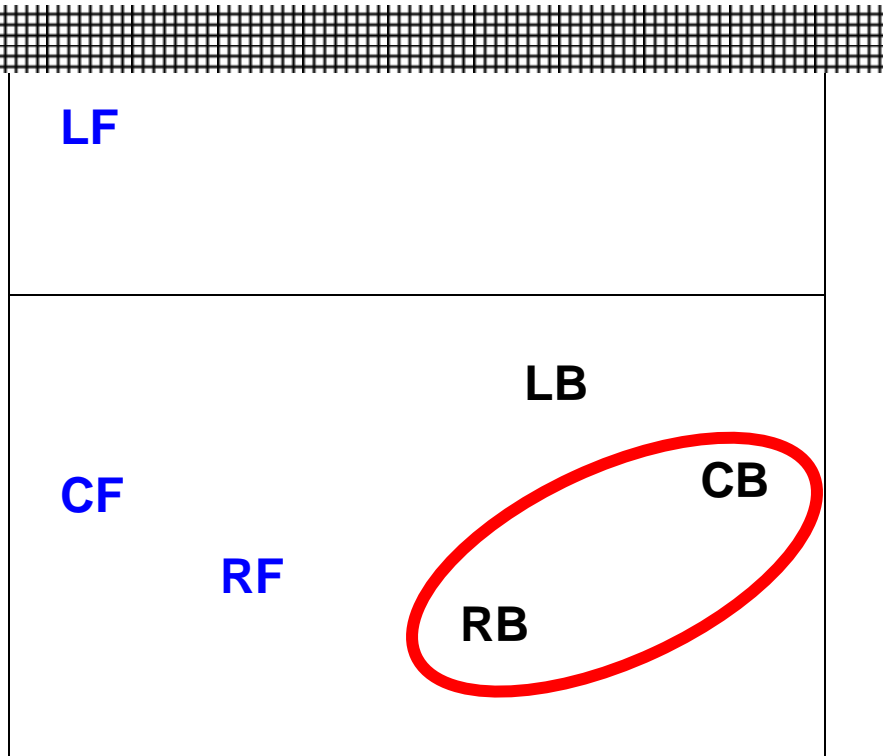
Illegal alignment or Legal?



Legal

Situation #2

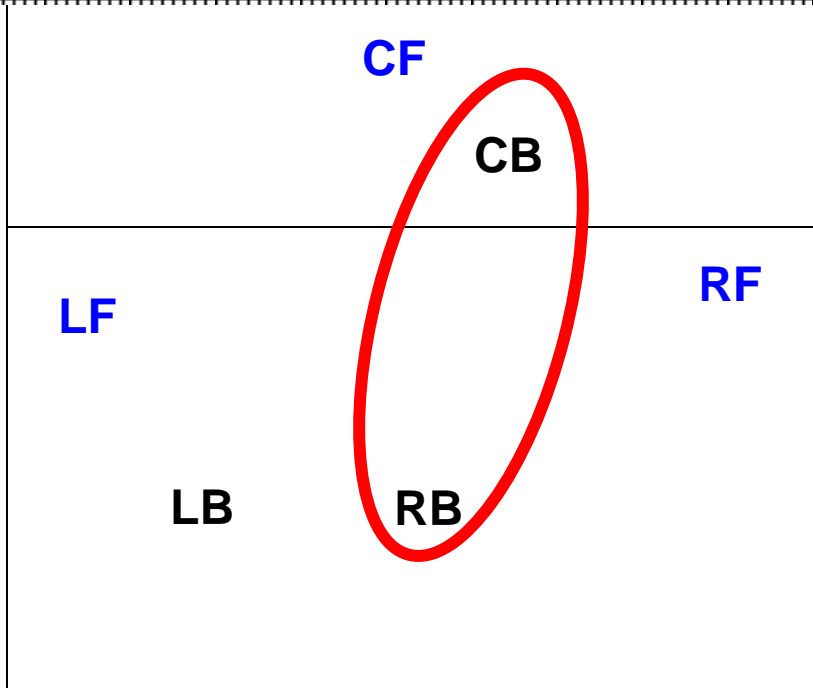
Illegal alignment or
Legal?



Illegal

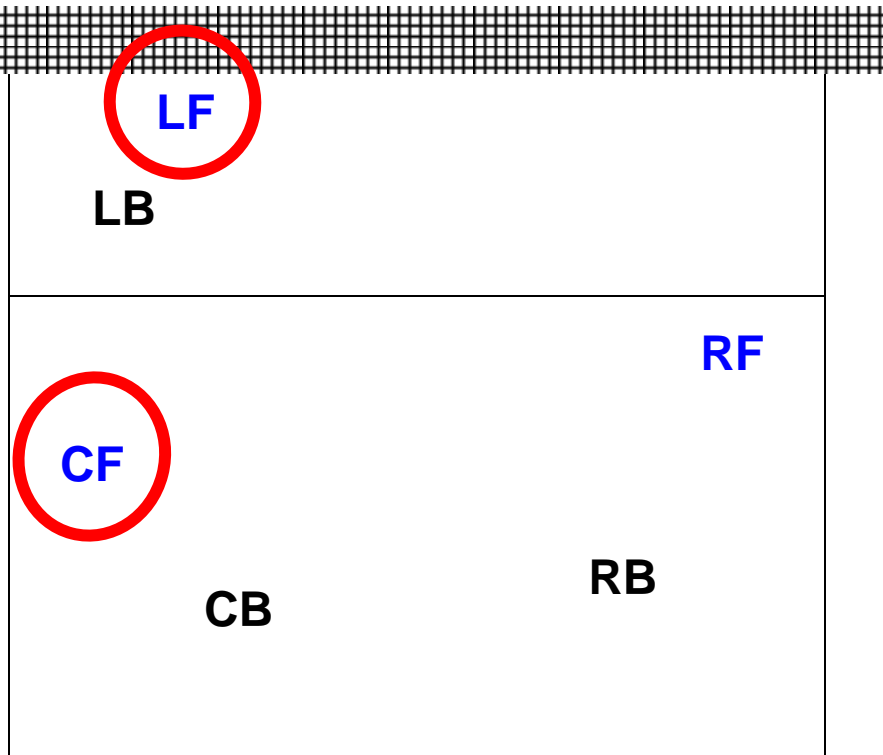
Situation #3

Illegal alignment or
Legal?



Illegal

Situation #4

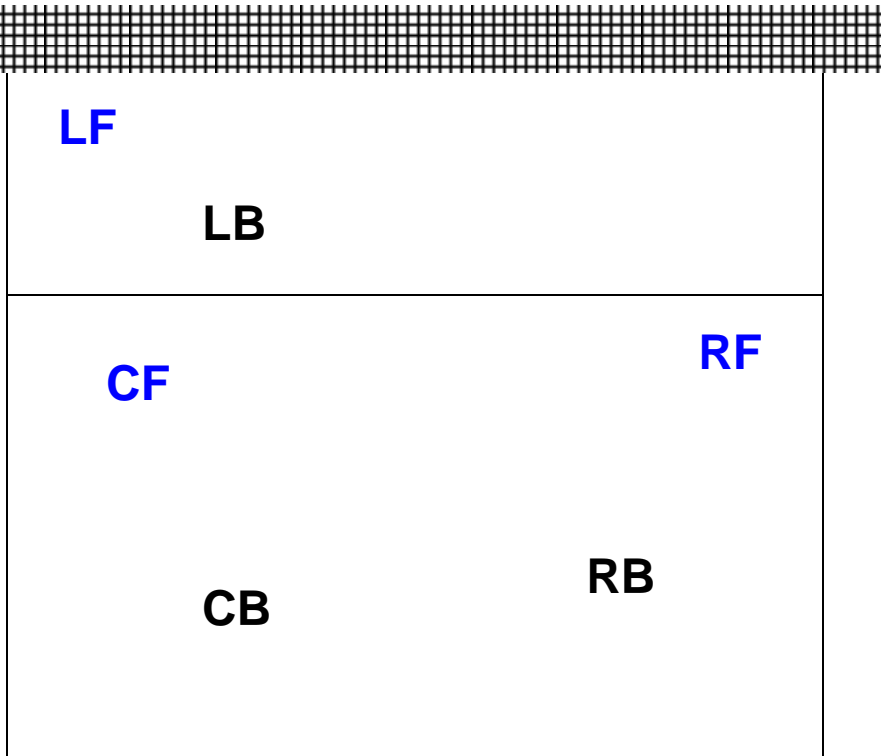


Illegal alignment or
Legal?

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Situation #5

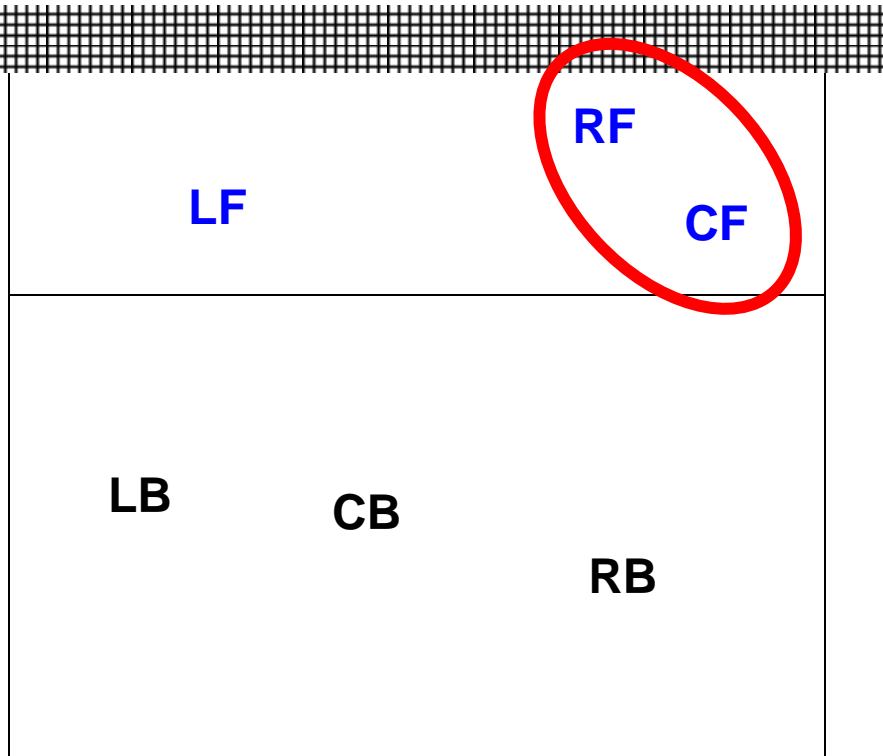
Illegal alignment or
Legal?



Legal

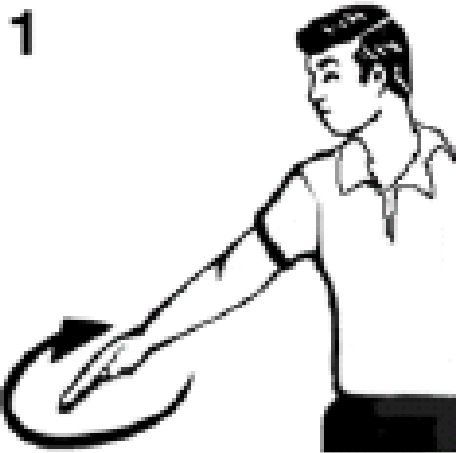
Situation #6

Illegal alignment or
Legal?



Illegal

How to Signal for Illegal Alignment



**Illegal Alignment/
Improper Server**

Blow whistle, step to the side of the offending team, give signal and indicate which player is aligned illegally.



Penalties for Illegal Alignment

- Point/loss of rally is awarded to the opponent for:
 - Overlapping by players, other than the server, at the moment a legal serve occurs;
 - Positioning, at the moment of a legal serve, of any player, other than the server, outside the boundaries of the playing area



Important Points to Remember

- Watch adjacent players; side-to-side and back-to-front
- Consider the foot only touching the floor when judging overlapping