

# Use of tablets with *Bench Application* in the NLA

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- Starting in the 2025-2026 season, tablets with the *Bench Application* will be used in the NLA (as has already been the case in international games for some time).
    - ☞ Entering the starting lineup for each set
    - ☞ Requesting timeouts and substitutions
  - Basis
    - ☞ Decision by the SVLK, the MKI, and the ZV
    - ☞ Volleyball regulations, Art. 149, letter s
- Preparation of the hall and equipment in the national leagues:  
*Two tablets for use with the Bench Application in the NLA*

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- The home club (organizer) provides two tablets
  - ☞ A third 'spare device' is not mandatory (*but can be helpful*).
- Number boards (1-20) are no longer necessary and do not need to be kept as a backup.
- The home club (organizer) provides position sheets (paper) for both teams as a 'backup'; these must be available at the scorer's table before the start of the game.

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- NLB vs. NLA games (Cup)
  - 👉 No tablets with *bench applications* are used.
  - 👉 No number boards (1-20) will be used.

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- Preparation of tablets
  - 👉 by a responsible person from the home club (usually the scorer)
- Handing over the tablets
  - 👉 Hand out tablets to both teams after the draw (to the coach or assistant coach)
- Tablets at the change of ends
  - 👉 Tablets remain in place (even in the fifth set)

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- Approval of substitutions by the second referee
  - 👉 The second referee no longer has to approve the substitution, i.e., he no longer makes the corresponding hand signal (crossing his arms)
  - 👉 Players change independently in the substitution zone
- Multiple substitutions
  - 👉 Individual substitutions will continue to be carried out sequentially
  - 👉 The second referee approves one substitution after another with the appropriate hand signal (crossing arms).
- Monitoring and control by the second referee
  - 👉 that the players involved in the substitution comply with the request on the tablet
  - 👉 that the scorer has correctly entered any manual substitutions

# Use of tablets with *Bench Application* in the NLA – Case #1

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- The substitution request on the tablet does not match the players entering the substitution zone
  - ☞ Substitution is carried out as requested by the players
  - ☞ Schreiber closes the window on the screen and makes the substitution manually

## Use of tablets with *Bench Application* in the NLA – Case #2

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- Request for timeout on tablet, but no hand signal from the coach
  - ☞ Check with the coach to see if they actually want a timeout. If so:
    - ☞ Accept the request, timeout is taken
    - ☞ Ask the coach to give the hand signal as well
    - ☞ If the situation repeats itself, make the request more emphatically
  - If no: -> Case #3
- Request for timeout without tablet, only with coach's hand signal
  - ☞ Accept request, timeout is implemented
  - ☞ Scorer enters the timeout manually
  - ☞ Ask the assistant coach to also request the timeout via tablet
  - ☞ If necessary, repeat the request more emphatically

## Use of tablets with *Bench Application* in the NLA – Case #3

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- Request for timeout on tablet, but coach does not want to request a timeout (coach does not signal)  
**Assumption:** Players remain on the field, i.e., the game is not interrupted
  - ☞ Timeout is not taken
  - ☞ Scorer closes the window on the screen
  - ☞ Ask the assistant coach to only request timeouts via tablet if the coach also wants to request them
  - ☞ In case of repetition, make the request more emphatically

## Use of tablets with *Bench Application* in the NLA – Case #4

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- Request for substitution without tablet, only with players in the substitution zone
  - 👉 Accept request
  - 👉 Substitution is carried out manually by the scorer
  - 👉 Ask the assistant coach to also request the substitution via tablet
  - 👉 If it happens again, make the request more 'forcefully'
- Request for substitution on tablet, but no players in the substitution zone
  - 👉 Substitution is not carried out
  - 👉 The scorer closes the window on the screen
  - 👉 Ask the assistant coach not to request such substitutions
  - 👉 If it happens again, make the request more emphatically

# Use of tablets with *Bench Application* in the NLA – Case #5

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- One tablet (or both) temporarily fails
  - ☞ The person responsible at the home club must try to get the app working again (close the app and restart it; restart the tablet if necessary)
  - ☞ In the meantime, requests for timeouts by the coach should be made by hand signal and requests for substitutions by the player(s) entering the substitution zone (without hand signals/number boards).
- One tablet (or both) fails completely and can no longer be used during the game
  - ☞ Requests for timeouts by the coach by hand signal
  - ☞ Requests for substitutions by entering the substitution zone (without hand signals/number boards)
  - ☞ Reporting the starting lineup for the remaining sets using position sheets
  - ☞ Corresponding entry in the 'referee's report'

# Use of tablets with *bench application* in the NLA

- Guidelines eScoresheet Tablet  
(technical description; Data Projekt)  
[eScoresheet Tablet App](#)
- Every referee officiating in the NLA **must** have read/studied this document.



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