Libero (L)

You will most likely play in half of the games, but in a single game you will play most of the game, as you will play the back row for both of our middles. A libero, like everyone else, is still only allowed to serve once in a rotation, so you must leave the court while the other middle is serving until the play ends. You are a passer. Most kills starts from great passes. It's your job to get the ball to the setter in such a way that they don't have to do anything but stand there and set your ball. You are also a defender. Learn to get low to cover just in case our hitter's ball gets blocked. Call every ball you think is yours… you should be the most aggressive player in the back row. It's your ball when the ball is in the exact middle between you and another player. Call off a front row player who is about to use their hands… that's yours to handle. Call the ball loudly - let the fans in the bleachers know you are going for the ball.

What is the libero?

The volleyball libero is a defensive specialist position in indoor volleyball. The position was added to the game in 1999 along with special rules for play in order to foster more digs and rallies and to make the game more exciting. The libero remains in the game at all times and is the only player not limited by rules of rotation. She usually replaces the middle blocker position when they rotate to the back row and never rotates to the front row himself.

The libero is chosen by the team before the match or tournament and that designated player must remain the libero for the entire match or tournament. If the libero is injured, he/she can be replaced by any player who is not on the court, but that player must remain the libero for the remainder of the match.

What does the libero do during a play?

The libero is responsible for a great deal of the passing in serve receive. Often the libero will be responsible for a much greater part of the court than his teammates. The libero is in the game to add ball control, so his main responsibility is to pass the ball well so the team can run the offense. On defense the libero needs to dig well, getting a hand on every ball he can to keep the play alive. Since the libero has no attack responsibilities, he must chase down every ball he can. He may also be responsible for setting if the ball is dug by the setter or out of the setter's range.

The volleyball libero:

- Plays only in the back row
- Can replace any one position in the back row (for instance, the libero can play back row for both middle blockers)
- Wears a different color jersey than the rest of the team
- Does not count as a substitution

The libero cannot:

- Serve (except in the NCAA women's game due to a rule modification in 2004)
- Attack the ball above the height of the net
- Block
- Attempt to block
- Set an attacker from the front court

http://volleyball.about.com/od/volleyball101/p/PositionHub.htm