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Spike Through Time: The Fascinating Evolution of Volleyball

Short Answer Key

1. The name "volleyball" was suggested by a spectator at a demonstration of the game in 1896. It was chosen because it reflected the volleying nature of the ball being passed over the net between teams.
2. The introduction of the overhand serve allowed players to serve the ball with more power and precision, making the game more exciting and increasing the variety of serving techniques.
3. Volleyball made its Olympic debut in 1964 at the Tokyo Olympics. This was significant for the sport because it marked a milestone, bringing volleyball to the global stage and helping it gain recognition and a broader fan base.
4. The rally scoring system is a scoring method where a point is awarded on every play, not just on the team's serve. It made matches more fast-paced and competitive because every play could lead to a point, increasing the excitement of the game.
5. Beach volleyball became distinct from indoor volleyball by being played on sand courts, typically with two players on each team instead of six. It has its unique set of rules, including no substitutions during a set, and a smaller court size compared to indoor volleyball.

