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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the second edition of FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations. Another exciting season is starting and the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour calendar foresees 19 Women and 22 Men's tournament, 3 Age Group World Championships, 1 Swatch FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals, and most importantly the Rio 2016 Olympic Games in August 6-18, 2016. These events take place starting from September 2015 until October 2016 and few FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour events (until June 13, 2016) as well as the 2nd edition of Continental Cup Finals organized by different Confederations and World Cup Olympic Qualification Tournament will count towards the Olympic Qualification. These latter events, will define the 24 teams per gender that will compete in the 2016 Olympic Games in the iconic Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro.

As far as innovation goes, the FIVB have invested in the use of Video Challenging System, e-learning, the e-score sheet system and the development of an innovative LED net to improve the general perception of Beach Volleyball and attract new partners and stakeholders to the sport.

The purpose of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations is to provide the participating National Volleyball Federations (NFs), their athletes, Continental Confederations and the officials a compendium focusing on technical aspects of the competitions, like entry and competition regulations, NFs' and athletes' obligations and responsibilities, prize money principles and payments, etc. The FIVB Beach Volleyball Handbook addresses mainly FIVB's organizers (NFs and Promoters), Continental Confederations, FIVB partners, FIVB agencies, potential interested organizers, FIVB Delegates and FIVB Officials.

In the light of innovation, FIVB has made several steps forward in 2015 by testing the "Challenge" with Hawkeye in Rio and in Ft. Lauderdale; transitioning to e-scoresheet; introducing live scoring on all courts for the majority of the events; transitioning to the new FIVB website (FIVB.com) layout for the World Championships & World Tour Finals, as well as transitioning to the new web-based VIS platform for the competition management.

The FIVB hopes that this publication will serve as a useful information source. The FIVB looks forward to working with its Continental Confederations, NFs, promoters, registered athletes, sponsors and partners, officials and other stakeholders to bring beach volleyball to the next level and promote worldwide.

Since 2015 a new category of events has been introduced in the FIVB events' structure with the Swatch Beach Volleyball Major Series / FIVB World Tour and the Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals which are placed under the FIVB World Tour umbrella. These events are meant to boost the World Tour property and create additional opportunities for the top ranked athletes to compete.

Rules are important for competing in a fair system but also to help the grow of the sport. On this matter, the FIVB and its stakeholders are conceiving a new and sustainable events' structure to capitalize from the certain success of the Olympic Games in Rio and from the FIVB events in 2016. This to give the opportunity to compete to a growing number of athletes all over the world for the decades to come.

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A. THE FIVB

The FIVB is the international governing body for volleyball and beach volleyball and handles the management and communication of the sport in all its forms throughout the world. The FIVB has developed international competitions in collaboration with its organizers and affiliated members and set the rules in a way to encourage exciting, evenly-matched tournaments which appeal to sport fans. The more exciting the sport is, the more media coverage the sport will have and consequently, this will attract commercial partners, who enable greater prize money.

The FIVB aims to ensure excellence in all aspects of the sport by setting and preserving world class standards that will maintain and grow volleyball as one of the world's premier sports and entertainment properties. It also aims to continue as part of the Olympic movement, in contributing to the success of the Olympic Games.

Furthermore the FIVB is a global leader in innovative 'new generation' sports entertainment and with its solid, proven structure; the organization is perfectly placed to deliver its mission worldwide.

B. THE GAME

Beach volleyball is an Olympic discipline played outdoors, barefoot on a sand court with a ball, by teams of two people separated by a net. Beach volleyball was born on the Southern California beaches in the late twenties and enjoyed a rapid international expansion thanks to FIVB development programs, committed partners, promoters, hosting NFs, Officials, and professional athletes, for the enjoyment of millions of fans and thousands of participating women's and men's players throughout the world. Beach volleyball is an outstanding, entertaining, healthy and drug-free sport, attracting upwardly mobile, affluent and fashion conscious audiences oriented towards an active lifestyle.

With its low cost to set up and play, it is ideal for development programs and 'sport for-all' initiatives, as well as having an educational value being a non-contact sport, requiring an harmonious blend of body, will and mind – fitness, stamina, tactics and team play.

C. FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL COMPETITIONS

International beach volleyball competitions, including professional and non-professional beach volleyball tournaments, are exclusive properties of the FIVB, directly under its authority. Promoters, together with the NFs, play an important role to ensure the promotion and organization of each event locally.

The FIVB manages the following international beach volleyball competitions and placed directly under its authority:

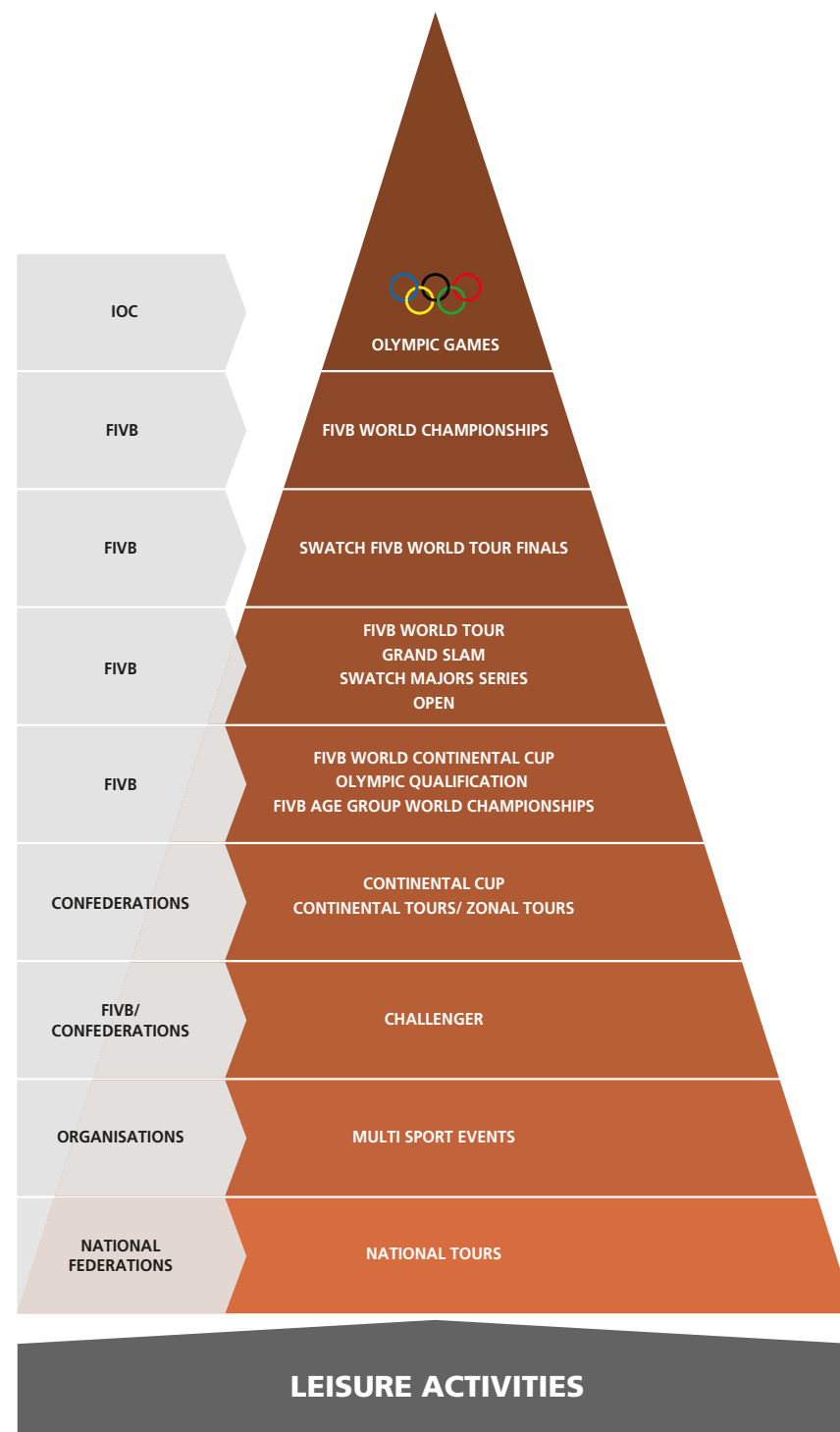
- **FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships:** FIVB's elite competition held every four or two years depending on the received bids (next edition in 2017).

Note:

According to the decisions at the 2014 FIVB World Congress, the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships would be held every two (2) years if the organizational, financial

and promotional conditions were respected. Both possibilities of four (4) years and two (2) years were open and a decision would be taken once a concrete proposal was provided by a promoter and/or a hosting city. The next edition of this event will be in 2017.

- **FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour:** a professional beach volleyball circuit, where every season comprises the Grand Slam events, the Swatch Major Series, the Open events, and the Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals.
- **Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals** are held annually at the end of the season to determine the winner NF/ team per gender of the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour. Starting from 2015 and onwards the season will be completed after Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals while a new season will start after the date of this event. This will create a momentum towards the Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals. This implies that a season falls under two (2) calendar years. For instance, after the 2015 Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals the next season will be the 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and so on.
- **Age Group World Championships (U-17, U-19 and U-21)** are held every two years for the young generation of athletes in three (3) different age groups. Next editions shall be held in 2016.
- **FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification** is the concluding event of the Olympic qualification pathway – the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup, and are held every four (4) years (in the year of the summer Olympic Games) and the next edition will take place in 2016.
- **Challengers, Exhibitions and Country vs Country:** For their part, the FIVB, the Continental Volleyball Confederations and the NFs are accountable for developing every year beach volleyball programs and activities in their respective territories (e.g. Beach Volleyball Continental Cup, U17 U19 and U21 Age Group World Championships, Intercontinental events, Continental Championships, National team programs, National Tours, registration of athletes, etc.) and to train local officials.



Chapter 2

COMPETITION REGULATIONS**2.1 ENTRIES****A. ATHLETES ELIGIBILITY****1. Conditions**

All athletes participating in an FIVB beach volleyball sanctioned event must:

- Hold the citizenship of the country they represent, subject to the conditions set out in the FIVB Sports Regulations;
- Register with their respective NF. The Federation which is the first to issue a license or register the player is considered to be the Federation of Origin regardless of the player's citizenship. For a Change of Federation of Origin, please refer to the FIVB Volleyball Sports Regulations and contact the FIVB Transfer Department (transfer@fivb.org);
- Register with the FIVB through their respective NF;
For any further details, interested parties should refer to the concerned link: <http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/forms.asp> and to the latest version of the FIVB Volleyball Sports Regulations which will prevail over any other text.
- Upload on the VIS (see Chapter I) - via their NF - the 2015-2016 Beach Volleyball NF-Athlete's Commitment (BVB-01 Form) signed by the NF and the athlete on each page minimum 30 days before the first event's participation in 2015/2016 season. NF-Athlete Commitments (one (1) for a team) are then approved in the VIS system by the FIVB which allows online status verification. Failure to upload the signed commitment within the deadline shall prevent the athlete from taking part at an FIVB event. The template 2015-2016 Beach Volleyball NF-Athlete's Commitment (BVB-01 Form) is available on the FIVB website under Forms section;
- Upload on the VIS - via their NF - an annual health certificate (BVB-10 Form) to the FIVB at minimum thirty (30) days before the first event's participation in 2015/2016 season. The annual health certificate is mandatory for all athletes that have signed the 2015-2016 Beach Volleyball NF-Athlete's Commitment. The template annual health certificate (BVB-10 Form) is available on the FIVB website under Forms section;
- Undertake the FIVB Anti-Doping education program "We play it clean!" For further information, please access FIVB online Anti-Doping education program here: <http://www.fivb.org/RealWinner/>;
- Directly complete and modify their personal data (such as his/her exact coordinates, bank account information, etc.) through the FIVB beach volleyball Web based application system (<http://www.fivb.org/visasp>) according to the following procedure:
 - Each athlete is provided with an individual user name and password sent to his/her own e-mail address. In case a new athlete wants to register, his/her NF fills in the basic personal data of the athlete and his/her e-mail address. After completing this information, each NF must click on the field "send e-mail" which automatically sends to the athlete's personal e-mail address his/her confidential user name and password;
 - Athlete can modify his/her personal data (i.e. photo, personal data, physical data, Volleyball/Beach Volleyball Career, education, family, etc.) with an exception of the bank account information and team name, which have to remain the same for the duration of a season;
 - The following fields: FIVB #, first name, last name, date of birth, passport number, nationality, gender and the team name of each athlete may only be edited by the FIVB or by the NF concerned.

- Be entered in the FIVB beach volleyball event(s) by their NF according to the specific regulations of the event concerned;
- Abide by the FIVB Regulatory Framework, namely the FIVB Constitution, the FIVB Regulations and the FIVB decisions (i.e. Board of Administration and/or World Congress) as well as the regulations contained in the present FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations;
- Not have outstanding sanction fees. All sanctions are to be paid before participation to an FIVB Beach Volleyball event;
- Not be suspended by the FIVB for the competition period concerned.

Unauthorized events

Following the decision of the 2009 Executive Committee meeting (Tokyo, 25th November), all athletes that have taken part in unauthorized events will have their FIVB membership withdrawn for all FIVB Intercontinental, Continental and National, volleyball and beach volleyball tournaments/events.

Moreover, each FIVB affiliate NF is the recognized sport authority within its territory and it has the exclusive right to administer volleyball and beach volleyball within its country. Each NF has the legal authority to decide how to regulate volleyball and beach volleyball, making sure to abide by the FIVB Constitution and each NF respective Constitution.

In case one or more NFs would be implicated in activities organized by another organization not recognized by the FIVB, they risk being considered as having voluntarily abandoned their status as a member of the FIVB based on the interpretation of the constitution of the FIVB Constitution.

2. Athletes' Participation

Freedom to play shall apply for all the FIVB beach volleyball events including FIVB World Championships; Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals, FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major and Open events). This principle will also apply for; FIVB Challenger; Country vs. Country and Exhibitions.

The NFs are strongly recommended entering their top ranked teams in the FIVB World Championships, FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam and Major events) events to support the promotion of the elite FIVB properties.

The universality principle is applied in all FIVB events in accordance to the FIVB Sports Regulations. The FIVB events' entry principles facilitate participation of athletes from all Confederations in either the Main Draw or the Qualification Tournament.

3. Top Ranked Athletes' Participation Restrictions**– Challenger Events**

Athletes ranked (- 30 days before the event) in the top 48 ranked men (individual FIVB Entry Ranking) and in the top 32 ranked women (individual FIVB Entry Ranking) are not allowed to take part in Challenger events, if the Challenger event clashes with the FIVB World Championships/Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals/FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major or Open event). This rule does not apply to two teams of the country hosting the event and to four (4) Wild Cards upon approval of the FIVB. In case the date of the Challenger event does not clash with the FIVB World Championships/Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals/FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major and Open event), any athlete regardless of their FIVB World Ranking can participate in the Challenger event.

– Country vs. Country and Exhibition Games

Athletes ranked (- 30 days before the event) in the top 64 ranked men (individual FIVB Entry Ranking) and in the top 48 ranked women (individual FIVB Entry Ranking) are not allowed to take part in Country vs. Country and Exhibition games in case they are organized at the same time as an FIVB World Championships/ FIVB World Tour event.

Athletes ranked (- 30 days before the start of the event) in the top 64 ranked men and in the top 48 ranked women must receive the FIVB approval to enter in Country vs. Country and Exhibition games scheduled at a different time than an FIVB World Championships/ FIVB World Tour event.

– National Tour

In case of a clash with an FIVB World Tour event /FIVB Senior World Championships, top 64 ranked athletes in the individual FIVB Entry Ranking of each gender (upon Tentative NF Entry List), except the hosting country teams, cannot take part in such a National Tour leg unless authorized by the FIVB through a dedicated form. For further regulations, please see the link: <http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/NationalTour.asp>.

B. ENTRY PROCEDURE

Since 2013, the FIVB has implemented at each FIVB beach volleyball event a similar principle for qualifying country place(s) as at the London 2012 Olympic Games. Therefore, a NF earns a place(s) in an FIVB beach volleyball event and it will be the sole authority to establish the team(s) composition through any of its registered athletes.

The NFs will earn the places at each FIVB beach volleyball event in accordance with the regulations featured in this chapter while each athlete will gain FIVB Ranking Points based on their placement in each event. Therefore, the confirmed entry place(s) belong(s) to the NFs, while the FIVB Ranking Points are earned by the athlete(s) and will remain with the athlete(s) following the FIVB competition regulations. An entry system has been established below to determine the place(s) that each NF is entitled to, based on individual athlete's Entry points.

In case a NF does not support the entry in an FIVB event of one of its registered players/teams or in case an athlete/team encounters problems communicating with his/her NF to enter an FIVB beach volleyball tournament, the FIVB will carefully evaluate, on a case by case basis, the eventual participation of this athlete/team in the FIVB competitions. This team may be allowed to enrol directly through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department in Lausanne, provided that:

- The athletes concerned have no commitment in force with any NF and/or a contract with a club through which they have agreed that they cannot take part to an FIVB beach volleyball event unless not formally authorized by the above entity(ies);
- The athletes concerned are not currently suspended by their NF and/or by the FIVB;
- The athletes concerned are eligible as per the criteria defined in the present FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations.
- The athletes concerned do not require financial support from their NF.

1. Tentative NF Entry List

NFs can enter any eligible athletes/teams in the Tentative NF Entry List for an FIVB beach volleyball event through the Beach Volleyball Information System (VIS) until the deadline set out:

FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major and Open)	- 30 days
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Each NF is the sole responsible entity to enter team(s) in an FIVB beach volleyball event(s) through the VIS at their entire discretion. The qualified place(s) therefore belong to the NF(s) concerned; however the points always remain with the athlete(s);

NF can enter/delete or change teams' composition once an entry has been completed until the deadline set out for the Tentative NF Entry List of the FIVB beach volleyball event;

After the team(s) entry deadline set out for the Tentative NF Entry List and before the deadline set out for the Confirmed NF Entry List, NF can still delete or change teams' composition (but no longer enter a team) of the FIVB beach volleyball event;

After the team(s) entry deadline set out for the Tentative NF Entry List of the FIVB beach volleyball event, NF can request in writing a Late Entry until the Confirmed NF Entry List is issued. USD 1,000 Late Entry Fee has to be paid to the FIVB. FIVB reserves the right to evaluate and accept a Late Entry request case by case. If the team is accepted, it will automatically be registered in the Qualification Tournament provided that the roster of Qualification Tournament is incomplete; otherwise it will be placed as last in the Reserve teams list.

NF entering teams through the VIS system are responsible for any eventual sanctions related to the non-fulfilment of the FIVB Regulations.

For the Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals, NFs are not required to enter any teams. FIVB will directly issue the Confirmed NF/ Team Entry list as per the set deadline.

2. Confirmed NF Entry List

The FIVB NF Entry Ranking is used to determine which NFs have earned berth(s) into a tournament and into the Reserve list.

For the Grand Slam, Major and Open events, the FIVB issues the Confirmed NF Entry List based on the FIVB NF Entry Ranking and the NF entered teams in an FIVB beach volleyball event following the deadline set out below:

FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major and Open)	- 21 days
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The Confirmed NF Entry List determines the NF place(s) earned in the tournament (Main Draw Tournament and Qualification Tournament);

Entered athletes/teams are placed in the Main Draw and in the Qualification Tournament as per the sum of individual Entry points. Teams are placed in the Reserve List as per the FIVB NF Entry ranking:

- In case an NF has entered more teams in the FIVB beach volleyball event than earned NF places in the Qualification Tournament thus causing a Country Quota Playoff, these teams are entered in the Qualification Tournament as per the sum of Individual Entry points and marked with a Country Quota Playoff code (CQ).

For the SWATCH FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals, the Confirmed Entry list is based on the eight (8) best teams per gender per the FIVB World Tour Ranking Plus two (2) Wild Cards granted at the FIVB's discretion. Should the Host NF does not have a team in the top 8 best teams as per the FIVB World Tour Ranking, the FIVB will allocate minimum one (1)

Wild Card to the host NF for the gender tournament concerned. The confirmed Entry List shall be issued by FIVB:

Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals	- 21 days
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The hosting NF forwards the Confirmed NF Entry List, the approved Official Invitation letter and the Specific Event's Regulations of the FIVB beach volleyball event to the participating NFs, FIVB Officials and Sponsors as per the below deadlines:

FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major and Open)	- 20 days
FIVB Beach Volleyball Age Group World Championships (U17, U19, U21)	-45 days

FIVB Beach Volleyball U21 World Championships (Lucern, Switzerland): 28th March, 2016
FIVB Beach Volleyball U19 World Championships (Larnaka, Cyprus): 13th June, 2016
FIVB Beach Volleyball U17 World Championships (Cabo Frio, Brazil): 30th May, 2016

C. COUNTRY QUOTA

1. Foreign teams

- A foreign NF may enter a maximum of six (6) teams (including Wild Cards) in the Tentative NF Entry List of an FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major or Open event).
- A maximum of four (4) foreign teams per NF (excluding Wild Cards) can play in the Main Draw Tournament and the Qualification Tournament of the FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major or Open event) unless the Qualification Tournament has less than 32 teams (See page 27).
- For FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major or Open event), a maximum of three (3) foreign teams may enter the Main Draw Tournament, while the fourth (4th) lowest ranked team may enter Qualification Tournament even if it has sufficient Entry points to take part to the Main Draw Tournament.
- Country Quota Playoff is played if an NF has entered more teams than qualified NF places, and these teams do not have sufficient Athlete Entry points to enter the Main Draw tournament.
- A maximum of four (4) foreign teams per NF (excluding Wild Cards) can play in the Main Draw Tournament of the FIVB World Championships.
- For FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major or Open event) the universality principle is applied to allow the participation, in the Qualification Tournament, of teams (with insufficient points to directly enter the event) from all five (5) Continents.
- In case of four (4) Continental teams willing to enter into the Qualification Tournament of an FIVB World Tour Open event (with insufficient points to enter directly) two (2) Continental Quota Playoff matches will be played to allow two (2) teams to enter the Qualification Tournament, following the universality principles implemented for the Olympic Games. In case the number of the Continental teams will be less than four (4) (three (3), two (2), one (1)) when necessary, the correct number of Continental Quota Playoff matches will be played to allow one (1) team to enter the Qualification Tournament. The single-elimination format will be adopted to determine the vacancies of Continental teams advancing to the Qualification Tournament based on the seeding establish at the Country Quota Playoff Preliminary Inquiry.
- For FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam and Major events) the number of Continental teams allowed to take part of the Continental Quota Playoff is reduced to a maximum of three (3), and only one (1) team will have the possibility to enter the Qualification Tournament.
- A maximum of two (2) foreign teams per NF can play in the Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals.

2. Host NF teams

The Host NF may enter a maximum of eight (8) teams (including Wild Cards) in the Tentative NF Entry List of an FIVB World Tour event (Grand Slam, Major or Open event);

- On the day when the Confirmed NF Entry List is announced, six (6) teams will be directly included in the confirmed NF Entry list as per the Entry Points in the Main Draw, Qualification Tournament and/or Country Quota Playoff Tournament. The remaining two (2) teams will be placed in the reserve team list as the Host NF reserve teams and will only be included into the Qualification tournament due to the last minutes withdrawals scenario as described on Page 14 or due to a Qualification Tournament with less than 32 teams as described on page 27.
- For FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major and Open events), a maximum of three (3) Host NF teams may enter the Main Draw Tournament, while the fourth (4th) lowest ranked Host NF team may enter Qualification Tournament even if it has sufficient Entry points to take part to the Main Draw Tournament;
- A maximum of four (4) Host NF teams (excluding Wild Cards) can play in the Main Draw Tournament and the Qualification Tournament of the FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major or Open event) unless the Qualification Tournament has less than 32 teams (See page 27);
- A minimum of two (2) Host NF teams are granted a place in the Main Draw (despite insufficient Entry points). These two (2) teams shall have the highest Entry points among the other Host Country teams participating in the event. In case all the Host NF teams possess no points, the hosting NF must inform the FIVB of the two (2) Host Country Teams with the right to enter directly into the Main Draw Tournament.
- Country Quota Playoff is played if the Host NF has entered more teams than qualified Host NF places, and these teams do not have sufficient Athlete Entry points to enter the Main Draw tournament;
- The names of the Host NF teams in the Qualification Tournament may be altered by the FIVB from the Confirmed NF Entry List until 48 hours before the start of the tournament through the BVB-03 Form.
- For the Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals one (1) Host Country team is granted a place in the Tournament (if not yet qualified).

D. WILD CARDS

Tournament	Level MD (Main Draw) / QT (Qualification)	n° of Teams	WC Host NF	WC FIVB
Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals	MD	10	N/A	2
FIVB World Tour Grand Slam/Major Series/Open	MD	32	1	1
FIVB World Tour Grand Slam/ Major Series/Open	QT	32	N/A	2
Challenger	MD (Main Draw)		N/A	4

- NFs must submit a filled out BVB-02 Form form to the FIVB upon the entry deadline (-30 days) for the FIVB beach volleyball event concerned. Any requests for Wild Cards received after the entry deadline will not be taken into consideration.
- Wild Cards are granted outside of the Country Quota (host and foreign) set for each FIVB beach volleyball event.

- When granting a Wild Card, the FIVB considers requests from the Host NF based on promotional aspects, technical merits, athletes' career, rookie team status of the team, etc.
- Wild Cards are announced through the Confirmed NF Entry List issued by the FIVB for the FIVB beach volleyball event concerned.
- In case of an injury of one or both athletes of the Wild Card team, the Wild Card is not transferrable to the new player/team. The new team will not have the Wild Card and the new team will be placed in the tournament as per the sum of individual Athlete Entry points. As exception, the Wild Card may be transferred at FIVB's discretion due to the new teams' merits.
- An athlete is eligible for a maximum of two (2) Wild Cards per Olympic Qualifying season (1 January 2015 until 13 June 2016), irrespective if for the Main Draw or the Qualification Tournament.
- During the Olympic Qualifying Season in 2016 (1 January 2015 until 13 June 2016), the allocation of the Wild Cards is strictly monitored and controlled by the FIVB, in order to create a fair play condition for teams with potential to qualify to the Rio Olympic Games through the World Tour. FIVB does its utmost not to allocate the Wild Cards to teams that will benefit from this to qualify to the Olympic Games.
- In principle, Wild Cards are not granted to Host NF where none of the Host NF teams are eligible to enter the Main Draw directly by their Entry points (as the Host NF already benefits from two (2) granted places in the Main Draw Tournament). Exceptions to this principle can be made for promotional purposes and in case relevant reasons are brought up by the Organizers to the FIVB.
- The winning teams of the FIVB U19 and U21 World Championships will be granted a Wild Card for a Main Draw Tournament at an FIVB Beach Volleyball event (possibly in the Open but not restricted to Grand Slam or Major Series tournament) of the same season or of the following season.
- The winning teams of the FIVB U17 World Championships will be granted a Wild Card for Main Draw tournament at the next FIVB U19 World Championships (even on the same year if the U17 World Championships are held prior to the U19 World Championships).

2.2 WITHDRAWALS / DISBANDS / CHANGE OF ATHLETE

A. WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES – FIVB WORLD TOUR

1. Up to the Confirmed NF Entry List

Before the Confirmed NF Entry List deadline the participating NFs may:

- Withdraw or remove a team(s) from an FIVB beach volleyball event directly through the Volleyball Information System (VIS);
- Disband/alter a composition of a team(s) directly through the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

2. After the Confirmed NF Entry List and up to the Monday 6:00 PM (Swiss time) of the week before the Event

Once the Confirmed NF Entry List is issued by the FIVB, the participating NFs may:

- Submit a withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request to the FIVB through the BVB-03 Form without a supporting Medical Certificate. If the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/ team in the Main Draw tournament, and in case the sum of the new team's individual Athlete Entry points is not sufficient to maintain their Main Draw position, the team shall be placed in the Qualification Tournament:
- If the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/ team in the Qualification tournament, the team is allowed to retain its spot in the Qualification

Tournament. However, if the team has enough Athlete Entry points to enter Main Draw, it will be placed as a top team in the Qualification Tournament;

- If a withdrawal (s) causes a Country Quota Playoff team to move into the Main Draw tournament, depending on the NF available places in the tournament, Country Quota Playoff may be cancelled.
- Not withdraw an athlete or a team entered in a Qualification Tournament or Main Draw Tournament (supported or not by a valid Medical Certificate) from an FIVB beach volleyball event to participate in another beach volleyball tournament/activity scheduled at the same time.

Reserve teams are added to the Confirmed NF Entry List and are constantly updated until the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament (where applicable) or Main Draw Tournament of an FIVB beach volleyball event. Reserve Teams must register and be present at the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament (if applicable) or Main Draw Tournament of the FIVB beach volleyball event to be considered for the inclusion in the tournament, due to late withdrawals or no shows.

The FIVB website will be updated after every withdrawal and substitution of players approved by the FIVB after the confirmed list has been issued. In case of a withdrawal of a team, its position in the tournament will be maintained and another team of the same country (if any are in the Reserve List) will then replace the withdrawn team (the new team is placed in either the Main Draw or the Qualification Tournament based on the sum of their individual Entry points). In case there is no replacement team from the same country in the Reserve List, the next team in the NF ranking will be eligible to enter in the Qualification Tournament unless a Main Draw team is replaced and the sum of the individual Entry points of the replacement team from the Reserve List is greater than the top team in the Qualification Tournament eligible to move up to the Main Draw (not prevented by Country Quota) in which case the replacement team will enter the Main Draw.

3. After Monday 6:00 PM (Swiss time) of the week before and up to Thursday 12:00 AM (midnight, Swiss time) of the week before the Event

After Monday 6:00 PM (Swiss time) of the week before until Thursday 12:00 AM (midnight, Swiss time) of the week before the tournament, the participating NFs may:

- Submit a withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request to the FIVB through the BVB-03 Form form. However, the following fines will be applied to the athlete/team concerned regardless of the reason:

Team in the Qualification Tournament	USD 500 per athlete
Team in the Main Draw	USD 1,000 per athlete

- If the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/ team in the Main Draw tournament, and in case the sum of the new team's individual Athlete Entry points is not sufficient to maintain their Main Draw position, the team shall be placed in the Qualification Tournament.
- If the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/ team in the Qualification tournament, the team is allowed to retain its spot in the Qualification Tournament and will be seeded as per the sum of the individual Athletes' Entry Points of the new team on the date of the Qualification Tournament Preliminary Inquiry. However, if the team has enough Athlete Entry points to enter Main Draw, it will be placed as a top team in the Qualification Tournament. In case an NF has qualified only one place to the tournament and if a withdrawal (s) opens up a place in the Main Draw for a Country Quota

Playoff team with sufficient Athlete Entry points, the Country Quota Playoff would be held among all the Country Quota Playoff teams of that NF to qualify the team entering the Main Draw tournament.

Reserve teams picked up in case of withdrawals after Monday 6:00 PM (Swiss time) of the week before the tournament shall not be subject to the above fines.

In case of an injury or 'force majeure' of an athlete (or both athlete) at the FIVB Beach Volleyball tournament held the week before the tournament, the NF may withdraw, disband or 'change of athlete' only supported by a medical statement from the official tournament doctor.

B. LAST MINUTE WITHDRAWALS

After the Thursday 12:00 AM (midnight, Swiss timing) of the week before an FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour event (Grand Slam, Major Series or Open) until the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of a Country Quota Playoff (where applicable), Qualification Tournament (where applicable) or a Main Draw Tournament, the participating NFs may submit a withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request to the FIVB Technical Supervisor assigned to the FIVB beach volleyball event through the BVB-03 Form for a team/athlete with a copy to FIVB Beach Volleyball Department. Contact details for the Technical Supervisor are included in the specific Event's Regulations of the FIVB beach volleyball event concerned.

- If the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/ team in the Main Draw tournament, and in case the sum of the new team's individual Athlete Entry points is not sufficient to maintain their Main Draw position, the team shall be placed in the Qualification Tournament.
- For the withdrawal, disbanded or 'change of athlete' request received after the Thursday 12:00 AM (midnight, Swiss time) of the week before the tournament, the following fines will apply to the athlete/team concerned:

Team in the Qualification Tournament:	USD 1,000 per athlete
Team in the Main Draw Tournament:	USD 3,000 per athlete

Reserve teams picked up in case of withdrawals after Thursday 12:00 AM (midnight, Swiss time) of the week before the tournament shall not be subject to the above fines.

In addition to the above fines, the last minute withdrawals/disbands or 'change of athlete' shall result in the event being counted as zero (0) points for the Athlete Entry point calculations among the best six (6) of last eight (8) results considered for entry and seeding purposes at the FIVB beach volleyball tournaments.

In case of an injury or 'force majeure' of an athlete (or both athlete) at the FIVB Beach Volleyball tournament held the week before the tournament, the NF may withdraw, disband or 'change of athlete' only supported by a medical statement from the official tournament doctor.

If an injury or 'force majeure' occurs prior to the tournament, but after the arrival of the athlete on site, the athlete/team concerned shall inform the FIVB Technical Supervisor and the official tournament doctor on site and no fine or point penalty shall apply.

FIVB will evaluate, on a case by case basis, any exceptional cases for the exemption of the fine and points penalty that are caused by the last minute withdrawal. And the proof of reason must be communicated to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department as soon as the special case happens.

Any applied fine is payable to the FIVB before the next participation in an FIVB beach volleyball event or at the Preliminary Inquiry of the next FIVB beach volleyball event directly to the FIVB Technical Supervisor, at the latest. An athlete/team may be prevented from participating in case of outstanding fines.

In case of withdrawal(s) of team(s), in the Qualification Tournament, the next eligible team(s) in the Reserve in the Confirmed NF Entry List shall be picked up. In case there are no eligible Reserve teams physically present at the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament, Reserve teams may be picked up to fill the roster regardless the country quota regulations.

In case of withdrawal(s) of team(s) in the Qualification Tournament and no eligible teams in the Reserve, the Country Quota Playoff teams that did not qualify to the Tournament shall be eligible to be picked up to fill the roster regardless the Country Quota regulations.

In case of withdrawal(s) of team(s) in the Qualification Tournament, no eligible teams in the Reserve and no Country Quota Playoff teams that did not qualify to the Tournament, the 2 Host NF teams in the reserve list of the tournament will be entered upon agreement between the Promoter and the Technical Supervisor.

In case of withdrawal(s) of team(s) in the Main Draw Tournament after the start of the Qualification Tournament, extra team(s) shall qualify to the Main Draw Tournament from the Qualification Tournament under the Lucky Loser draw regulations. The extra team(s) with the highest seed in the Qualification Tournament among the teams failing to qualify to the Main Draw Tournament by losing the last round of the Qualification Tournament, provided they attend the Preliminary Inquiry of the Main Draw Tournament, shall qualify to the "Lucky Loser" Draw. A "Lucky Loser" Draw procedure is implemented by the FIVB Technical Supervisor. The FIVB Technical Supervisor must draw between the two highest seeded teams among the eligible "Lucky Losers". For each additional available spot from the Qualification Tournament to the Main Draw Tournament, the next highest seeded team must be drawn against the loser of the previous draw. This procedure continues until all additional open spots are filled.

The Qualification and Main Draw Tournaments are deemed to have started once the seeding has been confirmed and no further changes are allowed.

The athlete is responsible for requesting from his/her NF (or by consulting the FIVB website under the "General Information" section of each FIVB beach volleyball event) the Specific Event's Regulations (BVB-06 Form) once the Confirmed NF Entry List is issued and upon arrival at the venue to verify the time and place of the Preliminary Inquiry.

C. NO-SHOW

If an athlete fails to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and to notify the FIVB or the Organizers in advance, that athlete's team is eliminated from the tournament and a fine of USD 1,000 (Qualification Tournament) or USD 3,000 (Main Draw Tournament) is imposed on him/her, unless the FIVB accepts the reason as "force majeure". The athlete has to prove the circumstances constituting the "force majeure".

In addition to the above fines, No-Show teams without an approved Force Majeure shall have the event count as zero (0) points for the Athlete Entry point calculations among the best six (6) of last eight (8) results considered for entry and seeding purposes at the FIVB beach volleyball tournaments.

D. LATE ARRIVAL

In the event that an athlete arrives late to the Preliminary Inquiry, as confirmed by the FIVB Technical Supervisor, a fine of USD 150 (Qualification Tournament) or USD 250 (Main Draw Tournament) may be imposed on him/her, depending on the reasons for the delay. Such fine shall be paid prior to participation in the first match of the tournament concerned.

Special cases of late arrival may be considered upon proof of "force majeure" reason communicated to the FIVB Technical Supervisor and FIVB Beach Volleyball Department (before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry).

2.3 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL RANKINGS

The FIVB Beach Volleyball Rankings provide an objective scale of values of all athletes/teams participating in recognized beach volleyball events, on a merit basis.

FIVB Ranking Points are earned by each player competing in any recognized beach volleyball event. The higher the tournament ranking, the higher the points earned and the higher the level of the event the higher the points that are available.

The following event categories are recognized by the FIVB and, thus the FIVB Beach Volleyball Rankings:

Event Category	Under the Jurisdiction of
FIVB World Championships	FIVB
FIVB World Tour Grand Slam	FIVB
FIVB World Tour Major Series	FIVB
FIVB World Tour Open	FIVB
FIVB Age Group (U17, U19 and U21) World Championships	FIVB
FIVB World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification	FIVB
Recognized Continental Tour/Final/Master/Zonal* / Multi Sport Games	CONFEDERATION CONCERNED
Continental Cup & Continental Cup Final	CONFEDERATION CONCERNED
Challenger	CONFEDERATION CONCERNED OR FIVB
Continental Age Group Championships/Final	CONFEDERATION CONCERNED
Recognized National Tour	NF CONCERNED
Other events (if any)	AS REQUIRED BY THE FIVB

*Zonal Tour/Events:

- Each Confederation sets the conditions for sanctioning Zonal Tour;
- Each Confederation shall confirm to the FIVB the number of Zonal events to be held via the Zonal Tour/ Event Homologation Form.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If the results of each recognized event are not submitted to the FIVB on the last day of the event, latest 9:00 AM (Swiss time) on a Monday after the event, through the VIS or an official communication (see Chapter 8), the FIVB Ranking points will not be allocated.

2014-2016 FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Point System

Rk	Senior WCHs	Grand Slam / Major Series	Open/Cont.* Tour Final/Cup Final	Cont. Tour Master/ Challenger/ Recognized Multi Sport Games	Cont. Tour & Zonal Tour/ FIVB U17/ U19/U21/ WCHs	Cont. Cup	Cont. Age Group Champs/*	Homologated National Tour
1 st	500	400	250	160	140	80	40	8
2 nd	450	360	225	144	126	72	36	6
3 rd	400	320	200	128	112	64	32	4
4 th	350	280	175	112	98	56	28	2
5 th	300	240	150	96	84	48	24	1
9 th	250	180	120	80	70	40	20	-
17 th	200	120	90	64	56	32	16	-
25 th	-	80	60	48	42	24	12	-
33 rd	150	40	30	-	-	-	-	-
37 th	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41 st	-	20	15	-	-	-	-	-

*Cont. = Continental

Note: International Age Group events may benefit from FIVB Ranking points upon FIVB's approval.

If an event is played in a double Elimination format, the following point attribution shall apply:

Rk	Cont. Tour Master/ Challenger	Cont. Tour & Zonal Tour
7 th	88	77
13 th	72	63

FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking and Seeding Definitions

FIVB World Tour Ranking: FIVB World Tour Ranking is the ranking of teams based on the total FIVB Ranking Points earned by each player on that team in FIVB World Championships and FIVB World Tour events held in a season. FIVB World Tour Ranking is updated on a Monday after each FIVB World Tour event. FIVB World Tour Ranking determines the teams that have earned a berth to the Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals, a final event held after all FIVB World Tour Grand Slam and Major events in a season to determine the World Tour Finals Champion.

Olympic Ranking: The Olympic Ranking is established based on the FIVB World Ranking points earned at the 12 best performances as a team in the World Championships, World Tour events and recognised Continental Tour Finals (best of the two results) from 1 January 2015 until 12 June 2016.

Athlete Entry Points: Athlete Entry Points are the best six (6) of the past eight (8) FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major Series, Open) and World Championship events over 365 day period from the date Entry points are calculated, until the date of the -21 days prior to the start of the tournament. The FIVB Ranking points earned at FIVB Homologated National Tour, Continental Zonal Tour, Continental Tour, Continental Masters, challenger, Continental Tour Finals, FIVB Age Group World Championships, Continental Age Group Championships, Continental Cup and FIVB Satellite/Challenger events will only be counted in Entry Points only if they improve an athlete's standing.

Starting in 2016 FIVB Open events will also only be counted in Entry Points if they improve an athlete's standing. As a result, the last eight (8) FIVB events which must be counted in Entry Points calculations over the last 365 days include 2015 FIVB World Championships/Open/Grand Slam/Major Series events and 2016 FIVB Grand Slam/Major Series events.

FIVB Seeding Points: FIVB Seeding Points are the sum of the two individual Athletes Entry Points on the date of the Preliminary Inquiry.

NF Entry Ranking: NF Entry Ranking defines the ranking of the NFs based on a sum of their two individual Athlete Entry Points in a decreasing sequence (The 1st and 2nd highest individual athlete entry points are combined to determine the 1st NF Entry Ranking, the 3rd and 4th highest individual athlete entry points are combined to determine the 2nd NF Entry Ranking and so on). Each athlete's Entry Points can be counted only once in the NF Entry Ranking. The FIVB NF Ranking is used to determine NFs that have earned berth(s) into a tournament. NF Entry Ranking is updated on the Monday after each FIVB recognized Beach Volleyball event.

Individual Technical Ranking: The Individual Technical Ranking is the ranking of individual players based on the total FIVB Ranking points earned by that player in all FIVB recognized Beach Volleyball events over a 365 day period from the date the ranking is published. Depending on the date of the ranking, it is possible for this ranking to include FIVB Ranking points from two FIVB seasons.

FIVB Season's Ranking: Ranking of teams based on the ten (10) best results at all FIVB recognized events over the season (i.e. 2015/2016, 2016/2017, etc.). FIVB Season's ranking is updated every Monday after an FIVB recognized event granting FIVB Ranking Points. At the end of season, FIVB Season's Ranking defines the 'Team of the Year', which is awarded at the first Grand Slam / Major Series event of the following season.

Note:

The method used to calculate Athlete Entry Points or FIVB Seeding Points is i) to define the date window comprised of the last eight (8) FIVB events (including 2015 FIVB World Championships/Open/Grand Slam/Major Series events and 2016 FIVB Grand Slam/Major Series events) which must be counted within the past 365 days and ii) then add the total of the best six (6) results from any events within this date window including FIVB Homologated National Tour, Continental Zonal, Continental Tour, Continental Masters, Continental Championships and Continental Age Group Championships, FIVB Satellite, Challenger, Open, Grand Slam, Major Series, World Championships and Age Group World Championships.

2.4 2016 OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION FOR BEACH VOLLEYBALL

The beach volleyball event at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio will consist of a Men's and Women's tournaments with twenty-four (24) teams each.

A. ATHLETES QUOTA

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

Total quota for beach volleyball:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	46 (23 teams)	2 (1 team)	48 (24 teams)
Women	46 (23 teams)	2 (1 team)	48 (24 teams)
Total	92 (46 teams)	4 (2 teams)	96 (48 teams)

Maximum Number per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	4 (2 teams)
Women	4 (2 teams)
Total	8 (4 teams)

If an NOC/NF has earned a quota place(s) through the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016 or through the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, the NOC/NF must choose its athletes from its six (6) best eligible pairs in the World Ranking List of 13 June 2016.

B. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

Age Requirements:

The minimum age for a Beach Volleyball athlete is fourteen (14) years old, on the first day of the competition at the Olympic Games. All athletes participating in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games must therefore be born on/or before 7 August 2002.

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes must comply with the rules of the FIVB as described below:

1. To qualify through the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016 or through the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, all athletes must have participated in a minimum of 12 official FIVB Olympic Qualification tournaments as an individual (FIVB World Tour/World Championships/recognized Continental Tour Finals) scheduled from 1 January 2015 until 12 June 2016. If an NOC/NF has earned quota place(s) through the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016 or through the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, the NOC/NF must choose its athletes from its six (6) best eligible pairs in the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016.

2. To qualify through the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (Final at continental level) or through the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification), all athletes must have participated as an individual in a minimum of twelve (12) events among Continental Cups (Final at continental level and World Olympic Qualification), National and/or Continental and/or FIVB events scheduled from 1st May 2014 until 10 July 2016.

C. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

All FIVB-registered teams composed of two (2) athletes in each gender will be able to accumulate FIVB World Ranking points or win qualification tournaments held worldwide from 1st May 2014 to 10 July 2016.

The Olympic Ranking is established based on the FIVB World Ranking points earned at the twelve (12) best performances as a team in the World Championships, World Tour events and recognised Continental Tour Finals (best of the two results) from 1 January 2015 until 12 June 2016.

An athlete can earn a maximum of one (1) quota place for his/her NOC/NF to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

1. Qualification Places

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

Number of Quota Places Per Gender	Qualification Event
1	<p>2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships of June 2015 (26 June – 5 July 2015).</p> <p>The 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Champion team will earn one (1) quota place for its NOC/NF to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.</p>
15	<p>Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016</p> <p>The fifteen (15) highest ranked teams on the Olympic Ranking as of 13 June 2016 will each earn one (1) quota place for their NOC/NF to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, respecting the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.</p> <p>In the event of a tie in the established Olympic Ranking between two or more teams the following criteria will apply in the following order, to determine the team(s) earning a quota place for their NOC/NF:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The total qualification points accumulated as a team through the Olympic Qualification tournaments from 1 January 2015 to 12 June 2016; 2. The total number of Olympic Qualification tournaments the team has participated in from 1 January 2015 to 12 June 2016; 3. The best finishes as a team in the Olympic qualification tournaments from 1 January 2015 to 12 June 2016.

Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (Final at Continental level) on 20-26 June 2016

Beach Volleyball Continental Cup will take place between 1st May 2014 and 26 June 2016, with a direct elimination competition format where the winning teams move to the next phase. The competition will consist of three phases: 1st phase, 2nd phase and Final phase at continental level. The five (5) winning NOCs/NFs (one per Continental Confederation territory) will each earn one (1) quota place.

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Each NOC/NF is represented by two (2) teams per gender at the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup.

NOCs/NFs which have already obtained two (2) quota places as per the FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships and the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016 will not compete at the **Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (Final at continental level)**.

An athlete having already earned one (1) quota place for its NOC/NF through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships or tentative Olympic Ranking List established on 30 April 2016 will not compete at the Continental Cup (Semi Final and Final at continental level).

2016 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification) on 4-10 July 2016

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The 2nd and 3rd NOC/NF from each of the **Continental Cup (Final at continental level)**, which have not yet obtained two (2) quota places through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, the Olympic Ranking and/or Continental Cup (Final at continental level) will qualify for the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification) event. The teams ranked 1st and 2nd will each earn one (1) quota place for their NOC/NF.

National Olympic Trials:

NOCs/NFs having obtained quota places for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games may organise National Olympic Trials to determine their representing team(s). Athletes selected through the National Olympic Trials must comply with the eligibility requirements as specified in paragraph **Athlete Eligibility**.

Host Country Places

The Host Country is guaranteed:

- One (1) quota place per gender;
- The right to participate in all qualification events to earn a second quota place.

The Host NOC/NF has to confirm the use of the allocated quota places (in compliance with eligibility requirements) to FIVB by 12 June 2016.

D. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, FIVB will publish the results on its website www.fivb.org and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks and exceptionally four (4) days after the last qualifying event (4-10 July 2016) to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **Qualification Timeline**.

E. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

1. Reallocation of unused Qualification Places

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the team qualified through the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team on the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places.
- If the team qualified through the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team on the Olympic Ranking List, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places.
- If the team qualified through the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (Final at continental level), the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team of the respective Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (Final at continental level), whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places.
- If the team qualified through the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification), the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team of the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification), whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places.

F. DRAWING OF LOTS

Upon the confirmation of the qualified twenty-four (24) Olympic places per gender, a drawing of lots will be organized by FIVB (date and location to be confirmed), to establish the seeding and distribution into pools. A second drawing of lots will be carried out during the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, after the preliminary phase and after the lucky-loser matches when all the eligible teams for the second phase of single elimination are confirmed.

The drawing of lots for the distribution of teams into pools will be among the twenty-four (24) eligible teams (maximum 2 teams per NOC/NF) and will be enlisted before the start of the drawing of lots as follows:

1 NOC/NF as the winner of the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships
15 NOCs/NFs as per Olympic ranking position
1 Host Country place - Brazil

5 NOCs/ NFs, winners of the each Continental Cup Final events
2 NOCs/ NFs, winners of the FIVB World Cup Olympic Qualification

The best host country team (Brazil) will be seed #1 in the seeding if the team is among the top six pairs as per the Olympic ranking. It will be seeded as #6 if it is featured below the top 6 teams of the final Olympic Ranking.

Teams from the same NF/NOCs shall not be drawn into the same pool by defining same NF/NOC teams as "blocked" team where possible. The final draw result will be officially validated on Sunday 10th July, 2016 after the completion of FIVB World Cup Olympic Qualification.

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
Seed #1 * BRA	Seed #2	Seed #3	Seed #4	Seed #5	Seed #6 * BRA
Draw Two between Seed #10 - #12			Draw One between Seed #7 - #9		
Draw Three between Seed #13 - #17					Draw Four - Seed #18 from 5 Continental Cup Final winners
Draw Six – Seed #23- #24 between the 2 winners from the World cup Olympic Qualification		Draw Five – Seed #19 - #22 between the remaining 4 winners from the Continental Cup Final winners.			

Note: Teams from the same country/NF shall not be drawn into the same pool by defining same country teams as "blocked" team where possible.

* If the Olympic ranking of BRA is in the top 6 then BRA will be seed 1 otherwise BRA will be seed 6.

The methodology for the two (2) drawing of lots will be featured in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games Specific Event Regulation and Olympic Games Handbook, which will be circulated to the participating NF/NOCs prior to the games time.

2. Reallocation of unused Host Country Places

Should the Host Country decide not to participate or if it qualifies two (2) quota places through the qualification places, its unused quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team of the same gender on the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places.

F. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
1 May 2014 – 26 June 2016	Continental Cup
1 January 2015 – 12 June 2016	Olympic Ranking
26 June – 5 July 2015	2015 FIVB World Championships (The Netherlands)
6 July 2015	FIVB to confirm NOC/NF having earned quota place through the 2015 FIVB World Championships
20 July 2015	NOC/NF to confirm use of the quota place earned through the 2015 FIVB World Championships
30 April 2016	Tentative Olympic Ranking to establish non-eligible athletes to take part in the Continental Cup (Semi Final and Final at continental level)
12 June 2016	The Host NOC has to confirm the use of the allocated quota places (in compliance with eligibility requirements) to FIVB.
13 June 2016	FIVB to publish the Olympic Ranking and to inform NOCs/NFs of the quota places earned through Olympic Ranking
27 June 2016	NOCs to confirm use of the quota places earned through Olympic Ranking to FIVB
27 June 2016	FIVB to inform NOCs/NFs of the quota places earned through Continental Cup (Finals at continental level)
4-10 July 2016	FIVB World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification)
11 July 2016	NOCs to confirm use of the quota places earned through the Continental Cup (Finals at continental level) to FIVB
11 July 2016	FIVB to inform NOCs/NFs of the quota places earned through the FIVB World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification)
15 July 2016	NOCs to confirm use of the quota places earned through FIVB World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification) to FIVB
By 17 July 2016	FIVB to reallocate all unused quota places
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline

2.5 EXTENDED ABSENCE DUE TO MATERNITY LEAVE OR SERIOUS INJURY

Maternity Leave

- If an athlete returns to play within 365 days from the birth of the child, 5/6 of their Entry points at eighteen (18) months before the birth of the child shall apply; if they return to play after 365 days, 3/6 of their Entry points at eighteen (18) months before the birth of the child shall apply.
- For an entry into subsequent events the FIVB points earned at the first event shall be added, but 1/6 shall be subtracted from the starting total. For each subsequent entry the same rule applies.
- To apply for the Entry point calculation due to a maternity leave, the NF of the athlete has to submit a birth certificate of the child and announce the next FIVB tournament the athlete plans on taking part to a minimum 60 days before the said tournament.

After six (6) tournaments, the starting total will be zero (0) and the FIVB points earned at those six (6) tournaments will be her Entry points. The same rule applies for the Seeding Points of the athlete concerned.

Serious Injury

- In case of severe injury, the athlete must provide a valid medical certificate and must not be able to play for a minimum of 6 months. 5% of their Entry points calculated within 365 days before the injury shall apply upon their return.
- For entry into subsequent events the FIVB points earned at the first event shall be added, but 1/6 shall be subtracted from the starting total. For each subsequent entry the same rule applies.
- To apply for the Entry point calculation due to a serious injury, the NF of the athlete has to submit a valid medical certificate and announce the next FIVB tournament the athlete plans on taking part to a minimum 60 days before the said tournament. The same rule applies for the Seeding Points of the athlete concerned.

2.6 COMPETITION AND MATCH FORMAT

A. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

In principle, an FIVB beach volleyball event is composed of the following phases:

- Continental Quota Playoff (if any)
- Country Quota Playoff (if any)
- Qualification Tournament (applicable only for FIVB World Tour events)
- Main Draw Tournament

Country Quota Playoff is played with a maximum of six (6) same country teams in a Single Elimination format, in case and NF has entered more teams than available NF spots in the Qualification Tournament at the time the Confirmed NF Entry List is issued.

The following competition formats are applied for the FIVB Tournaments as follows:

FIVB EVENT CATEGORY	COMPETITION FORMAT Qualification Tournament	COMPETITION FORMAT Main Draw
FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Grand Slam, Major Series and Open	The Qualification Tournament is played in a Single Elimination format with a maximum of thirty-two (32) teams, after Country Quota calculations	<p>The Main Draw Tournament of each gender is made up of thirty-two (32) teams and is played through a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – first phase of eight (8) pools of four (4) teams each (Round Robin); – a second phase with twenty-four (24) teams playing in a Single Elimination format (the losers of the semifinal matches will play the bronze medal match, while the winners of the semifinal matches will play the gold medal match). <p>From the Round Robin phase the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked teams from each pool will advance to the single elimination phase (total: twenty-four (24) teams).</p>

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| Swatch
Beach
Volleyball
FIVB World
Tour Finals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Two pools of five (5) teams each competing in round robin format, followed by the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals. – The top ranked teams from each pool will directly advance to the Semi-finals, while the 2ndranked and 3rdranked teams from each pool will play the quarter-finals as followed:A2 vs. B3, B2 vs. A3. – The semi-finals will be played by A1 vs. the winner of B2/A3, B1 vs. the winner of A2/B3.The winners of the semi-final matches will play the gold medal match while the losers will play the bronze medal match. |
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Note: FIVB reserves the right to adapt the competition format of Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals to optimize the final success of the tournament. In such case, the revised competition format will be announced prior to the start of the tournament and listed in the Event Regulation.

Exceptions can be made to adapt to specific situations upon the Organiser's request and with the prior approval of the FIVB. In principle, once the tournament starts, no changes should be introduced in the competition/match format (the FIVB nevertheless reserves the right to apply amendments in extreme cases). Also, no special rules regarding competition/match regulations should be made during the season. Any eventual amendments related to the competition/match regulations should be communicated to the players' advisors and signed off in agreement between them and the FIVB.

Athletes are required to confirm their Entry points and total points, upon signing in during the preliminary inquiry.

B. CONTINENTAL AND COUNTRY QUOTA PLAYOFF (1 DAY)

1. Continental Quota Playoff

- In case of four (4) Continental teams trying to compete into the Qualification Tournament of an FIVB World Tour Open event (with not enough points to directly enter into the event) two (2) Continental Quota Playoff matches will be played to allow two (2) teams to enter the Qualification Tournament, following the universality principles implemented for the Olympic Games. In case the number of the Continental teams will be less than four (4) ((three (3), two (2), one (1)) when necessary, the correct number of Continental Quota Playoff matches will be played to allow one (1) team to enter the Qualification Tournament. For FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam and Major events), the number of Continental teams allowed to take part of the Continental Quota Playoff is reduced to a maximum of three (3), and only one (1) team will have the possibility to enter the Qualification Tournament.

2. Country Quota Playoff

- Country Quota Playoff will be implemented in case an NF has entered more teams than available NF spots in the Qualification Tournament at the time the Confirmed NF Entry List is issued.
- The Country Quota Playoff matches must be played after 2:00 PM the day before the Qualification Tournament in conjunction with the practical part of the referee clinic between teams from the same country (with a maximum of six (6) foreign country teams and four (4) teams for the host country per gender) whenever the number of teams entered in the Qualification Tournament exceeds the number of teams allowed to participate in the Main Draw.

- The Country Quota Playoff consists of a single elimination phase and the matches are completed once the qualified number of teams reaches the number of qualified NF places in the Qualification Tournament or Main Draw Tournament.

Notes: Eliminated Country Quota teams do not earn any FIVB Ranking Points. Their participation in the Country Quota Playoff matches nevertheless counts towards the eligibility requirements for the qualification for the 2016 Olympic Games.

Seeding for Country Quota Playoff

- For the Country Quota Playoff, once all the participating teams are known and their presence is confirmed during the mandatory Preliminary Inquiry held before the Country Quota Playoff, the seeding of the participating teams is based on the sum of the individual Athlete Entry Points on that team on the date of the Preliminary Inquiry (*See FIVB Seeding Points*).

C. QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT (1 DAY)

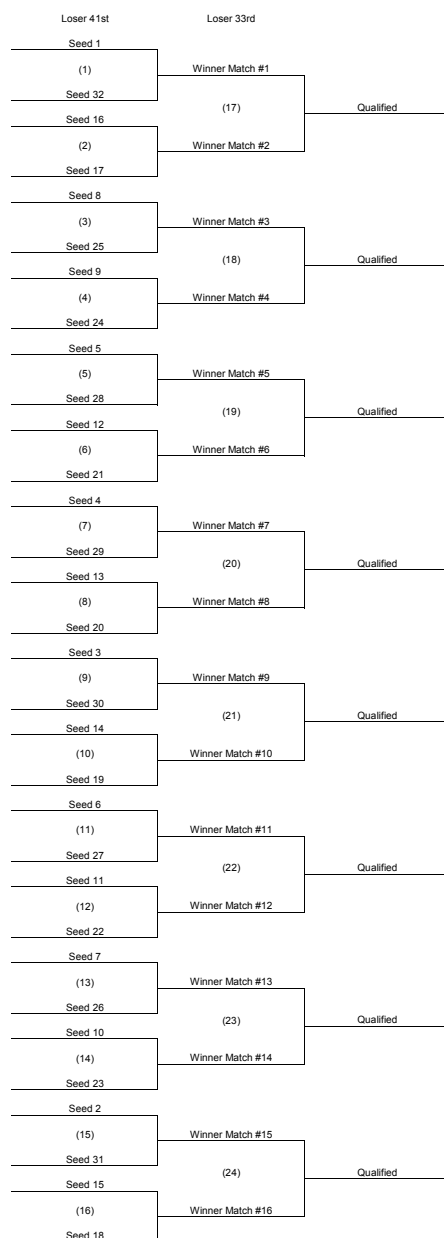
For FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major and Open events), a maximum of thirty-two (32) teams can be entered in the Qualification Tournament. The Qualification Tournament is played until eight (8) teams qualify to the quarter-final of the single elimination tournament (plus any possible additional teams in accordance with the Lucky loser draw regulations at point 2.2.B above).

CATEGORY	# OF TEAMS IN QT	# OF TEAMS QUALIFYING TO MD
FIVB World Tour Grand Slam, Major Series and Open	32	8

- Qualification Tournament should be filled to thirty-two (32) teams;
 - In case of withdrawal(s) of team(s), in the Qualification Tournament, the next eligible team(s) in the Reserve in the Confirmed NF Entry List shall be picked up. In case there are no eligible Reserve teams physically present at the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament, Reserve teams may be picked up to fill the roster regardless the country quota regulations.
- In case of insufficient teams in the Qualification Tournament and no eligible teams in the Reserve, the Country Quota Playoff teams that did not qualify to the Tournament shall be eligible to be picked up to fill the roster regardless the Country Quota regulations.
 - In case there are not sufficient teams at the Qualification Tournament Preliminary Inquiry to fill the thirty-two (32) Team Qualification Tournament then the Country Quota Playoff will be cancelled and all registered teams should be placed into the Qualification Tournament.
- In case of insufficient teams in the Qualification Tournament, no eligible teams in the Reserve and no Country Quota Playoff teams that did not qualify to the Tournament, the two (2) Host NF teams in the reserve list of the tournament will be entered upon agreement between the Promoter and the Technical Supervisor as per the sum of their individual entry points. If case there is only one spot available, the Host NF team with highest entry points in the reserve list will be entered to the Qualification Tournament.
- A minimum of eight (8) teams qualify to the Main Draw Tournament through the Qualification Tournament. In case one (1) or two (1) Wild Card(s) is (are) not allocated by the FIVB, the next eligible team(s) from the Qualification Team List will enter the Main Draw.

- Should the number of host country and foreign teams participating in the Qualification Tournament be less than the number of teams required to fill the Main Draw Tournament roster, the FIVB shall notify these teams of their direct entry in the Main Draw Tournament.
- The universality principles in the Qualification Tournament of FIVB World Tour events will be applied allowing the participation of a team (not having enough points to directly enter into the event) from each of the five (5) Confederations.
- Teams participating in the Qualification Tournament of an FIVB event are seeded according to FIVB Seeding Points (The sum of the individual FIVB Points earned from the best six (6) of last eight (8) among all FIVB recognized/sanctioned events over a 365-day period) on the date of the Preliminary Inquiry.
- In case of a tie in Athlete Entry Points/ Seeding Points of two or more teams, sum of the Individual Technical Ranking Points is used to break the tie. If the tie still persists, the drawing of lots is executed to break the tie.
- The lucky loser draw will be conducted to determine the teams qualifying to the Qualification Tournament. The extra team(s) with the highest seed in the Country Quota Playoff tournament among the teams failing to qualify to the Qualification Tournament by losing the last round of the Country Quota Playoff Tournament, provided they attend the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification tournament, shall qualify to the “Lucky Loser” Draw.
- A “Lucky Loser” Draw procedure is implemented by the FIVB Technical Supervisor.
- The FIVB Technical Supervisor must draw between the two highest seeded teams among the eligible “Lucky Losers”. For each additional available spot from the Country Quota Playoff Tournament to the Qualification Tournament, the next highest seeded team must be drawn against the loser of the previous draw. This procedure continues until all additional open spots are filled.

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C. MAIN DRAW (4 DAYS)

1. FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major Series and Open)

The Main Draw Tournament of each gender event is played through a first phase of eight (8) pools of four (4) teams each (Round Robin) and a second phase with twenty-four (24) teams playing in a Single Elimination format (the loser of a semi-final will play the bronze medal match, while the winner of the semi-final will play the gold medal match). From the Round Robin phase the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked teams from each pool advance to the single elimination phase (total: twenty-four (24) teams).

The playing format should be fixed, so that the drawing after Pool Play finishes late in the afternoon and no games are played the same day in Single Elimination. If the first round of Single Elimination is played the same day as the drawing after pool play is made, the starting time of the first game in Single Elimination cannot be earlier than two (2) hours after the bracket has been drawn and approved by the FIVB Technical Supervisor. The FIVB Technical Supervisor must be responsible to verify that the competition schedule fulfils the FIVB competition regulations at least one (1) month before the start of the event (start time semi-finals and finals, above duration of the competition, matches per day, break between matches, daylight, number of courts, etc.).

Thirty-two (32) NF places/teams in the Main Draw Tournament are set as follows:

- Minimum two (2) and a maximum of three (3) Host NF places/teams (excluding Wild Cards) as per the Confirmed NF Entry List. A third Host NF place may be earned only if the third entered Host Country team has sufficient Entry points upon release of the Confirmed NF Entry List while the fourth Host NF place may be earned in the Main Draw Tournament only if the fourth Host NF team entered qualifies through the Qualification Tournament;
- Twenty (20)/nineteen (19) foreign NF places/teams in accordance with the Entry points of the entered teams – 21 days before the event and the number of Host NF places/teams. In principle, this quota of 4 teams shall include also the teams qualified from the Qualification Tournament;
- Two (2) FIVB Wild Cards: one (1) Wild Card granted to the Host NF team and one (1) Wild Card granted at FIVB's discretion;
- Eight (8) teams having qualified from the Qualification Tournament.

1.1 Seeding for the Main Draw of FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major Series and Open)

1st Phase: Structure of pools

Women's Teams and Men's Teams							
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F	Pool G	Pool H
Seed #1	Seed #2	Seed #3	Seed #4	Seed #5	Seed #6	Seed #7	Seed #8
Seed #16	Seed #15	Seed #14	Seed #13	Seed #12	Seed #11	Seed #10	Seed #9
Seed #17	Seed #18	Seed #19	Seed #20	Seed #21	Seed #22	Seed #23	Seed #24
Seed #32	Seed #31	Seed #30	Seed #29	Seed #28	Seed #27	Seed #26	Seed #25

Once all the participating teams are known and their presence is confirmed during the mandatory Preliminary Inquiry held the evening before the Main Draw Tournament, the teams are then seeded in the competition pools as per the FIVB Seeding points (sum of the individual Athlete Entry Points of that team on the date of the Preliminary Inquiry):

- Wild Cards maintain their natural seeding;
- The 8 teams that qualify for the Main Draw in Grand Slam, Major Series and Open events will be seeded as per their FIVB Seeding Points (the sum of the individual Athlete Entry Points of that team on the date of the Preliminary Inquiry). In case of a tie in Seeding Points of two or more teams, sum of the Individual Technical Ranking is used to break the tie. If the tie still persists, the drawing of lots is executed to break the tie:
 - If the best ranked Host Country team is ranked within the first eight (8) teams, then it would receive seed #1 (Pool A) and the remaining host country teams will be seeded as per their Seeding Points; otherwise the best ranked Host Country team are seeded in seed #8 (Pool H) and the rest of the teams by their Seeding Points.

Any additional host country team(s) must never be placed in the same pool. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and any other eventual host country team(s) has their seed increased (for example from Seed #15 increased to seed #16) until they are in a different pool then the other Host country teams. Should increasing the seed not work (or not be possible) then the seed is reduced (for example from Seed #32 reduced to seed #31) until the host country team is in a different pool then the other host country teams. The relative seeding of the host country teams must be respected and preserved after the host country teams have been placed in separate pools.

Example: As showed in the below diagram, 6 teams already in the Main Draw from the host country (including the wild cards), their seeding positions are USA 1 (seed #1), USA 2 (seed #2), USA 3 (seed #15), USA 4 (seed #19), USA 5 (seed #30) and USA 6 (seed #32).

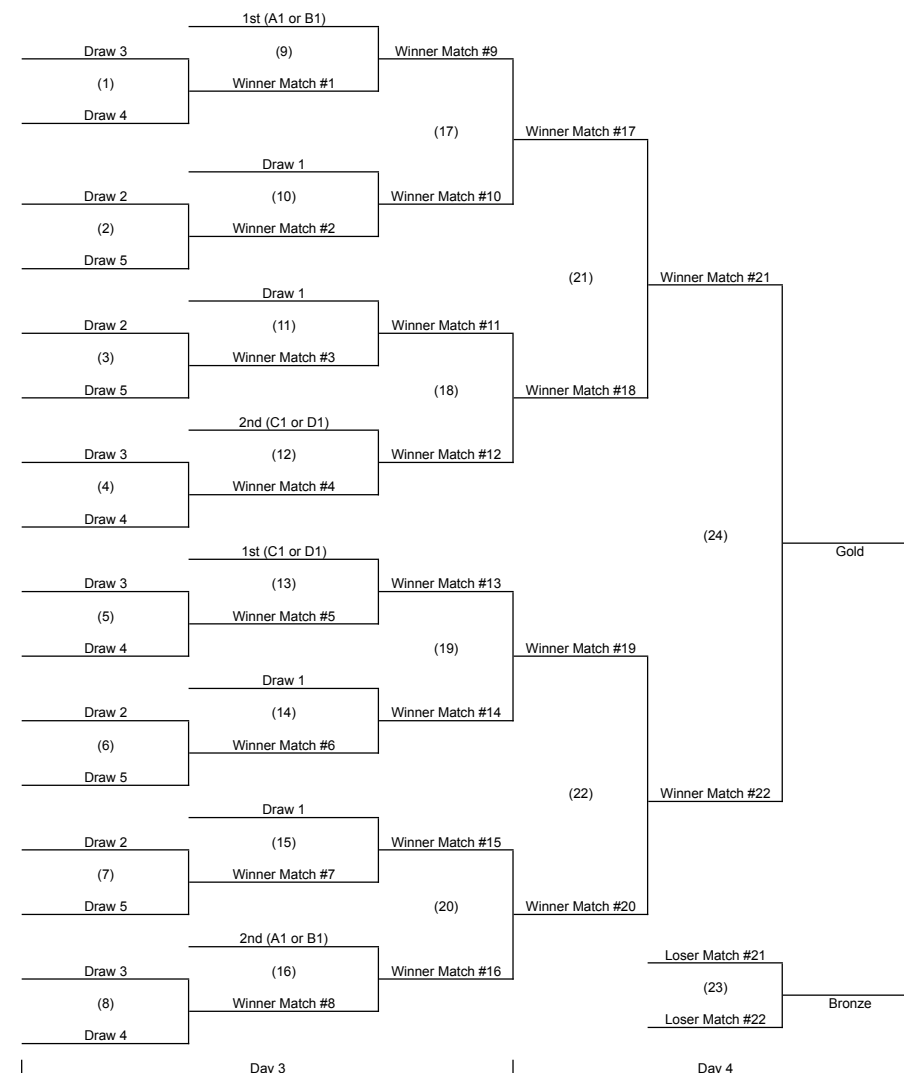
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F	Pool G	Pool H
USA 1	USA 2	seed #3	seed #4	seed #5	seed #6	seed #7	seed #8
Seed #16	USA 3	Seed #14	Seed #13	Seed #12	Seed #11	seed #10	seed #9
Seed #17	Seed #18	USA 4	Seed #20	Seed #21	Seed #22	Seed #23	Seed #24
USA 6	Seed #31	USA 5	Seed #29	Seed #28	Seed #27	Seed #26	Seed #25

Based on the above mentioned regulations, the final seeding will be established as below:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F	Pool G	Pool H
USA 1	USA 2	seed #3	seed #4	seed #5	seed #6	seed #7	seed #8
Seed #17	Seed #16	Seed #14	Seed #13	Seed #12	Seed #11	seed #10	seed #9
Seed #18	Seed #20	USA 3	USA 4	Seed #21	Seed #22	Seed #23	Seed #24
Seed #31	Seed #29	Seed #28	Seed #27	USA 6	USA 5	Seed #26	Seed #25

Note: In principle, the host team with higher seeding points shall always have higher seed among the host country teams.

Every team plays the three (3) other teams in their pool. The ranking of teams within their pools will be determined by the total number of match points.



A1 or B1 are decided by best ratio (wins, sets, points*) - highest ratio match #9, lowest ratio match #16

C1 or D1 are decided by best ratio (wins, sets, points*) - highest ratio match #13, lowest ratio match #12

Draw 1 = E1 + F1 + G1 + H1

Draw 2 = 4 x 2nd place teams from pool play with best ratio (match points, set ratio, rally point ratio, and if a tie still exists in rally point ratio, a draw will be conducted to break the tie)

Draw 3 = 4 x 2nd place teams from pool play with worst ratio (match points, set ratio, rally point ratio, and if a tie still exists in rally point ratio, a draw will be conducted to break the tie)

Draw 4 = 4 x 3rd place teams from pool play with best ratio (match points, set ratio, rally point ratio, and if a tie still exists in rally point ratio, a draw will be conducted to break the tie)

Draw 5 = 4 x 3rd place teams from pool play with worst ratio (match points, set ratio, rally point ratio, and if a tie still exists in rally point ratio, a draw will be conducted to break the tie)

1) In the first two rounds teams from the same pool can't meet

e.g. If Match #9 = B1 vs Winner of Match #1 then Match #1 can't have a team from Pool B

* Points earned from a forfeit don't count in this ratio (The matches won and sets won do count)

- If there are two (2) teams from the same in NF in the pool, then the match between these two (2) teams should be played first, as long as the TV matches schedule permits.
- Seeding in the pool is implemented in accordance with the serpentine principle.
- Seeding in the Single Elimination phase after Pool Play follows the graphic on page 31.

Note: To revise the competition schedule for the four-day “open” events to ensure that the top teams in the world are playing one of the last matches of the day instead of one of the first.

Benefit: To feature the best teams in the world later in the day (if possible) instead of having these tandems complete their competition schedule by 1:00 PM or 2:00 PM.

3. SWATCH BEACH VOLLEYBALL FIVB WORLD TOUR FINALS

- Two (2) pools of five (5) teams each competing in round robin format, followed by the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals.
- The top ranked teams from each pool will directly advance to the Semi-finals, while the 2nd ranked and 3rd ranked teams from each pool will play the quarter-finals as followed: A2 vs. B3, B2 vs. A3.
- The semi-finals will be played by A1 vs. the winner of B2/A3, B1 vs. the winner of A2/B3.
- The winners of the semi-final matches will play the gold medal match while the losers will play the bronze medal match.

3.1 Seeding for the Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals

-For the Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals, seeding will be based on the sum of Athlete Entry points established -21 days before the start of the tournament once the confirmed entry list is released.

In case of a tie:

- In Athlete Entry Points/ Seeding Points of two (2) or more teams, sum of the Individual Technical Ranking Points is used to break the tie;
- if the tie still persists, the drawing of lots is executed to break the tie.
- The best ranked host Country team (as by the sum of athlete entry points, regardless of the status of wild card) will be seeded #1 and the 2nd ranked host country team (if any) will have the natural seeding.
- Teams will be placed in the two (2) pools in a serpentine system. Wild Cards maintain their natural seeding as per the sum of the athlete entry point.
- Teams from the same country will not be placed in the same pool. The 2nd best country team will have its seed increased (for example from seed #3 to seed #4, etc.) until the team is in a different pool then the other team from that country. Should increasing the seed not work (or not be possible), then the seed of the team concerned will be reduced (for example from seed #9 to seed #7, etc.) until the team is in a different pool.

D. RULES FOR POOL RANKING

1. FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major and Open)

For all matches the final team ranking will be determined in accordance with the results of the matches (won or lost). For each match won, the winning team will earn 2 match points. For each match lost the losing team will earn 1 match point and for each forfeited match the winning team will earn 2 match points while the forfeited team will have 0 points.

All discontinued matches or matches that have not started are to be assessed by the FIVB Technical Supervisor to determine if the losing team is Disqualification (DSQ) or Disqualification by Injury (INJ/DSQ) and whether they will receive any match points.

If a team withdraws due to an injury before or during a match or gets disqualified during a match, it will earn 1 match point and will keep the sets and points earned up to that moment, but the sets and points against will be the maximum. For example, if a team wins the first set 21:19 and is injured and forfeits the match when they are winning the second set 6:4, this injured team would earn 1 match point with sets of 1:2 and rally points of 21:19, 6:21 and 0:15. In this example, the winning team would get 2 match points with sets of 2:1 and rally points of 19:21, 4:6, 0:0. In addition, its match result will be marked with “INJ/DSQ”.

If a team refuses to play after being summoned to do so, it is declared in default and forfeits the match with the result 0-2 for the match and 0-21, 0-21 for the sets. The opponent team will be declared the winner of this match.

A team that does not appear on the playing court on time is declared in default with the result 0-2 for the match and 0-21, 0-21 for the sets. The opponent team will be declared the winner of the match. In addition, this match result will be marked with “DSQ”. The winning team will receive 2 match points with sets of 2:0 and rally points of 0:0, 0:0.

If the injury occurs before the match begins, the match will be marked “INJ/DSQ” and the losing team will be awarded 1 match point with sets of 0:2 and rally points of 0:21, 0:21. In this case, the winning team will be awarded 2 match points with sets of 2:0 and rally points of 0:0, 0:0.

If a team withdraws without a valid reason before a match (e.g. no show) or during a match (e.g. refusal to continue) they will lose by forfeit 0-2 (0:21, 0:21) and will earn 0 match points. In addition, this match result will be marked with “DSQ”. The winning team will receive 2 match points with sets of 2:0 and rally points of 0:0, 0:0.

If a team is disqualified during the preliminary round of the tournament due to a positive doping test, it will lose all the matches in the pool (played or to be played) by forfeit (see above). It will receive no rank. All of the team’s matches in the Pool will be recorded as a forfeit for ranking purposes. (e.g. All winning teams receive - Sets 2:0 - Rally Points 0:0 , 0:0).

Every team will play the three (3) other teams in their pool. The ranking of teams within their pools will be determined by the total number of match points, with the following points awarded per match to each team:

Match won	2 points
Match lost	1 point
Match forfeited	0 points (21-0; 21-0)

In the case of a tie in the pools (match points) during the round robin, the following rules will apply:

- Between two (2) teams:
 - The team with higher rally point ratios in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher.
 - If a tie still exists by points ratio then the teams have the same position in ranking.
- Between three (3) teams:
 - If three (3) teams have a tie in the main points, then the top ranked team is determined by the rally points ratios in the matches between the three tied teams.
 - If a tie still exists then the teams have the same position in the ranking.

2015/2016 FIVB Double Gender Event Match Schedule (32 Team Qualification)

Pools of 4 teams in each gender		Women		Men			
Monday: Women Country Quota Playoff							
Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	
Women Country Quota Playoff	10:00						
	10:50						
	11:40						
	12:30	Women Country Quota Preliminary Inquiry					
	13:20						
	14:10	Women's CQPO	Women's CQPO	Women's CQPO	Women's CQPO		
	15:00	Women's CQPO	Women's CQPO	Women's CQPO	Women's CQPO		
	16:40	Women's CQPO	Women's CQPO	Women's CQPO	Women's CQPO		
Tuesday: Women Qualification (24 Matches Total), Men Country Quota Playoff							
Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	
Women Qualification Men Country Quota Playoff	10:00	Women's Qual R32	Women's Qual R32	Women's Qual R32	Women's Qual R32		
	10:50	Women's Qual R32	Women's Qual R32	Women's Qual R32	Women's Qual R32		
	11:40	Women's Qual R32	Women's Qual R32	Women's Qual R32	Women's Qual R32		
	12:30	Women's Qual R32	Women's Qual R32	Women's Qual R32	Women's Qual R32		
	13:20	Women's Qual R16	Women's Qual R16			Men Country Quota	
	14:10	Women's Qual R16	Women's Qual R16	Men's CQPO	Men's CQPO		
	15:00	Women's Qual R16	Women's Qual R16	Men's CQPO	Men's CQPO		
	15:50	Women's Qual R16	Women's Qual R16	Men's CQPO	Men's CQPO		
	16:40	Men's CQPO	Men's CQPO	Men's CQPO	Men's CQPO		
	17:30	Men's CQPO	Men's CQPO	Men's CQPO	Men's CQPO		
	18:20	Men's CQPO	Men's CQPO				
	Wednesday: Women Main Draw Day 1, Men Qualification (56 Matches Total)						
Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	
Women Pool Play Round 1 Pool Play Round 2	09:00	Men's Qual R32	Men's Qual R32	Men's Qual R32	Men's Qual R32	Men's Qual R32	
	09:50	Men's Qual R32	Men's Qual R32	Men's Qual R32	Men's Qual R32	Men's Qual R32	
	10:40	A1 vs A4	A2 vs A3	B1 vs B4	B2 vs B3	Men's Qual R32	
	11:30	C1 vs C4	C2 vs C3	D1 vs D4	D2 vs D3	Men's Qual R32	
	12:20	E1 vs E4	E2 vs E3	F1 vs F4	F2 vs F3	Men's Qual R32	
	13:10	G1 vs G4	G2 vs G3	H1 vs H4	H2 vs H3	Men's Qual R32	
	14:00	A1 vs A3	A2 vs A4	B1 vs B3	B2 vs B4	Men's Qual R32	
	14:50	C1 vs C3	C2 vs C4	D1 vs D3	D2 vs D4	Men's Qual R32	
	15:40	E1 vs E3	E2 vs E4	F1 vs F3	F2 vs F4		
	16:30	G1 vs G3	G2 vs G4	H1 vs H3	H2 vs H4		
	17:20	Men's Qual R16	Men's Qual R16	Men's Qual R16	Men's Qual R16		
	18:10	Men's Qual R16	Men's Qual R16	Men's Qual R16	Men's Qual R16		
Thursday: Women Main Draw Day 2, Men Main Draw Day 1 (48 Matches Total)							
Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4		
Women Pool Play Round 3	09:00	A1 vs A4	A2 vs A3	B1 vs B4	B2 vs B3		
	09:50	C1 vs C4	C2 vs C3	D1 vs D4	D2 vs D3		
	10:40	E1 vs E4	E2 vs E3	F1 vs F4	F2 vs F3		
	11:30	G1 vs G4	G2 vs G3	H1 vs H4	H2 vs H3		
	12:20	A1 vs A2	A3 vs A4	B1 vs B2	B3 vs B4		
	13:10	C1 vs C2	C3 vs C4	D1 vs D2	D3 vs D4		
	14:00	E1 vs E2	E3 vs E4	F1 vs F2	F3 vs F4		
	14:50	G1 vs G2	G3 vs G4	H1 vs H2	H3 vs H4		
	15:40	A1 vs A3	A2 vs A4	B1 vs B3	B2 vs B4		
	16:30	C1 vs C3	C2 vs C4	D1 vs D3	D2 vs D4		
	17:20	E1 vs E3	E2 vs E4	F1 vs F3	F2 vs F4		
	18:10	G1 vs G3	G2 vs G4	H1 vs H3	H2 vs H4		
Friday: Women Main Draw Day 3, Men Main Draw Day 2 (36 Matches Total)							
Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4		
Women Round of 24 Round of 16 Quarter Finals	09:00	WR24 (1)	WR24 (2)	WR24 (3)	WR24 (4)		
	10:00	WR24 (5)	WR24 (6)	WR24 (7)	WR24 (8)		
	11:00	A1 vs A2	A3 vs A4	B1 vs B2	B3 vs B4		
	12:00	C1 vs C2	C3 vs C4	D1 vs D2	D3 vs D4		
	13:00	WR16 (9)	WR16 (10)	WR16 (11)	WR16 (12)		
	14:00	WR16 (13)	WR16 (14)	WR16 (15)	WR16 (16)		
	15:00	E1 vs E2	E3 vs E4	F1 vs F2	F3 vs F4		
	16:00	G1 vs G2	G3 vs G4	H1 vs H2	H3 vs H4		
	17:00	WQF (17)	WQF (18)				
	18:00	WQF (19)	WQF (20)				
	Saturday: Women Main Draw Day 4, Men Main Draw Day 3 (24 Matches Total)						
	Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	
Women Semi-Finals Finals	09:00	MR24(1)	MR24(2)	MR24(3)	MR24(4)		
	10:00	MR24(5)	MR24(6)	MR24(7)	MR24(8)		
	11:00	WSF (21)					
	12:00	WSF (22)					
	13:00	MR16 (9)	MR16 (10)	MR16 (11)	MR16 (12)		
	14:00	MR16 (13)	MR16 (14)	MR16 (15)	MR16 (16)		
	15:00	WBronze (23)					
	16:00	WGold (24)					
	17:00	Award					
	18:00	MQF (17)	MQF (18)	MQF (19)	MQF (20)		
	Sunday: Men Main Draw Day 4 (4 Matches Total)						
	Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	
Men Semi-Finals Finals	10:00	MSF (21)					
	11:00	MSF (22)					
	12:00						
	13:00						
	14:00	MBronze (23)					
	15:00	MGold (24)					
	16:00	Award					

- Between four (4) teams:
 - The ranking is determined by the points ratio between all teams in the pool.
 - If a tie still exists then the teams have the same position in the ranking.
- In the case of a tie in the pools (match points) at the end of the round robin, the following rules will apply:
- Between two (2) teams:
 - The team with higher rally point ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher.
 - If a tie still exists, then the tie is determined by the tournament seeding established after the Main Draw Preliminary Inquiry (the highest seed of the tied teams is the top ranked team).
 - Between three (3) teams:
 - Teams are ranked (1, 2 & 3) by the rally points ratios in the matches between the three tied teams.
 - If a tie still exists (1, 1 & 1 or 1, 1 & 3 or 1, 2 & 2) then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally points ratio between all teams in the pool.
 - If a tie still exists then the teams still tied are determined by the tournament seeding established after the Main Draw Preliminary Inquiry (the highest seed of the tied teams is the top ranked team).

E. MATCH FORMAT

All matches, including the final match, are played according to the Rally Point Scoring System.

- All matches are the best two (2) out of three (3) sets. A match is won as soon as a team first wins two (2) sets. The first two sets are played to 21 points, won with a margin of two points. Switch court occurs every 7 total points (e.g.: 4-3, 9-5, etc.). One (1) Technical Time Out (of 30 seconds in length) occurs at 21 total points (e.g.: 11-10 or 12-9) during the first two (2) sets. Each team is entitled to one (1) additional Time Out (of thirty (30) seconds in length) per set.
- The third eventual set (deciding set) is played to 15 points won by a margin of two (2) points. Switch court occur every 5 total points (e.g.: 3-2, 6-4, etc.). There is no Technical Time Out in the third set. Each team is entitled to one (1) time out (of 30 seconds in length) in the third set. Intervals between sets must last one (1) minute each.
- Only one (1) Medical Time Out per match is allowed for each athlete. The timing of the maximum five (5) minutes recovery time allowed for an injury shall start from the arrival at the court area of the appropriate medical personnel (among the official medical personnel available on site) or in case the athlete chooses to be treated by their own medical personnel, from the moment they have made the request. Recovery time refers to the time needed for the accredited medical personnel to provide the relevant medical treatment. When the treatment has been completed or if no treatment can be provided, play must resume or the relevant team is declared incomplete. In all cases, the official medical personnel supervises the treatment and reports to the 1st referee when this has been completed, unless the athlete declares her/himself ready to resume play before their arrival at the court area. A Medical Time Out will be assigned to that player in any case.

F. COMPETITION PROGRAM AND MATCH PROGRAM

1. Warm-up

The time allowed for teams to warm-up on the court for the Qualification Tournament and for the Main Draw Tournament must be decided by the Competition Director and the FIVB Technical Supervisor.

2015/2016 FIVB Single Gender Open Match Schedule (32 Team Qualification)

8 Pools of 4 teams in each gender

Women or Men

Tuesday: Country Quota Playoff

Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
Country Quota Playoff (# of matches depend on the entered teams)	10:00				
	11:00				
	12:00				
	13:00				
	14:00	CQPO	CQPO	CQPO	CQPO
	15:00	CQPO	CQPO	CQPO	CQPO
	16:00	CQPO	CQPO	CQPO	CQPO
	17:00	CQPO	CQPO	CQPO	CQPO

Wednesday: Qualification (24 Matches Total)

Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
Qualification	10:00	Qualification R32	Qualification R32	Qualification R32	Qualification R32
	11:00	Qualification R32	Qualification R32	Qualification R32	Qualification R32
	12:00	Qualification R32	Qualification R32	Qualification R32	Qualification R32
	13:00	Qualification R32	Qualification R32	Qualification R32	Qualification R32
	14:00	Qualification R16	Qualification R16		
	15:00	Qualification R16	Qualification R16		
	16:00	Qualification R16	Qualification R16		
	17:00	Qualification R16	Qualification R16		

Thursday: Main Draw Day 1 (32 Matches Total)

Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
Pool Play Round 1	10:00	A1 vs A4	A2 vs A3	B1 vs B4	B2 vs B3
	11:00	C1 vs C4	C2 vs C3	D1 vs D4	D2 vs D3
	12:00	E1 vs E4	E2 vs E3	F1 vs F4	F2 vs F3
	13:00	G1 vs G4	G2 vs G3	H1 vs H4	H2 vs H3
Pool Play Round 2	14:00	A1 vs A3	A2 vs A4	B1 vs B3	B2 vs B4
	15:00	C1 vs C3	C2 vs C4	D1 vs D3	D2 vs D4
	16:00	E1 vs E3	E2 vs E4	F1 vs F3	F2 vs F4
	17:00	G1 vs G3	G2 vs G4	H1 vs H3	H2 vs H4

Friday: Main Draw Day 2 (24 Matches Total)

Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
Pool Play Round 3	09:00	A1 vs A2	A3 vs A4	B1 vs B2	B3 vs B4
	10:00	C1 vs C2	C3 vs C4	D1 vs D2	D3 vs D4
	11:00	E1 vs E2	E3 vs E4	F1 vs F2	F3 vs F4
	12:00	G1 vs G2	G3 vs G4	H1 vs H2	H3 vs H4
	13:00				
Round of 24	14:00				
	15:00	R24 (1)	R24 (2)		
	16:00	R24 (3)	R24 (4)		
	17:00	R24 (5)	R24 (6)		
	18:00	R24 (7)	R24 (8)		

Saturday: Main Draw Day 3 (12 Matches Total)

Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
Round of 16	10:00	R16 (9)	R16 (10)		
	11:00	R16 (11)	R16 (12)		
	12:00	R16 (13)	R16 (14)		
	13:00	R16 (15)	R16 (16)		
	14:00	QF (17)			
Quarter Finals	15:00	QF (18)			
	16:00	QF (19)			
	17:00	QF (20)			

Sunday: Main Draw Day 4 (4 Matches Total)

Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
Semi-Finals	09:00				
	10:00	SF (21)			
	11:00	SF (22)			
	12:00				
Finals	13:00				
	14:00	Bronze (23)			
	15:00	Gold (24)			
	16:00	Award			

Warm-up on the official court cannot last less than three (3) minutes. The FIVB Technical Supervisor must inform the athletes at the Preliminary Inquiry about the minimum time allocated for warm-up on all (official) courts, of the distance from the warm-up courts to the official courts, and of the procedures to follow in order to utilize the available courts.

In case no warm-up courts are available during the event, teams are allocated a warm-up time of fifteen (15) minutes on the assigned court.

D. ASSIGNMENTS OF COURTS

Two methods can be used to determine on which courts matches will be played:

1. Pre-assigning courts; or
2. Playing on the next available courts, following the sequence of matches.

It is the FIVB Technical Supervisor's responsibility to apply one or the other system or a combination of the two methods. Pre-assigning courts is strongly recommended for the Main Draw Tournament and may be applied to the Qualification Tournament.

Pre-determining the court assignments for several matches prior to the start of any given match has the following advantages compared to the "next available" method:

- Compelling matches (i.e. host country versus foreign country) can be scheduled on the centre court in advance which dramatically increases the positive atmosphere within the stadium as fans have a vested interest in the outcome;
- The schedule of the next day has to be ready one hour after the end of the last match at the latest and be properly circulated. This allows also spectators and media to follow their favourite teams and helps the overall promotion of the tournament;
- Athletes only have to watch one (1) court (versus watching all courts) to gauge their warm-up activities (in case the next match of a team is scheduled the second game up on court 2 after the current match, athletes are then not required to pay attention to the scores on courts 1, 3, or 4);
- Athletes can better prepare for the court conditions that will prevail during the match, thus leading to better competitions (i.e. as the wind conditions usually greatly vary between the main court and the outside courts);
- As the court assignments are identified in advance, athletes are not required to listen to the presenter for the court assignments (i.e. as often athletes are not in a position to hear the announcements from the warm-up court). With the pre-assignment system, athletes and officials simply show up on their pre-assigned court;
- The preparation of score-sheets, refereeing assignments, and scoreboard teams/flags is facilitated as the matches are recognized well in advance.

Since match times can greatly vary (i.e. there usually are "fast" courts and "slow" courts), the FIVB Technical Supervisor and the Competition Director must always pay attention to the flow of the tournament and make the new assignments accordingly. While an outside court (court 2, 3, or 4) may at times sit empty as teams are resting before their next match, the main court should however never be vacant and the last match of the day must be played on the main court.

The court assignments must always be presented on a draw sheet so that the future matches can be easily determined. They should furthermore be posted in the players' area and in the referees' lounge during the Qualification Tournament. In addition, during the Main Draw Tournament, court assignments must be posted on the Main Draw Tournament's boards at the spectators' entrance and in the press area.

Sometimes an outside court must sit empty due to the slowness of another court and this is unfortunately unavoidable. A minimum of 1.5 hours should be allocated except under extreme circumstances and/or for live televised matches where the time between each match should not be less than forty-five (45) minutes.

A billboard including match/court assignments schedule which is to be constantly updated should be exhibited by the Organizer of each event on site, as per the following example.

Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
8:00	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS
9:00	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS
10:00	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS
11:00	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS
12:00	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS
13:00	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS
14:00	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS
15:00	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS
16:00	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS
17:00	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS
18:00	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS
19:00	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS .....	..... VS

H. OFFICIAL RULES OF THE GAME AND REFEREE INSTRUCTIONS

The 2015-2016 edition of the Official Beach Volleyball Rules approved and published by the FIVB are in force throughout the 2015 and 2016 season.

The Official Beach Volleyball Rules in English language are available on the FIVB website as follows:

http://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/RulesOfTheGame_BVB.asp

The Official Beach Volleyball Rules apply for all FIVB Beach Volleyball International competitions, including the FIVB World Championships, Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals/FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major and Open events), FIVB Age Group World Championships, FIVB Continental Cup, Continental Cup (Continental phase), Continental Circuits, National Circuits and any tournaments sanctioned by the FIVB, by the Continental Confederations and by the NFs.

The 2016 Beach Volleyball Referee instructions (in English) including the Casebook, the Referee Delegate Manual composed by its Main Body plus 7 Appendixes, i.e. the Referee Guidelines, the Score Sheet Instructions, etc., as follows: <http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/refereeing.asp> are available on the FIVB website to be easily copied and distributed to the referees, line persons, scorers, athletes, journalists, etc.

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CHAPTER 3

SPECIFIC SANCTIONS AND REGULATIONS

3.1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- Pursuant to the powers vested in it by the FIVB Constitution, the FIVB Board of Administration adopted in 2013 the “FIVB Disciplinary Regulations”.
- FIVB Members are subject to the FIVB Constitution, Regulations, and all decisions taken by the relevant FIVB institutions and must follow strictly their terms and provisions.
- Violations will be sanctioned under the provisions of the Disciplinary Regulations which apply, without distinction, to any discipline (Volleyball, Beach Volleyball) under the FIVB authority, except when otherwise provided.
- Lack of knowledge of the provisions of the FIVB Constitution and Regulations may not be considered as an excuse.
- National Tours, clubs, teams and their leaders, managers, coaches, athletes, referees, and all those participating in the activities of a NF must follow strictly the rules, regulations, and decisions of the Control Committees or FIVB Representatives of the competitions in which they take part.
- Organizers, NFs, and athletes breaching the FIVB Constitution and Regulations or other rules included in the Handbook and the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations are subject to sanctions established in the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations and the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations.

3.2 ATHLETES

The Athlete must be fully aware of the Official Beach Volleyball Rules and the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations and the FIVB Regulations (in particular the Disciplinary and Medical Regulations). Should the Athlete violate the above-mentioned rules, the FIVB and/or the NF concerned have the right to take disciplinary action against the Athlete as deemed necessary by imposing a fine which shall either be deducted from any Prize Money earned by the Athlete during the events or paid to the FIVB before the next event in the calendar. The FIVB will in all cases allow the Athletes concerned to argue their case prior to imposing a disciplinary fine higher than USD 5'000. Concerning fines given during an event, the Technical Supervisor shall personally inform the athlete(s) concerned, in addition to posting such fines on the daily bulletin and shall obtain the athlete(s) signature and acknowledgement of the fine in writing. In all cases, any fines and sanctions will be communicated to the NFs, as well as to the athlete(s) concerned by email if the fine is applied before the start of the event. Prior to the start of each season and well in advance, the FIVB will post on its website the seasonal Handbook and Sports Regulations for the use of athletes, sponsors officials and each NF. Athletes are registered with their country's National Volleyball Federation (Association) and as such, this is the only association the FIVB recognizes as having the right to represent the athlete(s) interest to the FIVB for any issues related to international Beach Volleyball events. No other association will be recognized by the FIVB as having this right. The Athletes are also required to respect the conditions established in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations which are applicable to all FIVB events. Athletes and Officials directly or indirectly involved in any FIVB or FIVB-sanctioned events are not allowed to participate in any online betting and gambling activities associated with the FIVB

World Championships (Senior and Age Group categories), Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals, FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major and Open events).

A. ENTRY PROCEDURES

Athletes who do not comply with the eligibility rules and/or who do not a) sign the 2015-2016 NF-Athlete's Commitment (including the Health Certificate BVB-10 Form), b) successfully complete the FIVB Anti-Doping education program or c) refuse to undergo a medical examination/doping control (if requested) will not be permitted to compete.

B. LATE ENTRY

In the case a late entry is accepted by the FIVB and by the Organizers (between the tentative NF entry list and the confirmed NF entry list):

- The teams concerned lose their right to be included in the Main Draw (even if they have the required Entry Points to be entered in the Main Draw); and
- A late entry fee of USD 1,000 per team (Senior Events) or USD 200 per team (Age Group Events) must be paid to the FIVB within 24 hours after notification of the acceptance of the late entry is received.

C. LAST MINUTE WITHDRAWAL

All information about last minute withdrawals is featured in Chapter 2.

D. LATE ARRIVAL AND NO SHOW

All information concerning late arrival and no show is featured in Chapter 2.

E. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

- Athletes participating in a beach volleyball National Tour outside the territory of their NF without having the written consent of their NF or in a National Tour not sanctioned by the host NF will be declared ineligible for FIVB competitions, including the Olympic Games, the World Championships, Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals, FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major and Open events).
- Following the decision of the FIVB Executive Committee in Tokyo on the 25th of November 2009, athletes participating in events not authorized by the FIVB (as per FIVB Constitution, Disciplinary Regulations, and decisions) will be sanctioned by FIVB with period of ineligibility up to a life ban from any FIVB competitions. A fine for a major offence may be additionally imposed. Each NF must contact the FIVB in case of any doubt in regards to the procedures for the enrolment of their athletes in a specific event. A list of FIVB approved events is posted on the FIVB website.
- Athletes who perform media interviews immediately after a match without the official athlete's top supplied by the FIVB uniform supplier where photographs or other video/broadcast footage is shot, will be subject to a fine of up to USD 300 per incident. The Media Operations Delegate on site should immediately report this to the Technical Supervisor so that necessary actions can be taken to prevent a similar situation happening again.
- Athletes absent during the Awarding Ceremony will be fined up to USD 3,000.
- On court disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the FIVB Regulations with relevance to Protest Protocol directives and the sanction fee scale below:
 - A progressive fee is applied (USD 500 for the first time at a given tournament, with a

minimum of USD 1,000 for the second time and doubling after that) where the Protest Protocol is judged as "Rejected" by the Referee Delegate. If this occurs at Centre Court a USD 1,000 fee will apply for the first instance, with a minimum of USD 2,500 for the second and doubling after that. The same fees shall apply in any situation where the first Referee, by calling the Referee Delegate onto the court, gives a sequence to a protest not meeting the criteria.

- After a Level 2 protest has been officially recorded on the score sheet at the end of the match, all arguments must be presented in writing to the FIVB Technical Supervisor no later than 30 minutes after the end of the match and accompanied by a deposit of USD 1,000 (USD 2,500 for any incidents taking place on the Centre Court). A final verdict will be given by the Organizing Committee no later than 2 hours after the protests have been submitted, or at the latest before the start of the matches eventually affected by the outcome of the procedure. Organizing Committee members of the same nationality as the team making a protest will be excluded from the deliberations.. The decision is final and no appeals will be granted.
- Cases of abuse of Officials, personnel or equipment (e.g.: shouting, pointing at Referees, kicking the ball, pulling the net, aggression, etc.) are subject to sanctions as per the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations and the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations and may lead to the disqualification of the athlete/team. Any incidence of abuse of equipment, Officials or on court personnel by athletes which leads to a penalty or higher sanction from the Referee (to be judged in accordance with the Official Beach Volleyball Rules) shall incur a monetary sanction, depending on the nature of the offence, in accordance with the scale below:

Equipment abuse

In this area we have differentiated between no damage and damage as this will dictate the time needed to rectify the situation. Should the offence occur during matches played on Centre Court, this will be taken into consideration when establishing the consequences of the offence.

Nature of the offence	Consequences of the offence	Simple offence with no further consequences	Match delay or equipment lost/ replaced	Match delay or equipment lost/ replaced for matches played on Centre Court
Abuse of Balls, Athlete Areas and *Athlete Uniforms		USD 100 (*if replaced)	USD 250 (*if replaced with delay)	USD 500 (*if replaced with delay)
Abuse of Net System, Lines, Referee Stand, Advertising Panels and other offences similar in nature		USD 100	USD 500	USD 2,500

Abuse of Officials and On Court Personnel

In this area, for actions of verbal or non-verbal offence, we have differentiated whether these are committed during matches played on Centre Court, as this will contribute to the negative exposure of the sport of Beach Volleyball.

	Consequences of the offence	In a match played on outside courts	In any matches on Centre Court
Nature of the offence			
Abuse (verbal or non-verbal) leading to	penalty	USD 250	USD 500
	expulsion	USD 500	USD 2,500
	disqualification	USD 2,500	USD 5,000

- The sanction applied by the referee and duly registered on the score sheet, will then be communicated to the Technical Supervisor who will be responsible for issuing the fine in accordance with the relevant fine scale (see "misconduct sanction fee scale"), and inform formally the athletes concerned.
- A maximum of two (2) medical injury time-outs per athlete within a 12-month period are allowed. Extra medical injury time-outs will be sanctioned according to the following monetary fee scale:
 - USD 1,000 for 3rd injury time-out within a rolling 12-month period;
 - USD 2,000 for 4th injury time-out within a rolling 12-month period;
 - USD 3,000 for 5 or more injury time-outs within a rolling 12-month period.
- Medical injury time-outs given by the referee due to blood injuries requiring medical assistance will not count towards the total number of medical time-outs used by an athlete during the rolling 12-month period. Any medical time-out resulting directly from a traumatic incident during the course of the game (e.g. clash between opponents, athlete hitting an object such as the pole, banner, etc.) and that can be certified by the official medical doctor shall follow the same principle as that related to blood injuries. However, these exceptions will not be carried over to the next game played by the same athlete in the same or any future tournament. (i.e. any further medical time-outs in the same tournament or future tournaments attributed to the same certified trauma incident, will not be exempt from the "two (2) medical time-outs per athlete" quota).
- The organizers concerned are required to supply two (2) dedicated athletes toilets (one (1) for the women and one (1) for the men – portable if it is not possible to use an existing facility) within a range of maximum 100 meters from the competition courts. The FIVB will consider bearing any eventual additional costs upon accepting a quote which must be sent by the Organizers concerned at least two (2) weeks before the start of the event.
- In the case of an athlete requesting a medical injury time-out or forfeiting a match due to injury, immediately following the relevant score sheet administration, he/she will be given a copy of the BVB-49 Form by the match Referee (the exception to this rule being the use of medical injury time-out due to blood injury). Upon receipt, the athlete will then be responsible for filling in the reasons for the medical injury time-out request or the forfeit of the match and must then sign it and present him/herself along with the form at the tournament's medical office. After going through a check-up by the official medical doctor, the athlete will then be responsible for giving the BVB-49 Form, duly signed by the official medical doctor, to the FIVB Technical Supervisor who shall assess the situation (if needed together with the event's Organizing Committee, the official medical doctor and the FIVB Medical Delegate, if present), and make a copy of the form to be attached to the Technical Supervisor report together with the relevant match score sheet. The athlete will receive the original BVB-49 Form for submission to their medical doctor(s) who will then be responsible for clearing the athlete by confirming that he/she is in good health and can participate without putting his/her own health at risk. The athlete must then present the form duly completed to the FIVB Technical Supervisor before he/she plays their next

match either in the same tournament or at the Preliminary Inquiry for the next event he/she wishes to participate in. In the case that the medical doctor(s) for the team concerned is not available, the athlete must get the written approval of the tournament's official medical doctor or the FIVB Medical Delegate, if present.

- If an athlete appearing in an event's confirmed athletes list as withdrawn due to medical injury (notified through the BVB-03 Form), -21 days before the event then plays in a Volleyball and/or Beach Volleyball competition (at International, Continental and National level), he/she may be sanctioned and/or suspended by the FIVB. If for any reason a tournament must be interrupted, teams are awarded FIVB World Ranking points according to their estimated lowest possible finish position in the case of at least one (1) round of play being completed during the tournament. The Prize Money will also be awarded according to the athlete's estimated lowest possible finish position (e.g. the quarterfinal teams receive 5th place Prize Money).
- In case of players' violations of regulations that may lead to disqualification, the competence to take the final decision falls on the Organizing Committee. The individuals directly concerned must be informed and invited to reply during the decision-making process. Possible witnesses may be invited to testify. Athletes have the right to notify and be assisted by their athlete representative during the decision-making process.
- If a male athlete does not have the team name printed on his shorts as required, the below listed sanctions will apply:
 - up to USD 200 for the first day;
 - up to USD 500 for the second day;
 - doubling every day thereafter.

It is strongly recommended that the same information appears on the women's briefs but due to the limited space available it is not compulsory and no sanctions will be applied. Athletes are permitted to display their name on all accessories or as a tattoo.

Subject to the provisions of the Handbook and the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations regarding personal sponsors, players are not permitted to print any religious or political statements, as well as any symbols of any organizations other than their NFs, on their uniforms.

- The athletes' shorts cannot be baggy and must finish above the kneecap. This rule must be respected at all times in the competition areas, including during warm up, match protocol, awarding ceremonies and so on.
- Athletes refusing to undergo doping controls are automatically disqualified. The team concerned will lose the match(es) to its opponent by forfeit. Athletes who test positive during the doping control or commit any other type of anti-doping rule violation may be suspended for up to four (4) years for a first offence (please refer to the FIVB Medical Regulations in force). Any Prize Money and FIVB points related to the event concerned are respectively not given and withheld/deducted.
- Athletes will be disqualified from the event if their team does not sign the score sheet. The FIVB Disciplinary Regulations are to be referenced in any additional circumstances in which athletes, Organizers, Officials, etc. can be subject to a fine and/or suspension.

F. APPEAL

- The nature/reason and date of athletes' fines will be posted in a confidential area within the Players' Database.
- Protests based on the Official Beach Volleyball Rules, potentially affecting the result of a match, must be mentioned on the score sheet and dealt with immediately (see point E. Competition Regulations). No further appeals will be allowed.
- For other types of sanctions, athletes have 14 days to appeal against a FIVB decision imposing a sanction, in accordance with the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.

G. PAYMENT

- The FIVB has the authority to directly deduct a fine from the Prize Money of the participating athletes if the athlete(s) do not appeal or if the appeal is rejected. In the case of a fine being applied against an athlete that has not qualified for Prize Money payments, the fine must be paid either before the next event for which the athlete is registered or by the deadline mentioned on the invoice. The FIVB is entitled to deduct fines directly from previous Prize Money payments in the case of fines due to withdrawal, no show at the Preliminary Inquiry and/or other reasons.
- The FIVB Finance Department is responsible for sending invoices related to fines. Payments must be transferred to the following FIVB Bank Account:

Fédération Internationale de Volleyball
 Edouard-Sandoz 2-4
 CH-1006 Lausanne
 Switzerland
 Account number: 0243-146146.60U
 IBAN: CH660024324314614660U
 BIC Code: UBSWCHZH80A
 Bank Address: UBS AG
 Place St-François 16
 Case postale
 CH-1002 Lausanne
 Switzerland
 Bank clearing: 0243

- Payments must be made within the deadline mentioned on the invoice. In the case of a player not, for any reason whatsoever, being in a position to pay the total amount of the sanction, his/her respective NF is held responsible for paying the total amount of the sanction in due time. The athlete concerned is not allowed to participate in any other FIVB event until proof that the total payment of the sanction has been made and is duly received by the FIVB. The FIVB will keep accurate records of the fines and sanctions during the season. Fines may be accumulative in nature.
- Further sanctions applied by the FIVB can be decided based on the Disciplinary Regulations.
- Requests/complaints concerning the payment of athletes' Prize Money are authorized up to three (3) months after the end of the season. Past this deadline a fine may be applied if a request/complaint is made despite the payment being made correctly by the FIVB. No fine will be applied past this deadline if a mistake in the payment was made and corrections are needed.
- The FIVB is not responsible for possible delays in the payment of Prize Money caused by modifications to the nominated bank's account and/or the non-payment of the Prize Money by the Organizer to the FIVB. The FIVB reserves the right to eventually apply a fine should the players not fill out their bank account information correctly in the Players' Database, or should the payment be returned due to incorrect bank account details.

3.3 SANCTIONS SCALE

LEVEL	ACTION
Verbal warning from the FIVB Technical Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Verbal warning recorded by the FIVB Technical Supervisor in the report – Athlete acknowledges warning
Written warning from the FIVB Technical Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Written warning using the official form recorded by the FIVB Technical Supervisor in the report – Copies sent to the FIVB, NF, athlete and athletes' representative – Athlete acknowledges warning
Monetary fine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Scale of fines – Written warning using the official form recorded by the FIVB Technical Supervisor in the report – Copies sent to the FIVB, NF, athlete and athletes' representative – Athlete acknowledges the written statement of the fine
Suspension for a time period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The FIVB imposes the sanction based on the recommendation of the FIVB Technical Supervisor – The FIVB Technical Supervisor must present a written report backed up by the necessary evidence



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CHAPTER 4

UNIFORMS AND OFFICIAL SPORT APPAREL

This section provides specifications for uniforms and accessories including the color, style, quantity, fabric and acceptable branding that should be respected by athletes, event organizers and FIVB's officials.

4.1 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR UNIFORMS AND APPAREL

The FIVB maintains a strong emphasis on the production of Beach Volleyball uniforms and accessories to help athletes enhance their performance, as well as to ensure an attractive and coherent look at all FIVB events and giving branding opportunities to the Promoters. The FIVB supplies through the FIVB Supplier ASICS uniforms for the FIVB World Tour Grand Slam and Open events in line with FIVB requirements as outlined below.

CATEGORY
Athlete Uniforms (Tops Only)
FIVB Delegates
Referees
Line Judges / Scorers
Court Personnel
Organizational Staff

Brand Placement – The following items must appear on the uniforms where applicable as per the layouts on pages 53-58:

- FIVB logo (printed by the FIVB Supplier).
- FIVB Supplier ASICS logo (printed by the FIVB Supplier).
- FIVB Partner's Rosetta Stone logo on Referee shirt/ sweatshirt (printed by the FIVB Supplier).
- Promoter's sponsor(s) and tournament title (printed by the Organizer).
- Players numbers (1 or 2) and country code (printed by the Organizer).
- Players name for TV matches (printed by the Organizer - three (3) options available - see page 55).
- Organizers are responsible for printing local sponsors' logos, players numbers and country codes on all relevant uniforms and must cover this cost.

4.2 LINE JUDGES / SCORERS, COURT PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATIONAL STAFF

For the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Grand Slam and Open events, the FIVB Supplier will provide uniforms for line judges / scorers, court personnel and organizational staff.

Apparel Guidelines – The following apparel guidelines apply for line judges / scorers, court personnel and organizational staff. Please refer to the layouts on page 53 for more information on sizes and positions.

- One (1) FIVB partner logo printed by the organizer (for selected events only);
- One (1) FIVB logo on each item printed by FIVB Supplier;
- One (1) FIVB Supplier ASICS logo printed by FIVB Supplier;
- One (1) local sponsor logos (maximum 300cm²) printed by the organizer on the uniform items concerned as per the layouts on page 53;
- One (1) tournament title can be printed (as per the FIVB Branding Guidelines) by the organizer on the sleeves of the court personnel and organizational staff uniforms.

Organizers may purchase additional quantities of the above uniform items for medical staff, security personnel, entertainment personnel (dancers, etc.) and other staff.

The space for the FIVB partner logo on all above mentioned uniforms is reserved for the FIVB and may be released only upon request of the Promoter.

One (1) FIVB partner logo and the FIVB logo must be printed on all Polo shirts / T-shirts / rain jackets / over-clothes for the above mentioned individuals at the organizer's cost as per the layouts on page 58. Event organizers must be aware that whenever they recruit more volunteers than required for their events, they are then responsible for ordering additional material and for bearing all related costs.

Shipment Obligations: For the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Grand Slam and Open events, FIVB Supplier is responsible for the shipment and delivery of all uniforms as designated in the FIVB Beach Volleyball events Master Plan. Import duties and freight costs shall be borne by the FIVB Supplier to the border of the country where the uniform items shall be delivered. Other expenses shall be borne by the recipient, the organizer.

FIVB Supplier should deliver all materials (as per standard allotment) to each organizer at least four (4) weeks before the start of the event.

- A list of material will accompany the boxes in order to make it easier to check and implement a correct distribution before the start of the event.
- Promoters are required to print the brandings in accordance with the FIVB regulations on the uniforms and to distribute them to all people concerned in due time before the start of each event.

4.3 FIVB DELEGATES & REFEREES

Technical Supervisors, Referee Delegates, Assistant Technical Supervisors or Referee Delegates, TV Coordinators, Media Operations Delegates, Photographers, Social Media Journalists, English TV Commentators, Medical Delegates and Referees.

Polo shirt
Rain Poncho *
Sweat shirt
Cap
Shorts
Trousers
Backpack

Note: FIVB, together with its official Supplier ASICS, will do its utmost to provide the Rain Jacket to complement the Rain Poncho during the season and will inform the Promoters, officials in due time once more information is confirmed by ASICS.

FIVB Supplier items must be worn by the above FIVB Delegates at the venue during the entire duration of the event and during any associated official competition activity. During the Preliminary Inquiry if applicable, the official Polo shirt is mandatory and must be worn with FIVB Supplier pants. For the FIVB Delegates, FIVB Supplier will ship the uniform set directly to the first event of the season where the official is assigned to. For official dinners, cocktail engagements, press meetings / conferences and/or whenever requested by protocol, the FIVB Delegates must wear business / professional attire, i.e., shirt, tie and sports jacket.

The Polo shirt, sweat shirt, rain poncho and cap must always feature the FIVB Partner's logo (if any) and the FIVB logo (please see page 59 for guidelines).

For the Referees, FIVB Supplier will ship the materials in a dedicated box to the shipment address of the Promoter of the first event of the season where the referee will be assigned. Referees (neutral and local) must always be in possession of their own non-branded uniform for the FIVB beach volleyball events to where they are assigned in case the FIVB Supplier is not able to supply the uniforms.

These personal uniforms, to be used in contingency situations only, include a minimum of two (2) white Polo shirts, one (1) pair of white Bermuda shorts, one (1) white cap, one (1) pair of white tennis shoes and one (1) pair of sunglasses. In addition, if a neutral referee already possesses a uniform from another event, he/she will be required to bring this uniform with him/her to the next event. Neutral referees must also wear their international Beach Volleyball Referee badge. Referee uniforms must not include any local sponsor advertising, except for the manufacturer's logos (max. 20cm sq.).

4.4 ATHLETE UNIFORMS

FIVB Supplier of Beach Volleyball apparel will provide the following materials for FIVB athletes:

	WT*		MT*	
FIVB World Tour Grand Slam	430	plus	430	(Total: 860)
FIVB World Tour Open	430	plus	430	(Total: 860)

* WT = Women's Tops (Pieces), MT = Men's Tops (Pieces)

The official FIVB beach volleyball men's uniform for all FIVB beach volleyball events consists of:

- tank top and shorts AND eventual accessories

The official FIVB beach volleyball women's uniform for all FIVB beach volleyball events consists of:

- tops and bikini bottoms AND eventual accessories

Promoters must distribute the above material to the athletes during the Preliminary Inquiry and during the event. All men and women uniforms must correspond to the standards indicated hereunder. According to the Olympic Charter, religious, political and racial messages are strictly forbidden on athlete uniforms.

4.5 MEN'S TANK TOP / WOMEN'S TOP

– Style

The style of the tank tops / tops must be in accordance with the diagrams displayed in this Chapter.

The men's tank tops must fit closely to the body and must be sleeveless, respecting the space for the required brandings. The women's tops (a crop top design) must fit closely to the body and the design must be with deep cutaway armholes at the back, always respecting the space for the required brandings.

– Fabric

Tank tops / tops must be made of elastic material, preferably of "Lycra®" or a combination of "Lycra® / cotton" or other similar good quality synthetic material. Due to severe weather conditions that may be faced by athletes during the competition, the fabric must be breathable.

– Colour

Tank tops / tops will be of bright and light colours (red, blue, yellow, green and white) to represent the colours of the flags of the nations of the top ranked athletes.

– Brandings

- Promoter sponsor logos

The Promoter's sponsor logo A can be printed on the front of the men's tank tops (300cm² max) and on the front of the women's tops (90cm² max).

The Promoter's sponsor logo B can be printed on the front of the men's tank tops (72cm² max) and on the front of the women's tops (25.5cm² max).

- FIVB Partner logo

The FIVB Partner logo (300 cm² max for the men's tank tops and 56cm² max for the women's tops) must be printed in original colour on the tank tops / tops.

– FIVB Athlete's number

The FIVB athletes' number (of approximately 8cm x 6cm for the men's tank tops and 5.5cm x 2.5cm for the women's tops) must be placed on the front and on the back. This information must be printed in a colour contrasting with the colour of the tank top / top (i.e. light on a dark tank top / top, and vice versa).

Please refer to the layout where the FIVB letters should be filled in with colour (either white or black).

– Country Code

Promoters must print either the 3-letter international country code or the full country name (depending on country's preference) on the front and back of both the men's and women's tank tops/tops.

Most NFs have asked for the three-letter country code scheme to be maintained, with the following exceptions, where NFs prefer to display the represented country's name in full with the following spelling:

BRAZIL
MOZAMBIQUE

PAKISTAN
POLSKA
QATAR
TURKEY

The following NFs have chosen to apply a combined display option – three letter country code on the front of the athlete top and the full country name on the back of the top:

EST - ESTONIA
EGY - EGYPT
FRA - FRANCE
JPN - JAPAN
MAR - MOROCCO
SVK - SLOVAKIA
UKR - UKRAINE
ZIM - ZIMBABWE

While the country code letters on the men's tank tops must be printed on a total surface of approximately 12cm (height) x 8cm (width), the country code letters on the women's tops should be of approximately 3cm (height) x 6cm (width).

It is not required to print the country code on the tank tops / tops for the qualification tournament. It is however compulsory for Promoters to print the FIVB number on all qualifiers' uniforms. Promoters can also print the country flag instead of the country code on athlete's tanks tops / tops on the allocated surface. It is also strongly recommended to print the athletes' names on the back of the men's and women's tops (although this may need some adjustment in order to accommodate the brandings on the women's top).

– Athlete Name

It is the most used name by a player used during his/her player's career. The Athlete's name (or brand name or team's name) **is usually his / her last name or nickname** (i.e. nicknames to shorten long Brazilian names) used by an athlete.

Jane Doe - Nickname: Joane

- The athlete's name must be featured consistently onto the world ranking, results, player's top, TV graphics, giant screens (if any) scoreboards, bulletins, press releases, publications, announcements, etc.
- A NFs in registering in the VIS an athlete must feature his/her nickname if this information is different from his/her last name.
- The nickname must never imply religious, political or customs reference in line with the Olympic Charter.
- Player's name may vary during the career of a player. i.e. joining the last name of the husband or a wife after the marriage.
- Name change must be communicated by the corresponding NF of the player to the FIVB in writing (beach@fivb.org).

Men player's top

- The athlete's name (i.e. last name or nickname if this latter is authorized by the FIVB) shall be placed on the back of the TANK TOP in a colour contrasting with that of the uniform. Letters

must be possibly from 5-8 cm high depending on the total number of letter in the athlete's name.

- The athlete's name must be written in Latin letters. The name can either be printed or woven.

Recommended Font

For the Athlete's Number, Athlete's Name and Country Code, the FIVB recommends Frutiger Extra Black Condensed font to be used to gain better visibility. Other fonts are permitted as well, provided the information is clearly visible to the onsite audience, television and photo purposes.

Women player's top

Athlete's name (i.e. last name or nickname if this latter is authorized by the FIVB) must be printed or woven on the back of the TOP uniform in a colour contrasting with that of the uniform. Letters must be possibly from 4-6 cm high depending on the total number of letter in the athlete's name.

The athlete's name must be written in Latin letters.

Recommended Font

For the Athlete's Number, Athlete's Name and Country Code, the FIVB recommends Frutiger Extra Black Condensed font to be used to gain better visibility. Other fonts are permitted as well, provided the information is clearly visible to the onsite audience, television and photo purposes.

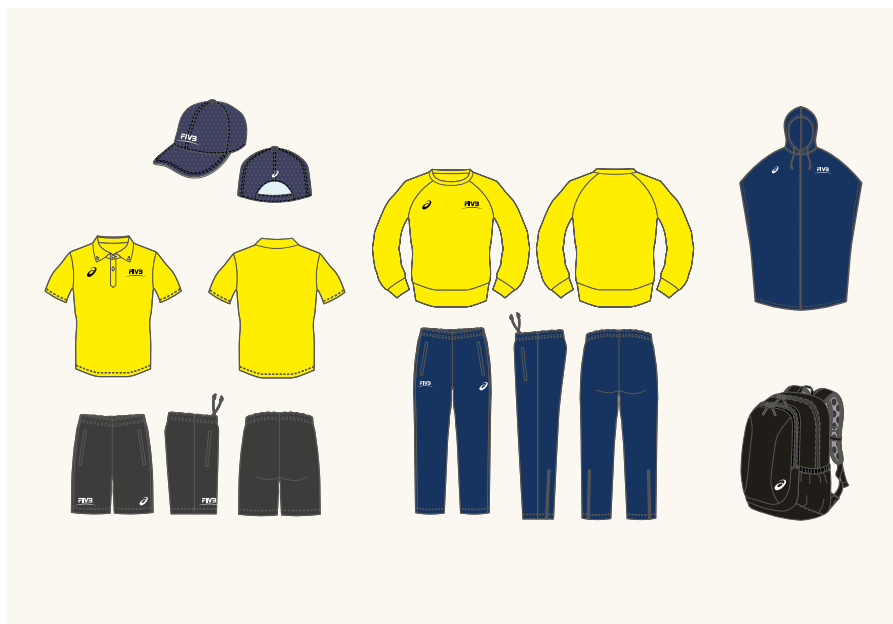
Line Judges / Scorers



Referees



FIVB Delegates



FIVB Beach Volleyball women's Uniform

Example 1



Example 2



Example 3



FIVB Beach Volleyball Men's Uniform

Example 1



Example 2



Additional options for women's uniforms

In order to allow for players' religious and/or cultural beliefs, women's athletes can choose from the following uniform layouts:

LONG SLEEVED WOMEN'S TOP FRONT VIEW



Top Length approx. 47cm
Collar Length approx. 4cm
3/4 sleeve

LONG SLEEVED WOMEN'S TOP BACK VIEW



Note:
The players' tops
supplied by the
Promoter must be
worn over the top

WOMEN'S PANTS FRONT VIEW



Pants Length approx. 90cm
Waistband Width approx. 6-7cm

WOMEN'S PANTS BACK VIEW



SHORT SLEEVED WOMEN'S TOP FRONT VIEW



Top Length approx. 47cm
Neck Line depth (Front) approx. 12cm
Neck Line depth (Back) approx. 8cm
Shoulder Width approx. 9-10cm

SHORT SLEEVED WOMEN'S TOP BACK VIEW



WOMEN'S SHORTS FRONT VIEW



Shorts Total Length approx. 47cm (from waistband)
Shorts Length approx. 3cm above knee
Waistband Width approx. 6-7cm

WOMEN'S SHORTS BACK VIEW



Note: The athletes are required to submit to the Technical Supervisor during the Preliminary Inquiry the above uniforms for his/her approval.

SLEEVELESS WOMEN'S TOP - FRONT VIEW



Top Length approx. 47cm (waist level)
Neck Line depth (Front) approx. 12cm
Neck Line depth (Back) approx. 8cm
Shoulder Width approx. 5-6cm

SLEEVELESS WOMEN'S TOP BACK VIEW



Note:
The players' tops
supplied by the
Promoter must be
worn over the top

WOMEN'S SHORTS FRONT VIEW

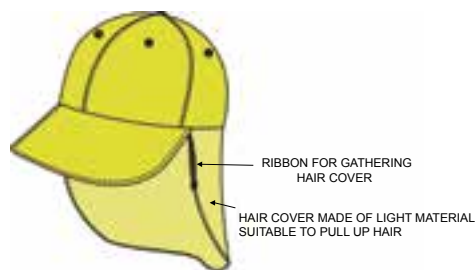


Shorts Total Length approx. 26-28cm (from waistband)
Shorts Length approx. 26cm above knee
Waistband Width approx. 6-7cm

WOMEN'S SHORTS BACK VIEW



WOMEN'S CAP FRONT VIEW



WOMEN'S CAP BACK VIEW



Note: The athletes are required to
submit to the Technical Supervisor
during the Preliminary Inquiry the
above uniforms for his/her approval.

4.6 ATHLETES' RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- Athletes must wear the official tank top / top provided by Promoters at all times: during a match, on the field of play, during warm-up sessions, during post-match interviews, during the awarding ceremony as well as during press conferences. During the awarding ceremony, athletes are not authorized to have any additional accessories such as sponsor's flags, towels, etc., that may obstruct the visibility of the tank top / top.
- Athletes can neither alter nor cover the identification of the official FIVB or Promoter's sponsors on the tank tops / tops.
- Men and women athletes must provide their own shorts and bikini bottoms or one-piece bathing suits. Team members must wear identical shorts / bikini bottoms (or one piece bathing suits).
- Men athletes must wear shorts as per the diagram on page 61.
- The athlete's shorts must not be baggy. For all athletes, the bottom of the shorts must be above the knee cap.
- The FIVB may decide at any time to go back to the previous rule (minimum 20cm) in case of non-compliance with the above rule.
- Women athletes must wear bikini bottoms that are in accordance with the diagram, be a close fit and be cut on an upward angle toward the top of the leg. The bottoms must be made of elastic material, preferably of Lycra® or a combination of Lycra® / cotton or any other similar quality synthetic material.
- Athletes are authorized to have personal sponsor's logos (including manufacturer) on their shorts / bottoms located in any position and of any size. There is no limitation in the number of sponsors to be displayed on the shorts / briefs. Women athletes can also display 1 additional sponsor logo either on their lower back or on one shoulder through a temporary tattoo.
- Athletes are required to print their name, nickname (see graph) or team name on their shorts / bottoms (or one-piece bathing suits). The athlete's name must correspond with the international athlete's identification (team name used for the VIS, rankings, on scoreboards, TV graphics, etc.) and be written in Latin letters (between 5cm and 8cm high and 1cm-1.5cm wide). They must be visible for the audience as well as for TV.
- If required, athletes must also cooperate with the FIVB in the collection of the information related to the sizes of their tops / tank tops in order for the FIVB's supplier to provide them with the exact size. The FIVB's supplier will then communicate, via the FIVB, the chosen colours for the tops / tank tops in order to allow the athletes to eventually coordinate the colours of their briefs / shorts accordingly.
- Athletes cannot print on their uniforms religious and/or political statements as well as any logos/symbols pertaining to organizations other than their NFs.

Upon the request of the FIVB Technical Supervisor, athletes must submit their own shorts / bottoms (or one-piece bathing suits) for approval during the Preliminary Inquiry. After the Preliminary Inquiry, and unless specifically authorized in writing by the FIVB Technical Supervisor and the Promoter, athletes are neither allowed to include any new sponsors' logo / name on their shorts / bottoms (or one-piece bathing suit) nor to enter into any agreements with companies wishing to sign with them at the last minute.

Cold temperature and pouring rain conditions

For events where the temperature is expected to fall below 15°C and during severe weather conditions, athletes are permitted to wear uniforms composed of a close-fitting t-shirt with long or short sleeves and, long tight pants (down to the ankle and not to the knees). These

must be consistent in style, length and colour for both athletes in the team and must follow the same marketing rules as for the athletes' shorts and briefs regardless of size and position. The Technical Supervisor will be ultimately responsible for allowing athletes to wear these special uniforms whenever deemed necessary and after consultation with the official medical staff. For the men's cold weather shirt and pants, no sponsor logos (excluding manufacturer of 20cm²) are permitted. Men are required to wear their shorts over the long pants. Women athletes (not wearing their briefs on top) may display their sponsors' logos according to the aforementioned requirements. It is recommended to wear the cold weather gear that reflects the colors of the athlete's country flag.

Athlete interview policy

Athletes must wear their official tops immediately after a match at all times inside the venue for interviews. A fine of USD 300 will be applied only if an athlete does not wear his/her top for the compulsory post-match interviews.

Athletes must always wear the official uniforms and not obstruct the FIVB and sponsor logos. Athletes are also not permitted to throw their tops into the crowd after a match on center court. The Media Operations Delegate must always have a supply of additional athletes' tops next to the center court to ensure that they can be provided in case the athletes do not have them. The Media Operations Delegate must appoint one (1) volunteer at each event responsible for ensuring that all TV interviews are carried out in front of the mixed zone, with the exception of the highlight company crew, which, as mentioned above, is allowed to shoot in front of the 10m and position 9 & 10 banners.

4.7 ATHLETE ACCESSORIES

Athletes are authorized to use the following accessories:

- Visor / cap / hat / head band
- Sunglasses
- One (1) watch

A total of three (3) items can be used as follows:

- Temporary tattoos (max 10cm width) or armbands (max 10cm width).

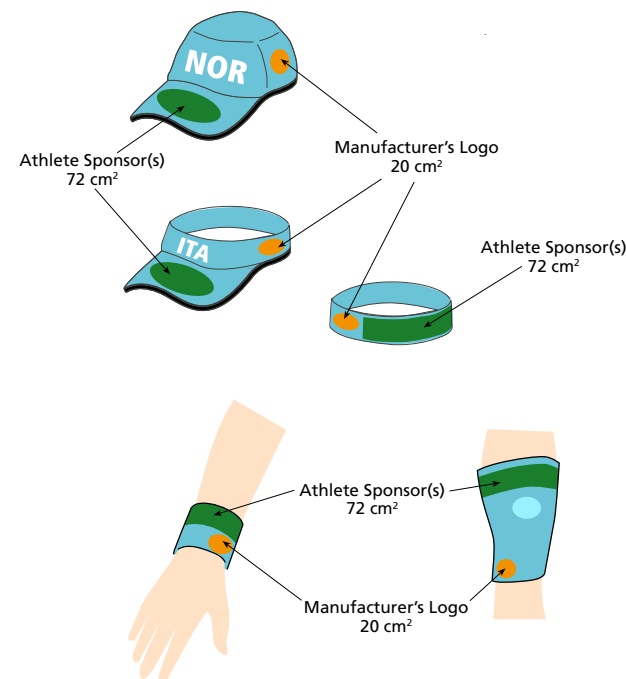
OR

- a combination of the two, may be worn, but only one item on each arm.

In addition to this a further temporary tattoo (max 20 cm²) can be worn on any other part of the body (not including the arms).

Tattoos and armbands may be of different sponsors and category. However, for FIVB World Championships and Swatch World Tour Finals, unless authorized by FIVB, the tattoos and armbands shall not be the same category as FIVB Partners/Sponsors/Suppliers.

- Footwear and/or athletic socks (with the approval of the Referee).



Injury Prevention Devices

- a) Ankle braces are acceptable
- b) All taping is acceptable, but it is recommended to have one color, i.e. white. Hand taping is acceptable.
- c) Knee pads and elbow pads are acceptable.
- d) For FIVB, World and Official Competitions for seniors, these devices must be of the same colour as part of the uniform. If both players in the team wear such devices, they must of the same colour and design.
- Neutral colours, black or white material can also be used.
- As these devices are for protection and support, they must have no padding or surface feature designed to give an advantage by providing additional ball control.
- Visible underwear should have the same colour as the part of the uniform it belongs to, and must not be longer than the shorts.
 - e) Gloves are not accepted, except in case of medical necessity especially in the case of skin disease.

Athletes are responsible for providing their own accessories. For the remaining accessories, the players are allowed to display a maximum of two (2) sponsors (72 cm² each) plus the manufacturer's logo. Upon the FIVB Technical Supervisor's request, athletes must submit all accessories for approval during the Preliminary Inquiry. After the Preliminary Inquiry, and unless specifically authorized in writing by the FIVB Technical Supervisor and Promoter, athletes are neither allowed to include new sponsor logos / names on their accessories nor enter into any agreements with any companies wishing to sign a last minute deal. Promoters may provide towels for all main draw athletes and court personnel (ball boys).

CHAPTER 5

COMPETITION AREA AND SPORT EQUIPMENT

A. COMPETITION AREA

Organizers are responsible for ensuring the proper preparation of the competition area with high quality visual standards and high technical/safety levels in accordance with the Official Beach Volleyball Rules. The court layout must respect the FIVB regulations with regard to the distance between the bleachers and the panels, etc.

A playing area of min 26 m. – max 28 m. X min 18 m. – max. 20 m. must be set up with the following measurements:

- Court: 8 m X 16 m;
- Free zone: 5 m minimum - 6 m maximum on each side;
- Free passage way: 3 m.

1. ORIENTATION

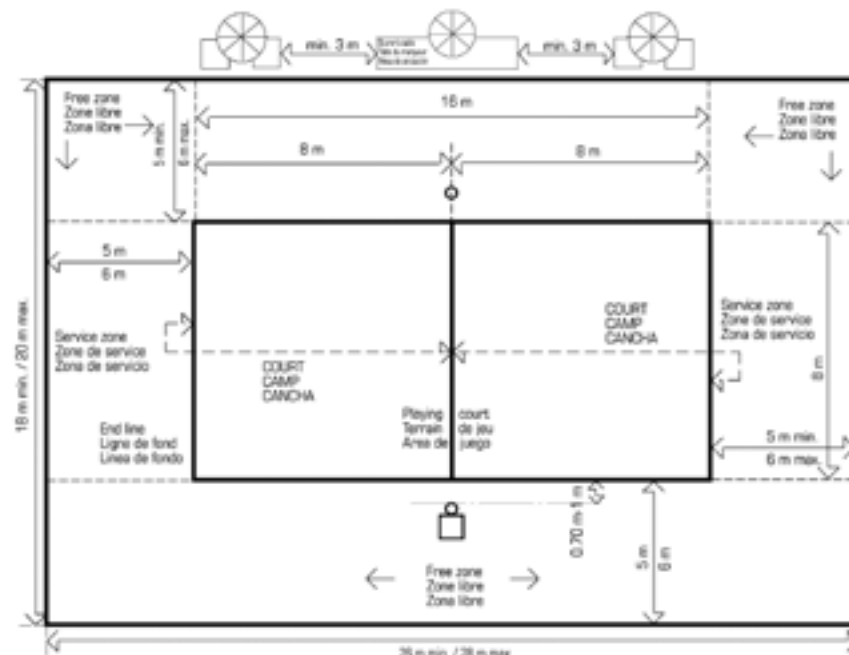
Many factors must be evaluated concerning the choice of the orientation of the long axis of any Beach Volleyball court. The angle and the direction of the sun at different hours during the day and the season are major elements to be carefully taken into consideration in the planning. Organizers must study in detail the orientation of the courts in order to minimize any adverse effects from the sun during broadcasting time, such as the sun facing both the main TV cameras, with the aim of reducing shadows during televised matches.

The VIP tribune must be, if possible, constructed close to the main road to allow the athletes, journalists and VIPs to easily access the stadium.

The stadium's net line should be oriented towards the sun especially during the main matches. Outside courts must be orientated in a similar way to the center court. In areas affected by strong wind, the stadium structure must be oriented in a way that protects the main court and the outside courts.

2. DIMENSION

The playing court of FIVB International competitions is a rectangle measuring 8 m. X 16 m. surrounded by a free zone of a minimum of 5 m./maximum 6 m. from the end lines and the side lines, and with a space free from any obstruction up to a minimum height of 12.5 m from the playing surface.



B. SAND REQUIREMENTS

Name	Particle Diameter	Spec. (% ret. on sieves)
Fine gravel	2.0 mm	0%
Very Course sand	1.0 mm - 2.0 mm	0% - 6%
Coarse sand	0.5 mm - 1.0 mm	min of 80%
Medium sand	0.25 mm - 0.5 mm	max of 92%
Fine sand	0.15 mm - 0.25 mm	7% - 18%
Very fine sand	0.05 mm - 0.15 mm	not greater than 2.0%
Silt and Clay	below 0.05 mm	not greater than 0.15%

The above particle size requirements allow for excellent on-court drainage and are essential if the competition court is to be able to successfully handle all weather conditions. It is important that the sand is also free of any organic material.

Particle Shape:

The recommended sand qualities for Beach Volleyball court installations are as follows:

- Physical properties;
- Be naturally weathered;
- Be sub angular/rounded;
- Not be acquired from a crushed rock source.

The selection of the particle size gradation must conform as closely as possible to the above table.

The FIVB requires that Promoters receive homologation of the sand from Hutcheson Sand and Mixes, unless they are using the same sand deemed to be of satisfactory quality as the previous year. All Promoters hosting an event for the first time and those events where the quality of the sand was declared to be of poor quality must secure the approval of a sand sample from Hutcheson Sand and Mixes by July 31st of the year preceding the event. Each sample, up to 1 kg from different layers of 40 cm, must be sent to the Hutcheson Sand and Mixes consultant properly labelled.

C. PLAYING SURFACE

The court and playing surface must be made of levelled sand (as flat and uniform as possible) free of rocks, shells or dangerous particles that may cause cuts or injuries to the athletes. It is recommended that a tarpaulin is provided for use as a cover for the central court in rainy weather conditions. The sand must be sifted prior to the event whenever a natural beach is used (if deemed necessary).

- The sand conditions must be the same on the center court, side courts and warm up courts. If concerned about the quality of the sand, the Technical Supervisor must send a sample to Hutcheson Sand and Mixes. It is the FIVB's responsibility to check the sand quality together with the Promoter as soon as possible.
- Promoters shall maintain safe playing conditions on court and proper drainage should be utilized throughout the entire duration of the event.

The FIVB Officials will monitor the accurate quality, depth and levelling of the sand on all courts during the inspection visit on site prior to the event and during the event.

D. SERVICE ZONE

The service zone is the area behind the end line and between the extensions of the two side lines. In depth, the service zone extends to the end of the free zone.

E. TIME-OUT AREA

The time out area should be located at least 3m away from the scorer's table and set up according to the diagram included in the Marketing chapter.

F. MIXED ZONE

The Mixed Zone, with the appropriate backdrop, must be located by the athletes' exit from center court and be located close to the press center for use by the Host Broadcaster and/or accredited journalists to carry out live athlete interviews.

G. COURTS

1. NUMBER OF COURTS

Organizers must set up four (4) courts plus one (1) warm up court for single gender events, fully equipped as per FIVB requirements and standards. A minimum of six (6) courts (four (4) competition and two (2) warm up courts) are required if men and women events are organized

at the same time. If a double gender event (both men and women) is staggered by one day (e.g. women's Main Draw starts on Wednesday and men's Main Draw starts on Thursday) a minimum of four (4) competition and two (2) warm up courts are also required. As per the decisions at 2015 Beach Commission meeting and World Tour Council meeting, Four (4) referees per court will be assigned to each FIVB World Tour events (Grand Slam, Major Series and Open). The Promoter must secure a minimum of one (1) official warm up court for each gender at the venue (total 2) – minimum two (2) official training courts for each gender (total four (4)) at the venue or reachable by shuttle service (provided by the Promoter) at the latest two days prior to the start of the event. A net of a minimum height of 3m must separate all adjacent courts. Additional courts may be required by the FIVB depending on daylight hours and weather conditions.

- two (2) days before the start of the Qualification Tournament: two (2) warm up courts from 9.00 am until 6.00 PM must be set up and available every day of the competition;
- one (1) day before the start of the Qualification Tournament: All courts required for the next day of competition, plus one warm up court per gender, must be set-up from 9.00 AM until 6.00 PM;
- One (1) day before the start of the Main Draw: two (2) courts from 9.00 AM till 6.00 PM for the Main Draw teams must be available (unless the court is required for the Qualification Tournament);

In case the side courts are not located within walking distance, the communication requirements stated in the Handbook need to be upheld by the Organizers.

2. TRAINING COURTS

Before the start of the competition, it is mandatory that the courts are available for the training sessions of the participating teams (minimum availability for a single gender event). If men and women events are organized at the same time, twice as many training courts must be ready as per the requirements outlined in point 1 above.

Two (2) training courts (starting from at least two (2) days before the start of the event), must be available at each event. Organizers must also keep all courts available during the competition to allow athletes to practice or for the organization of camps, and/or other activities if previously requested.

If no training court is offered close to the hotel and venue, courts must then be made available in close proximity and a shuttle should be provided.

Each of the participating teams is entitled to at least 1 hour's training per day upon signing the training session form (teams may be required to train together in the case of high demand).

Mikasa balls should be provided to the athletes upon request for the training sessions. Organizers may ask for a deposit from athletes in exchange for the balls (athletes are also responsible for the loss of balls during training sessions).

3. WARM UP COURTS

The Competition Director must ensure an efficient level of communication between the playing courts and the warm up court(s) in order to constantly inform the athletes warming up of the scores on each court and notify them of the start of their next match. Organizers must appoint one person responsible for the warm up court area, in regular and direct contact (by walkie-talkie) with the Court Manager or with the scorers.

The Promoter must provide a minimum of 1 official warm- up court for each gender at the venue (total two (2)) - minimum two (2) official training courts for each gender (total four (4)) at the venue or reachable by shuttle service (provided by the Promoter) at the latest two (2) days prior to the event.

H. SPORT EQUIPMENT

1. BALLS

Mikasa is the FIVB Official ball supplier for Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. For all FIVB Beach Volleyball competitions, the official ball is the "Mikasa" VLS 300 (leather-like material 67 ± 1 cm).

2. NET AND NET SYSTEM

2.1 Net system

Jiangsu JinLing Sports Co., Ltd is the FIVB Official net and net system supplier for Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. Jiangsu JinLing Sports Co., Ltd provides for the center courts of the FIVB Age Group World Championships and FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major and Open events) the following material:

- One (1) net;
- One (1) set of antennae;
- One (1) referee chair;
- One (1) set of posts and post pads;
- One (1) set of adjustable court; lines
- One (1) set of post bases.

Outside courts at FIVB Beach Volleyball events can be set up with Jiangsu JinLing Sports Co., Ltd net system or eventually with net systems from other suppliers.

2.2 Net

The net is usually 8.5m long and 1m (+/- 3cm) wide when hung taut and placed vertically over the axis of the center of the court. The net has a mesh of 10cm x 10cm as the one used at the 2012 Olympic Games. The FIVB has developed a different net used for FIVB Beach Volleyball competitions only. The net provided by Jinling, FIVB official net and net system supplier, is 8.0m long and has a mesh of 10cm X 10cm. In order to allow the FIVB to display brand logos on the net as per FIVB Regulations, FIVB might explore the possibility of the net with a smaller net mesh. The FIVB reserves the right to modify the net mesh to better enhance the presence of the title sponsor.

Two 7-10cm wide horizontal bands, preferably in dark blue or bright colors made of two-fold canvas are set at the top and the bottom of the net mesh, and sewn along the full length of the mesh. A cord goes through the holes situated at each extremity of the upper band to fasten the upper band to the posts and keep the top of the net continually stretched.

While a flexible cable is located within the upper band, a cord can be found within the bottom band to fasten the net to the posts and keep its top and bottom taut. The height of the net must be of 2.43m for the men and of 2.24m for the women, measured from the center of the playing court with a measuring rod. Both ends of the net (over the side-lines) must be at the same height (measured from the playing surface) and may not exceed the official height by more than 2cm.

Two (2) color bands of 5cm wide and 1m long are fastened vertically to the net and placed above each side line. They are considered as part of the net.

Two (2) antennae are fastened at the outer edge of each side band and placed on the opposite sides of the net. Antennae are considered as part of the net and delimit laterally the crossing

space. The antenna is a flexible rod of 1.8m long and of 10mm in diameter and is made of fiberglass or similar material.

The top 80cm of each antenna extends above the net and is marked with 10cm stripes of contrasting colors, preferably red and white. The FIVB and its net and net system supplier will provide the nets, sets of antennae, posts, post pads, referee's chair, court lines and post bases needed for each Grand Slam and Open events for all center courts and for the promoters concerned.

Four (4) double faced netscapers featuring the FIVB and Organizers Sponsors may be displayed (two (2) on each side) on each net.

2.3 Posts

The posts supporting the net must be rounded and smooth, with a height of 2.55m and must preferably be adjustable. The posts must be fixed to the ground at a distance of 0.7m -1m from each side line. It is forbidden to fix the posts to the ground with wires. Any parts considered dangerous or obstructive must be removed and the posts must be padded. If men's and women's events are organized on the same date and at the same venue, the posts must be easily adjustable to allow a swift change of the net height between the women's and men's matches.

3. LINES

Two (2) side lines and two (2) end lines mark the playing court. Both side and end lines are placed inside the limits of the playing court. There is no center line. All lines are 5cm wide. The lines must be of a single color in sharp contrast to the color of the sand. No advertising or logos are allowed on the lines.

Court lines should be ribbons made of a resistant, nonabrasive material, and they must be held at the four corners with buried round wood. While metal anchors are forbidden to fix the lines, any exposed anchor must be made of a soft and flexible material. The line judges should shake the lines in order to clean off the sand at each court switch, timeout, technical timeout or whenever required. It is extremely important to have adjustable, high quality lines as well as flat rakes which will prevent problems during the games.

I. LIGHTING SYSTEM

For tournaments organizing night sessions or whenever needed or requested, the lighting system must provide a minimum of 1500 lux. measured 1m above the playing area. Night matches and lighting systems must only be considered in certain countries where a fully packed stadium during night matches can be guaranteed.

The lighting system should be ready for the appropriate testing and homologation by the FIVB Technical Supervisor and Host TV Broadcaster representative at least 3 days prior to the start of the event.

The FIVB will provide, upon request, the complete guidelines (in addition to the minimum required 1500 lux.) for the lighting setup, including the number of towers needed for the lights, their height and position, the number of lights and wattage of each light, etc.. The Promoter must follow these guidelines and adapt to local conditions in order to meet the competition requirements or, alternatively, employ a lighting engineer 60 days prior to the event to provide the FIVB with the lighting plans for the event's venue. The lighting systems must be directed partially on the audience for entertainment and TV purposes.

CHAPTER 6

PRIZE MONEY

A. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Athletes participating in an FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Grand Slam, Major Series and/or Open event receive financial compensation on the basis of their final ranking place at each event. The compensation is composed of the Prize Money offered by the Organizers and by the FIVB to all eligible athletes. The following amounts are in USD and are total per team. The same breakdown applies for men and women events.

The status of the payment of Prize Money (including eventual sanctions deducted) is made available to each athlete through a dedicated online Player's Account. This information is confidential and can be retrieved by the athlete from the VIS by inserting his/her username and password. The username and password is generated once the Player has successfully registered by the NF concerned with the FIVB. If an athlete loses his/her username and password, he/she can request it by sending an email to vis@fivb.org and copying the Beach Volleyball Department. A dot/mark may appear when the bank account information is missing from the player's account.

In the player's database, European athletes are required to enter the following information: name of the account holder, IBAN, Swift number or bank name and address. Non-European athletes are required to enter the following information: name of the account holder, his/her address, bank account number, bank name and address and Swift number. The athletes are required to provide accurate and adequate account information before they participate in their first tournament. Otherwise, they will not be able to receive any prize money in due time because their bank information is incomplete.

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• Account information

There is no account information.

Please fill in all the columns as below the accurate and adequate information to ensure the payment of prize money in due time.

• Address

Title (Mr., Ms, etc...):	<i>Mandatory for all players.</i>
Address:	<i>Mandatory for all players. And the address shall be the personal address that is used to open the bank account.</i>
Zip code:	<i>Mandatory for all players.</i>
City:	<i>Mandatory for all players.</i>
Country:	<i>Mandatory for all players.</i>

• Bank information

Bank name:	<i>Mandatory for all players.</i>
Address:	<i>Mandatory for all players.</i>
Zip code:	<i>Mandatory for all players.</i>
City:	<i>Mandatory for all players.</i>
Country:	<i>Mandatory for all players.</i>
Account no.:	<i>Mandatory for all players.</i>
Swift no.:	<i>Mandatory for all players.</i>
IBAN:	<i>Mandatory for all European players and the players who have the IBAN information.</i>
Account owner:	<i>Please indicate in this field the name that you have on your bank statement and this must be opened at your name.</i>
Other no.:	<i>Mandatory for all players.</i>
Remarks:	<i>Optional and please fill in if needed.</i>

For an event offering USD 400,000 per gender in prize money (Grand) Slams & Major Series), the following breakdown applies:

Rank	Prize Money per Team in USD	Total Prize Money per Place in USD
1 st x 1	57,000	57,000
2 nd x 1	43,000	43,000
3 rd x 1	32,000	32,000
4 th x 1	24,000	24,000
5 th x 4	17,000	68,000
9 th x 8	11,000	88,000
17 th x 8	7,000	56,000
25 th x 8	4,000	32,000
TOTAL		400,000

For an event with ten (10) teams per gender offering USD 250,000 in prize money, (one (1) Swatch FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Final event per calendar year), the following breakdown applies:

Rank	Prize Money per Team in USD	Number of Teams	Total Prize Money per Place in USD
1 st	100,000	1	100,000
2 nd	60,000	1	60,000
3 rd	30,000	1	30,000
4 th	15,000	1	15,000
5 th	10,000	2	20,000

Rank	Prize Money per Team in USD	Number of Teams	Total Prize Money per Place in USD
7 th	7,500	2	15,000
9 th	5,000	2	10,000
TOTAL		10	250,000

For an event offering USD 75,000 per gender in prize money (FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Open), the following breakdown applies:

Rank	Prize Money per Team in USD	Total Prize Money per Place in USD
1 st x 1	11,000	11,000
2 nd x 1	8,000	8,000
3 rd x 1	6,000	6,000
4 th x 1	4,500	4,500
5 th x 4	3,375	13,500
9 th x 8	2,000	16,000
17 th x 8	1,200	9,600
25 th x 8	800	6,400
TOTAL		75,000

B. PAYMENTS

The following payment schedule of the Prize Money earned will be followed by the FIVB Finance Department:

	Events	Dates	Payment due date
1	Kish Island Open	19 February	7 March
2	Maceio Open	28 February	14 March
3	Rio Grand Slam	13 March	28 March
4	Vitoria Open	20 March	4 April
5	Qatar Open	8 April	25 April
6	Xiamen Open	17 April	1 May
7	Fuzhou Open	24 April	9 May
8	Fortaleza Open	1 May	16 May
9	Sochi Open	8 May	23 May
10	Antalya Open	15 May	30 May
11	Cincinnati Open	22 May	6 June
12	Moscow Grand Slam	29 May	13 June
13	Hamburg Grand Slam	12 June	27 June
14	Olsztyn Grand Slam	19 June	4 July

	Events	Dates	Payment due date
15	Porec Major	3 July	18 July
16	Gstaad Major	10 July	25 July
17	Klagenfurt Major	31 July	15 August
18	Long Beach Grand Slam	28 August	12 September
19	Puerto Vallarta Open	16 October	31 October
20	Swatch FIVB World Tour Finals	30 October	14 November

If a payment is unsuccessful, the FIVB Finance Department will send an official letter (to the NF and to the athlete) to inform them that the money transfer will be made to the respective NF within the following 5-10 days after three (3) attempts to contact the athlete. If no response, the athlete's VISASP account is then debited and the FIVB Finance Department informs the FIVB IT Department to book the payment in VISASP.

The FIVB will inform the athletes/NFs if the prize money is not going to be paid on time for any reason whatsoever. A bank charge for each wire transfer outside Switzerland will be deducted. Should a bank transfer bounce back due to insufficient information provided by the athlete (i.e. incomplete or obsolete information in the athlete's data base) a further bank charge shall be applied. The above principle applies if FIVB is responsible for returned transfer to the FIVB bank account.

C. TAX AT SOURCE

The athlete is responsible for paying the relevant taxes on his/her earnings in his/her own country, and he/she must update both his/her bank account details and his/her personal information at the beginning of the contract year through the FIVB Beach Volleyball web-based system. The athlete's bank account must remain the same during the 2016 season in order to enable the FIVB to efficiently wire the Prize Money. The FIVB is not responsible for delayed payments caused by athletes' incomplete or wrong bank account details and/or personal information. In case of delays If a delay occurs in updating such sections, the bank charges will be equally borne by the athletes and by the FIVB. It is the responsibility of the NFs and athletes' representative to encourage athletes to verify their personal data before they participate in their first event. A failure in updating such information will make it impossible for the FIVB to pay the prize money to the athletes concerned. Sanctions are deducted directly from the Prize Money earned by the athletes or must be paid 14 days prior to the start of any event that the athlete will take part in.

If a debt still exists, the NF concerned will be held accountable by the FIVB.

The tax at source might be implemented as per the fiscal regulations/laws in the countries where the tournament is held. FIVB will update in the Event Regulation after consulting respective promoter and FIVB financial consultant to respecting the regulations of tax at source in each country.

D. CANCELLATION OF EVENTS

If an event is canceled, the FIVB has the right to retain the amount of unpaid prize money.

The FIVB (or its Organizers) is not accountable for any reimbursements of airplane tickets booked for a cancelled event if the FIVB has informed all parties involved about the cancellation at least 30 days prior to the start of the event.

CHAPTER 7

THE ATHLETE AND THE MEDIA

Each participating NF and athlete wanting to compete in FIVB beach volleyball competitions must sign a multiyear commitment.

This agreement includes the rights and obligations of each party in detail and it also explains the position of the athlete towards the exploitation of his/her image. It also provides the guidelines on the players' requested availability to media and public relations activities associated to the FIVB properties.

This section provides details on how each participating athlete is required to collaborate with the media in order to increase his/her exposure in aiming to become a star, thus leading to increased media exposure for the FIVB.

A. MEDIA AND PUBLICITY

The FIVB has the right to use the athlete's photos, films etc. in connection with FIVB events. This is also applicable to FIVB sponsors, FIVB Promoters and broadcasters who wish to use the image, voice or other material for advertising purposes.

The FIVB grants the athlete(s) access to the FIVB video archive and photographs upon request. This request must be sent by email to the FIVB Beach Volleyball department the following email address: worldtour@fivb.org, link:

<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms/Athletes/BVB-01AthletesCommitment.pdf>

Subject to the terms of the NF-Athlete's Commitment, the FIVB and its Promoters, in their discretion, have the right to make use of and show, any motion pictures, video games, magazines including live, taped or filmed television footage, such as highlight shows or photos of the athlete taken during FIVB official events. This use is without compensation, and the athlete hereby waives any right to such compensation for himself/herself or his/her heirs and assignees.

B. FIVB RIGHTS FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES

FIVB Rights for promotional purposes have been stipulated and agreed upon through the 2015-2016 NF-Athlete's Commitment available under Forms Section on the FIVB website: <http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp>.

C. GROUP LICENSING RIGHTS

Group licensing rights have been stipulated and agreed upon through the 2015-2016 NF Athlete's Commitment available under Forms Section on the FIVB website: <http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp>.

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CHAPTER 8

VOLLEYBALL

INFORMATION SYSTEM (VIS)

Developments in technological innovation over the past few years have in turn stimulated the development of tailored software solutions for use in sporting competitions. The introduction of the VIS (Volleyball Information System) software, conceived by the FIVB Information Technology Department, is one example. This system streamlines management of the operational side of each FIVB beach volleyball competition and generates the necessary onsite reports for each day.

Since 2005, a web-based application has facilitated the job of the NF and individual athletes by automating data entry into a database. It also allows the FIVB to offer integrated services, with access to all information regarding FIVB competitions, for organizers, athletes, fans and the media.

In this guide, we will describe the procedures to follow in order to register athletes for all FIVB competitions and amend their personal data as well as the procedures to be followed by VIS software users during a tournament.

8.1 VIS – NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND ATHLETES PROCEDURE

An additional component of the VIS allows NFs to register beach volleyball athletes for all FIVB Competitions (i.e. FIVB World Championships, FIVB World Tour (Grand Slam, Major and Open events), Continental Tour, Challenger and Continental Cup events) and athletes to directly modify their personal data (such as their personal details, bank account information, etc.) via the web.

The FIVB has provided each NF and each athlete with an individual, secure code to access the system. The NFs can use their code only to enter their National teams in all FIVB Competitions via the web, and the athletes can use their code only to access their personal data and amend it where necessary.

LOGIN

The NF is required to comply with the following procedures in order to tentatively register its own beach volleyball teams in all FIVB sanctioned competitions in which a team wants to participate.

To enter the FIVB beach volleyball web-based application, you must open your Internet browser on your computer then go to:

<http://www.fivb.org/> and click the Login menu (right)

Once the Login page is visible on the screen, as shown below, you can insert your secure access details (username and password) and then click on the “Login” button to access the system.

Once you are logged in, the system will display your BVB homepage, your country flag and code on the left-hand side. You will find below a menu for the following services:

- *FIVB Home*: to access the Official FIVB website;
- *My home page*: to access the main menu;
- New player*: to add a new athlete who has never been registered in the FIVB database;
- *Change my password*: to change your secure password access;
- *Contact*: to contact the FIVB VIS Department by email: visasp@fivb.org, if a technical problem occurs;
- *Logout*: at the end of the session you must click on “Logout” to leave the application.

If an athlete loses his/her password, he/she can request it at visasp@fivb.org.

It is forbidden, once an athlete is registered through this system, to issue a new athlete account for the same individual.

It is mandatory to fill all the fields in the athlete template to be eligible to participate in any competitions.

Dominika Nestarcova of the Slovak Republic digs the Mikasa



UPLOAD OF ATHLETE FORMS

Please, enter the VIS2009 system (<http://www.fivb.org/vis2009/>) with the NF credentials.



1. In the Menu, column on the left, please click on **"Players"**.



2. In the main centre space, the list of all players shall appear. Below, there is the search tab: please enter the relevant information. For the purpose of the search, it is enough to insert either the FIVB ID# number or the name/surname of the player.



3. Click on the player whose documents you want to upload or update.



4. In this space, you can modify any information regarding the player. In order to upload the aforementioned documents, please click on **"Documents"**.



5. Click on **"Modify"**



6. By clicking on **"Upload"**, you will be able to upload the documents or forms required.



Please, fill in the required spaces:

- Validity:
 - Passport: December 31st 2014 – for the current FIVB 2014 season
 - BVB-10: December 31st 2015 – please note that the FIVB Health Certificate is annual.
 - BVB-01: December 31st 2016 – please note that the current Agreement is valid for 2015 and 2016, so you do not need to upload a new one for this year.
- Name: please name the document you are uploading: *i.e.* **BVB-01_Surname_FIVB ID#**

7. Finally, click on **"Ok"**.



Once you have finished, and uploaded/updated the documents, you have to click on “**Save changes**”, because the system will not save the changes automatically.



Salgado Rufino (R) Solberg Salgado of Brazil discuss a call with the referee during a women's semifinal match at the Fuzhou Open in China



Finally, send an email to the Beach Volleyball Department indicating the following information:

- Subject: **BVB-01 / 10 Form upload – VIS**
- The **names and FIVB number** of the players whose documents you have either uploaded or updated

Once you have done that, the Beach Volleyball Department will enter the VIS, check the documents and eventually validate them by clicking on the “**Accept**” button. Please, note that in order to make sure that the status of athletes’ form is okay, check the presence of the “dots” next to their FIVB ID number.

TEAM REGISTRATION FOR FIVB TOURNAMENTS

The NF may select any team, as per competition regulations included in this Handbook, and register it for FIVB tournaments by using the following procedure:

- Insert into the *For (no/name)* field in the Search/Register Player dialogue box the FIVB number or player’s surname of the first team player and then click on the “Search now” button;
- Once the Search Results dialogue box is displayed, you may select the desired player by clicking on “Select” at the end of the row;
- If the players didn’t complete the FIVB Anti-Doping Education Programme, a blue dot will appear in the left hand column and will not be able to register;
- Select his/her team mate from the Team Mate selection dialogue box. You may select the desired team player from the “Previous team mates” or “Other players” lists by clicking on “Register” at the end of the row, as shown below:
The Tournaments dialogue box is then displayed, which allows you to register your selected team. You may select any available tournament from the calendar by selecting the check box corresponding to the relevant tournament, as shown below:
- To confirm the team entry, click on the “Submit changes” button; to discard the team entry, click on the “Reset form” button.

Once the entry is confirmed, the team is automatically registered in the selected tournament’s database and is instantly included on the tentative list posted on the FIVB website for each event. The NF can then check that their teams are correctly entered and contact the FIVB (visasp@fivb.org) immediately if a technical problem occurs.

Please save a print out of this process for your records or if any technical problems occur.

TEAM DELETING AND TEAM COMPOSITION CHANGES FOR FIVB TOURNAMENTS

Between the Tentative Entry List and Confirmed Entry List prior to the start of the tournament, the NF can at any time delete and/or modify the team tentatively entered in the event as follows.

Team deleting

Delete a team by following this procedure:

- Select the team tentatively entered as described in the above section (*Team registration for FIVB Tournaments*);
- When the Tournaments dialogue box is displayed, it is possible to delete your selected team. You may unselect any unwanted tournament from the calendar by clicking on the check box corresponding to the relevant tournament;

- To confirm the deletion, click on the “Submit changes” button; to discard the deletion, click on the “Reset form” button.

Once the deletion is confirmed, the team is automatically deleted from the selected tournament database and is instantly excluded from the tentative list posted on the FIVB website for each event.

Once the Confirmed Entry list has been issued, the FIVB will make any modifications (delete a team, withdrawal, change of a player, etc.) only upon receiving a written notification from the NF concerned.

Team composition changing

Change one team member by following this procedure:

- Delete the team tentatively entered as described above (*Team deleting*);
- Then reselect the new team composition for the event as described in the above section (*Team registration for FIVB Tournaments*).

As per FIVB regulations, the NF will only be allowed to replace one player out of the two players tentatively entered with a new team mate.

The NF will not be allowed to enter an entirely new team once the Tentative Entry List has been issued (this is then considered as a late entry).

8.2 VIS – MANUAL

INSTALLATION

The Promoter, his/her Technical Manager and the FIVB Technical Supervisor will receive an email from the FIVB IT Department with some instructions that can be followed to launch the VIS.

Please follow this procedure carefully:

- 1. The person in charge of IT matters must install the latest version of the VIS. If you do not have the latest version of the software, you can download the installation file from the FIVB Web server under the following link:

http://www.fivb.org/en/beachvolleyball/bvis/bvis_2014.zip

He/she saves the VIS zip file on the desktop. Once the file has been downloaded, unzip it and select the desktop as the extract folder.

The person in charge of IT matters is now ready to install the VIS software: open the *BVIS_2014* folder on the desktop and launch the installation by clicking on the setup file.

It is necessary to ensure that the computer's operating system is windows-based, and that the time and date settings are set correctly to the local time (eg. 24-hour clock or AM/PM settings may require adjustment in order for VIS information to be viewed properly on some systems).

- 2. He/she must download the players database *Players.VIS* file and save it in the folder *C:\VIS\VISDATA\PLAYERS*.
- 3. He/she must download the tournament files *WXXX2014.VIS* file (tournament file) and save it in the folder *C:\VIS\VISDATA\BEACH\2014*.

- 4. Open the *VIS Players Management* (click on the icon on the desktop shown in the picture below):

When the application is first launched, the *username* and *Country* must be inserted in the blank space in the open dialogue box.

In the menu, select *File: Import Database...* and open the folder *C:\VIS\VISDATA\PLAYERS* which can be found on the right of the *Import database* dialogue box. Then select the *Players.VIS* file on the left, as shown in the picture below. Finally click on the *OK* button to the right of the dialogue box.

- 5. Open the *Beach Volleyball Information System* (click on the icon on the desktop shown in the picture below):

In the menu, select *File: Import Tournament...*

Open the folder *C:\VIS\VISDATA\BEACH\2014* found on the right hand side of the *Import Tournament* dialogue box and select the *WXXX2014.VIS* file (tournament file) on the left, as shown below:

Once all of the above-mentioned instructions have been completed, the VIS is updated and ready to start.

Update the FIVB Website

Once the FIVB Website has been updated for the first time, follow the preliminary instructions below carefully:

- In the menu, select Internet: *Update Configuration*.
- The FIVB Website access can be found in the email received from the FIVB IT Department (i.e.: *username: bvisita; password: ******).
- The IT manager can insert the previously used parameters to access the FIVB Website *Uploading configuration* dialogue box.
- Finally to save the uploading configuration on the computer, select the *OK* button on the dialogue box.

Whenever any changes are made to matches or other operations in the VIS tournament files, it is necessary to convert all files into a web format by following the procedure below:

- In the menu, select *File: Export tournament...*
- Open the folder *C:\VIS\VISDATA\BEACH\2014* located on the right hand side of the *Export of the Tournament* dialogue box and select the *WXXX2014.VIS file* (Tournament file) located on the left.
- Finally, to export tournament files onto the computer, select the *OK* button on the same dialogue box.

Once all of the above-mentioned instructions have been completed, the VIS can directly update the FIVB website.

In the menu, select Internet: *Upload data to web server* and the procedure to update the FIVB website will start automatically.

A webpage containing all of the correct tournament data will open signaling the completion of the update procedure. The updated VIS and HTML pages can be found on the FIVB website (<http://www.fivb.org>) in the relevant tournament's directory.

8.3 MANDATORY VIS USE

As of 2014, the FIVB World Ranking includes more categories of events at continental and even national level. For certain categories, use of the VIS for entering results is mandatory, and for the remaining categories, the FIVB will be responsible for entering the events and the final results in the VIS.

For the following event categories, the use of the VIS to open an event, to enter teams in the competitions and to update match results is mandatory:

EVENT CATEGORY	RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING VIS
FIVB World Championships	FIVB
FIVB World Tour	FIVB
FIVB Age Group World Championships	FIVB
FIVB World Continental Cup Olympic	FIVB
Continental Tour/Final/Master	CONFEDERATION CONCERNED
Continental Cup & Continental Cup Final	CONFEDERATION CONCERNED
Challenger	CONFEDERATION CONCERNED
Other Events (if any)	FIVB/CONFEDERATION CONCERNED
Continental Age Group Championships/Final	CONFEDERATION CONCERNED
Homologated National Tour	NF CONCERNED

The above FIVB Ranking points are updated online only if received latest by 9:00 AM (Swiss time) on a Monday after the event.

8.4 VIS – CONCLUSIONS

A web-based application is also used for the FIVB Media Operations Delegate and Official Tournament Photographer in order to allow automatic insertion of press releases and digital photos into the database. The VIS system will continue to evolve and new functions will be added over the coming months. The FIVB offers this application free of charge to all NFs in order to help them to develop the sport of beach volleyball.

For any further details and subsequent developments, please refer to the complete VIS manual on the FIVB website via the following link:

<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/BVIS/manual.pdf>

CHAPTER 9 PRACTICAL INFORMATION

9.1 COACHES

Coaching on the field of play is not permitted by the FIVB. Sanctions will apply if coaching on the field of play. However, coaches have a designated area (with a chair and an umbrella outside the field of play) on all venue courts to allow them to work and follow the game. Coaches and athletes are allowed in the mixed zone.

Coaches will be able to access the medical area in order to interact with the medical staff and to help diagnose, manage and rehabilitate the athletes before, during and after the competition. If catering service is provided in this area, coaches are granted the access to this area, but not the catering service. In addition, coaches will have the right to receive an accreditation for certain areas of the venue (excluding the catering, roofed VIP stand and other areas at the discretion of the Promoter), upon sending a request through their respective NF directly to the Promoter concerned three (3) days prior to the start of the event.

Coaches may use ground transportation and meals (the same as the athlete) by paying a flat fee to the Promoter.

Specific regulations for coaching at Age Group and Continental Cup (1st & 2nd phases) events are stipulated in another document.

9.2 VISAS AND PASSPORTS

The respective NFs of the participating athletes are responsible for obtaining all appropriate visas for their teams. The host NF is required to promptly issue an invitation letter duly signed and sealed for the people concerned upon receipt of an official request from a foreign NF. The NFs and/or athletes are responsible for paying any costs related to passport and visa administration processes.

9.3 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Organizers shall welcome and guarantee local transportation, starting five (5) days before the beginning of the Main Draw, only and exclusively for the Main Draw athletes who have duly informed the Organizers about their travel schedule at least three (3) days before the start of the event through the BVB-31 form.

A person (fluent in English) and easily identifiable by a sign with the FIVB Beach Volleyball event's logo shall welcome the athletes upon their arrival at the airport. This person is responsible for providing the Qualification Tournament athletes with information about local transportation from the airport to the competition site (e.g. bus numbers, underground transportation, prices, etc.), as well as for informing the Main Draw athletes about the local transportation to be provided by the Organizers from the airport to the hotel and back.

The Organizers shall also provide transportation from the hotel to the airport for Main Draw athletes, departing before the end of the competition, as well as to/from social activities, etc. (if requested). Organizers are not responsible for the local transportation of coaches, teams' physiotherapists, athletes' guests and athletes' family members.

9.4 BOARD AND LODGING

Organizers shall provide hotel accommodation (usually no less than a 3 star rating) in double rooms for the thirty two (32) teams participating in the Main Draw (per gender).

For FIVB World Tour events, accommodation for all Main Draw teams shall be paid by the Promoter only until the day after their elimination from each event (breakfast). Teams are requested to arrive one day before the Main Draw (check-in) and leave the day after their elimination from each event (check-out).

The promoter will also pay for an additional night's accommodation for the finalist teams on Saturday for the women and on Sunday for the men.

After the publication of the official rooming list, the Promoter is not held responsible for any modifications made directly by athletes to the hotel reservations.

9.5 MEALS

Food in sufficient quantities must be guaranteed by the Promoter for the FIVB Officials, Referees and athletes according to the FIVB Medical Regulations. Menus must be designed to be nutritious, tasty and of excellent quality including hot and cold food.

The Promoter should use a catering service at the venue to serve lunch to the FIVB Officials, Referees, Main Draw athletes and guests. Three (3) basic meals must be served each day, plus a snack, as follows:

- Breakfast: cereals, bread, yogurt, honey, fruit and fruit juice, marmalade, eggs, skimmed milk, coffee, tea, etc.
- Lunch and Dinner: carbohydrates (pasta, potatoes, rice, etc.), proteins (red and white meat, fish, tofu, eggs, etc.) vegetables, salads, fruit, cheese, etc.

Menus must be approved by the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department (-30 days) and by the Technical Supervisor before the start of the event.

Fruit, sandwiches, coffee, tea and energy drinks (such as PowerAde, Gatorade, Fitgar, etc.) must also be available in sufficient quantities for the athletes at the competition site.

Still mineral water contained in sealed plastic ¼ or ½ liter bottles must be available at the venue at all times for the athletes, staff, officials and volunteers. Catering services must be available at the venue from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Opening hours should be extended to cater for athletes, court staff and officials on days when night matches will be held. The same policy applies to meals served at the hotel if adjacent to the venue and used instead of a catering service.

During the competition, fruit, snacks and drinks must be available at all times in the athletes' lounge, press center and referees' and lines judges' lounges.

Food and drinks must be replenished regularly on the courts, in the VIP area and in the athletes', referees' and line judges' lounges.

The time of meals should meet the needs of the Officials' daily schedule and must be coordinated by the FIVB Technical Supervisors upon their arrival on site.

Finally, a consistent and flexible nutrition policy must also be available for Referees and Auxiliary Officials (food and refreshments must be available for them at any time).

The Promoter is not responsible for the meals of coaches, team's physiotherapists, athletes' guests and athletes' family members.

9.6 PRELIMINARY INQUIRY MEETING AND TECHNICAL MEETING

A. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The athletes' attendance at the Preliminary Inquiry (Country Quota Playoff, Qualification and Main Draw) is mandatory. All relevant information concerning the place and time of the Preliminary Inquiry (Qualification and Main Draw) shall be included in the specific event regulations sent by the Hosting NF to the participating NFs and the FIVB Officials. This information will be posted on the FIVB website. Athletes are responsible for obtaining the information on the location and the dates of the meetings from their respective NFs and/or by consulting the FIVB website. However, the Technical Meeting (Qualification and Main Draw) will only be organized if there is request from the promoter/organizer. If the Technical Meeting will be organized, all relevant information concerning the place and time of the Technical Meeting (Qualification and Main Draw) shall be included in the specific event regulations sent by the hosting NF to the participating and the FIVB officials -20 days before the tournament. This information will be posted on the FIVB website and mandatory attendance will be required for both athletes of the teams at the Technical Meeting. In principle, the duration of the Technical Meeting shall be no longer than 30 minutes.

If, due to exceptional circumstances, an athlete cannot participate in the Preliminary Inquiry and/or Technical Meeting (Qualification or Main Draw) for the event he/she is taking part in, he/she may be excused by the FIVB or the Technical Supervisor on site.

B. PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

Three (3) Preliminary Inquiries are held, the first one on the same day as the Country Quota Playoff, the second one on the day before the Qualification Tournament and the third one on the day before the Main Draw. These Preliminary Inquiries are conducted by the FIVB Technical Supervisor in collaboration with the Organizers and allow for the eligibility of each athlete to be checked.

The purpose is also to check:

- That the athlete is present
- The identity of the athletes by checking their FIVB ID cards or passports. If an athlete does not have an FIVB ID Card number or passport, he/she must then provide the FIVB Technical Supervisor with the official 2015-2016 NF-Athlete's Commitment if not already previously sent or faxed to the FIVB duly completed;
- The conformity of the athletes' uniforms (size) and accessories, if required by the FIVB Technical Supervisor;
- That the FIVB Number 1 or 2 assigned through the VIS corresponds to the numbers on the uniforms;
- The FIVB World Ranking points and seeding;
- The athletes' flight itinerary for the next FIVB Beach Volleyball events in the calendar (for communication to the Organizers of the next events through the BVB-31 form);
- That the athlete's bank information is filled in the VIS system.
- Any other information about the athletes' eligibility and participation, upon request of the FIVB Technical Supervisor.

During the Preliminary Inquiry (Qualification and/or Main Draw), the Technical Supervisor shall provide each athlete with a form to be filled out with the following information:

- Local contact information (e.g. hotel room no., mobile phone, email) if the athlete is not

staying at the official hotel, so that athletes may be informed by the Promoter or Technical Supervisor about any emergency or contingency situations, such as changes to the competition schedule due to weather conditions or other force majeure situations. Although it is also the athletes' responsibility to obtain this information (e.g. match schedule, Daily Bulletin), having direct contact information for the athletes can be useful.

The Preliminary Inquiry is usually carried out at the athletes' hotel in a room and it shall last minimum 2 hours and held within 1:00 - 8:00 PM local time one day before the Qualification or Main Draw tournament. Both athletes of the team must be present at the Preliminary Inquiry and confirm their presence by signing at the Preliminary Inquiry.

At the end of the Preliminary Inquiry, the FIVB Technical Supervisor shall approve the final list of eligible participating teams. If there are ties in the seeding points among the teams, a drawing of lots ceremony will be held to break the ties. The draw shall be held in the same room where the Preliminary Inquiry is held immediately after the approval of the final list of eligible participating teams, within 1 hour after the end of the Preliminary Inquiry. If the draw is held, such information shall be communicated to the players onsite in advance. A session and a Questions and Answers forum will also be held after the Preliminary Inquiry (in the same period of drawing of lots if applicable), where FIVB delegates (Technical Supervisor, Referee Delegate, etc) together with the promoter will discuss with the players and team officials on tournament related matters. Should there be any proposals that requires an FIVB decision in short run, FIVB Technical Supervisor is entitled to urgently inform FIVB Beach Department.

C. TECHNICAL MEETING

The Technical Meeting (Qualification and Main Draw) will only be organized if there is request from the promoter/organizer. If the Technical Meeting is organized, the promoter/organizer shall communicate to FIVB in writing on such request at least -60 days prior to the tournament and the information regarding the date and location of such meeting must be announced in the specific event regulations circulated by the Hosting NF to the participating NFs and the officials. This information will be posted on the FIVB Website.

The athletes' mandatory attendance is required at the Technical Meeting if it is applicable and the meeting will be conducted by the FIVB Technical Supervisor in collaboration with the promoter/organizer. In principle, the Technical Meeting must take place at the Main Draw athletes' hotel or the venue and shall last no longer than 30 minutes.

The meeting will be chaired by the FIVB Technical Supervisor and dedicated agenda will be developed so the promoter/organizer, sponsors representative, Host NF delegates, etc. will take the floor to provide necessary information to the participating teams.

Under special circumstances, the absent of the athletes to the Technical Meeting (if applicable) will be considered by the FIVB Technical Supervisor. For example if the respective NF/athletes sends in writing and in due time, a valid documented explanation for the athletes' non-attendance to the organizer copying FIVB Beach Department.

9.7 VIDEO CHALLENGE SYSTEM

Starting from the 2015 Rio Open for medal matches, the FIVB introduced to the World Tour tournaments the Video Challenge System as great addition to the sport.

The system is still in its testing phase and a set of protocols is established for the reference of athletes. Currently there are a number of situations that athletes are allowed to challenge and FIVB is listening to the feedbacks from the players, officials, TV broadcasters and other stake holders for their feedbacks on how to make the system work better.

Please take duly noted that the below Video Challenge System Procedure is tentative and some of the protocols can change, as a result of optimization approved by FIVB.

FIVB will update such document in its website prior to each tournament where the Video Challenge System will be implemented. Please refer to the update document as final for the correct implementation of the protocols.

VIDEO CHALLENGE SYSTEM PROCEDURE (DRAFT VERSION AS OF 23.11.2015)

Teams are permitted up to two UNSUCCESSFUL Challenges per set.

Ball Mark Protocol will be cancelled for the matches where we implement the Video Challenge.

Consequences of successful/unsuccessful challenges:

- If the result of the Challenge is successful then the requesting team maintains the number of Challenges available to them at the time of the request.
- However if the original referee decision is proved correct (unsuccessful Challenge), the number of Challenges available to the team requesting the Challenge will decrease by one for that particular set.

If the team captain believes he/ she sees a fault which has been missed by the referees, then **immediately at the end of the rally (5 seconds)** he/ she must indicate a desire to challenge by **showing a C** with their fingers and mentioning the type of challenge to the 1st referee. No score will be awarded until the result of the challenge is announced.

A Team may Challenge only once within the same interruption – i.e. they cannot challenge a second time within the same interruption. However, both teams may Challenge within the same interruption.

Whatever is the first fault that occurs during the segment of the rally under scrutiny in the review process, decides the result of the rally. However requests for Challenge for a segment of play after the rally is finished will not be challengeable. Should a team which challenges an action have WON the rally anyway, the Challenge will automatically be declined (as unnecessary); however, if the opponent also challenges and if their challenge for a later fault would win them the rally, the original (winning team) is permitted to have its Challenge heard.

Challenges can be made in the following situations only:

- The ball is 'IN' or 'OUT';
CODE FOR CHALLENGE REQUEST: Check ball "in": Check ball "out"
- The antennae is touched by the ball or a player;
CODE FOR CHALLENGE REQUEST: Check antennae touch

- c. The net is touched / not touched by a player (including touching / not touching the antennae);

CODE FOR CHALLENGE REQUEST: [Check net touch / No net touch](#)

- d. Block contact (with the ball);
 - i. at the end of the rally

CODE FOR CHALLENGE REQUEST: [Check Touch / No Touch](#)

- ii. during the rally

CODE FOR CHALLENGE REQUEST: [Check 4 hits / Check Touch / No touch](#)

- e. Foot fault at service (the server touches the court - the end line included - or the ground outside the service zone).

CODE FOR CHALLENGE REQUEST: [Check foot fault](#)

To the code, the captain is required to add (where applicable) the moment of the occurrence in the rally ([beginning](#); [middle](#); [end](#)).

If a challenge is made for a situation not listed (above) then the challenge is declined immediately. A second challenge request for an unchallengeable situation will be sanctioned for delay by the 1st referee, as appropriate.

All players must remain on the court for the time needed to assess the video footage.

If inconclusive footage results in the Challenge Official being unable to make a ruling, the original decision is upheld and the team maintains the number of Challenges available.

If the rally is interrupted prematurely by a four hits decision, which is successfully challenged as not being four hits, the referee will direct a replay of the point.

The 1st Referee has the right to request a Challenge him/ herself should he/she feel unclear about a decision in a rally that is close to the end of a set or match or which will either influence or decide the result of the set or match. If in addition the Challenge System decision is inconclusive, then the 1st referee will direct the rally to be replayed.

Breakdown of the Challenge System equipment during the match does not affect the course and validity of the match. It cannot be a reason to stop the match or to protest. Should a breakdown occur the 1st Referee continues to conduct the match, according to the official volleyball rules.

9.8 BEACH VOLLEYBALL E-SCORESHEET SYSTEM

As Beach Volleyball continues to develop at a very fast pace, the management of each game has to keep in sync with new and innovative ways to support the competition. As far as technology and innovation are concerned, the creation of an electronic scoresheet is a major step forward for Beach Volleyball.

Since it was introduced to be tested at the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Lucerne Open, the Beach Volleyball E-scoresheet system has been implemented in almost all the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour events ever since.

The software will guides you to compile the match scoresheet in real time, through automatisms, in order to limit to the maximum the intervention of the operator, by checking all situations and unforeseen circumstance that may occur during a match and by suggesting an eventual solution.

The E-scoresheet system also connects to the FIVB website in order to automatically update the score, and the database, as well as updates the livescore.

Special training clinic is conducted prior to the start of each tournament to ensure the correct implementation of the system throughout the tournament.



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Note:

The following forms maybe subject to change. For the latest version and other related forms, please refer to:

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BVB-01 2015-2016 BEACH VOLLEYBALL NF & ATHLETES' COMMITMENT

Athletes intending to participate in FIVB competitions shall (a) agree to this commitment through VIS and (b) deliver a completed and fully signed original of this commitment to FIVB as per the event's competition regulations. As requested by many Athletes and NFs, it is now allowed to have up to 2 Athletes from the same Federation of Origin signing on the same document, regardless if they play together or not.

The undersigned

_____ ("ATHLETE 1") with FIVB ID _____

_____ ("ATHLETE 2") with FIVB ID _____

voluntarily sign this Commitment undertaking the obligations herein jointly with the

National Volleyball Federation of _____ ("NF")

The NF & each of the ATHLETES individually state and agree to the following:

The ATHLETE joins the NF's and the FIVB's aim to develop Beach Volleyball as a major world media and entertainment sport through world class planning and organisation of competitions, marketing and promotional activities in the respect of the FIVB Constitution, Disciplinary Regulations, Medical Regulations, other FIVB Regulations and decisions, the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations, the Beach Volleyball Handbook, the Rules of the Game and any FIVB-organiser agreements (all in their latest version, jointly referred to as the "FIVB Regulatory Framework"). In case of discrepancy between this Commitment and the FIVB Regulatory Framework, the latter shall prevail.

The ATHLETE understands that the right to play in FIVB EVENTS (which include: FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships, FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Grand Slam, FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Major Series, FIVB Beach Volleyball Swatch Season Final, FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Open, FIVB Beach Volleyball Age Group World Championships (U-17, U-19, U-21), FIVB World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification, FIVB World Continental Cup Final, Continental Cup – even if such events are renamed or reformed in any way – as well as any other Beach Volleyball event currently sanctioned by the FIVB (i.e. exhibitions, country vs. country, etc.) or to be sanctioned or created in the future by the FIVB is a privilege, as well as to work with the FIVB for the enhancement of Beach Volleyball, and exerts his/her rights respecting the FIVB and its Licensees in the terms of this Commitment, and acknowledges that he/she has read and commits to comply with the FIVB Regulatory Framework, particularly but not limited to those governing his/her participation at FIVB EVENTS as provided herein.

In this Commitment, references to "Bonus Pool" apply only if a Bonus Pool is established by FIVB. References to one gender include the other gender as well.

1. RESPONSIBILITIES STEMMING FROM PARTICIPATION

- 1.1 The ATHLETE is free to enter or not in FIVB EVENTS and should not be constrained by any organisation to do so or not. In the case of entering, every ATHLETE must respect and abide by the FIVB Regulatory Framework, a breach of which may lead to the loss of eligibility to take part in any national and/or international competitions, including the FIVB EVENTS and the Olympic Games.
- 1.2 The ATHLETE taking part in beach volleyball tournaments not sanctioned by the FIVB without the required authorisations mentioned in Clause 5.3 below, or playing in a foreign country without a previous written invitation from the local NF and authorisation from his/her respective NF commits a serious breach of the FIVB Regulatory Framework and may be subject to fines, suspension and/or expulsion as detailed in the annual Beach Volleyball Handbook and Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations (jointly "Handbook") and in the Disciplinary Regulations.
- 1.3 The ATHLETE violating any of the provisions of the FIVB Regulatory Framework might cause the FIVB to impose disciplinary sanctions against the ATHLETE, in accordance with the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations and the latest version of the Handbook.

Athlete 1

Athlete 2

NF

- 1.4 The ATHLETE herewith waives his/her right to claim from FIVB, his/her NF and the FIVB EVENT organiser(s) or other natural or legal person involved in the organisation of the FIVB EVENT any payment other than prize money and/or FIVB Bonus Pool money, for his/her participation in the FIVB EVENT and the rights granted herein.

- 1.5 Each ATHLETE is responsible for being informed of the starting time of all matches and of being present and ready to play on time. The ATHLETE shall also make himself/herself available for local and FIVB promotions whenever requested by the promoter, the host NF or the FIVB if such promotions do not interfere with his/her preparation or scheduled matches.

- 1.6 Upon signing the agreement to enter FIVB EVENTS an ATHLETE undertakes:

- a) The obligation to submit required whereabouts and to submit himself/herself to doping controls conducted in accordance with the FIVB Regulatory Framework and the World Anti-Doping Code.
- b) The obligation to obtain from his/her NF/NOC or through publicly available sources, the WADA list of prohibited substances and methods in force at the time of the ATHLETE's participation in the respective FIVB EVENT, and to accept the disciplinary measures taken by the FIVB in case of violation.

An ATHLETE can appeal any decisions taken by the FIVB Disciplinary Panel to the Court of Arbitration for Sport recognised by the IOC, the FIVB and the NOCs and, furthermore, herewith waives his/her right to seek recourse to a state court regarding this issue.

2. GENERAL CONDITIONS TO ENTER FIVB EVENTS

The ATHLETE acknowledges:

- 2.1 That, only after he/she has been registered by his/her NF, he/she can be granted the right to participate in the FIVB EVENTS based on the FIVB entry points regulations as stipulated in the latest version of the Handbook and as per each competition regulations issued by the FIVB for each FIVB EVENT.
- 2.2 The obligation to present an annual medical certificate by sending to the FIVB the BVB/10 form (at least 30 days prior to the start of an FIVB EVENT) attesting he/she is in good health to participate in Beach Volleyball competitions, assuming total responsibility for any health problems that he/she might face during any FIVB EVENT and acknowledging the risk of injuries due to the game itself.
- 2.3 To present an FIVB Anti-Doping Certificate at least 30 days prior to the start of an FIVB EVENT, after having successfully completed FIVB's Anti-Doping education program "We play it clean!" online: <http://www.fivb.org/RealWinner/>
- 2.4 That he/she may earn a compensation for his/her participation by way of prize money and/or Bonus Pool to be fixed by the FIVB on the basis of his/her performance. The ATHLETE shall be solely responsible to pay any taxes and deductions applicable to such compensation.
- 2.5 That he/she will be paid his/her earnings by the FIVB within a reasonable time limit, but – subject to 2.8 below – never later than 30 days after the last FIVB EVENT of each month including all events' earnings in that month.
- 2.6 That the FIVB will pay the Bonus Pool in appropriate amounts to the eligible athletes as per FIVB Bonus Pool eligibility requirements set out in the latest version of the Handbook and as per the respective competition regulations issued by the FIVB for each FIVB EVENT.
- 2.7 That, in the case where an ATHLETE's playing partner is affected (e.g. season-ending injury, sanction etc), the FIVB will make a decision on a case by case basis and at its sole discretion for the ATHLETE's eligibility (or not) for Bonus Pool.
- 2.8 That, after three (3) attempts to contact the ATHLETE in case of an unsuccessful payment of the Prize Money/Bonus Pool, the FIVB Finance Department will send an official letter (to the NF and the ATHLETE) to inform of the money transfer to the respective NF. It will be then the NF's responsibility to wire the amount to the ATHLETE. For the avoidance of doubt, the ATHLETE herewith authorises his/her NF to receive all payments on his/her behalf.
- 2.9 That, in order to receive the payments timely, the ATHLETE (or his/her NF or a third person authorised by the ATHLETE) must provide the FIVB with a certified statement featuring the name of the account holder, the name and full address of the beneficiary, name and full address of the

Athlete 1

Athlete 2

NF

beneficiary's bank, the IBAN account number and Swift Code. Failure to submit all the above information or to keep them up to date through the dedicated extranet automatically releases the FIVB from any responsibility related to payments' delay.

- 2.10 That he/she is not expecting to be paid any other money or offered any value in kind, other than expenses as provided herein which will not be conditioned upon his/her performance in the tournament.
- 2.11 That, if he/she is included in the Main Draw, he/she undertakes the obligation to provide to the Promoter concerned, by the deadline stated in the respective competition regulations issued by the FIVB for each FIVB EVENT, his/her travel itinerary. Main Draw athletes sending in due time the BVB-31 form will be eligible to receive free of charge all local transportation to/from the airport and to/from the hotel paid by the FIVB EVENT organizers. Athletes participating in the Qualification Tournament of the FIVB Beach Volleyball WORLD TOUR (and/or in other Qualification Tournament) and coaches may be required to pay a flat fee for local transportation.
- 2.12 To abide by the FIVB-IOC approved Olympic Qualification System / Procedures for the 2016 Olympic Games, which will be implemented by the FIVB in accordance with the FIVB Board of Administration and IOC decisions.
- 2.13 That, if an FIVB EVENT is cancelled due to "Force Majeure" or to unforeseen circumstances, the FIVB will inform by email and through the FIVB Website its Sponsors and National Federations to inform the ATHLETES as soon as possible. Should material aspects of the Master Plan not be respected by a Promoter, the FIVB is required to inform 45 days before the start of the FIVB EVENT all participating NFs about the risk of a cancellation. Should the cancellation be confirmed 21 days before an FIVB EVENT, neither the FIVB nor the Promoter will be held accountable for reimbursing the parties concerned any costs relating to airplane tickets already issued.
- 2.14 That he/she shall take part in FIVB EVENTS pursuant to the terms of this Commitment. The FIVB has implemented the policy of "freedom to choose" meaning that, subject to the terms of this Commitment, the ATHLETE is free to participate in FIVB homologated National Tours (of the home country or abroad) as long as he/she has secured the written authorization of his/her National Volleyball Federation before taking part .
- 2.15 Any further details concerning the FIVB EVENTS' regulation will be featured in the Handbook.

3. ATHLETE'S ACCESSORIES, ENDORSEMENT RIGHTS

The ATHLETE acknowledges that during the competitions he/she has the right to use or wear accessories and uniforms as stated in the latest edition of the Handbook.

4. ATHLETE'S COMMITMENT ON THE PLAYING UNIFORMS

- 4.1 Whenever required, the ATHLETE will submit his/her own playing shorts/bottoms to the FIVB technical supervisor who will verify whether they are in line with the uniform standards approved by the FIVB Board of Administration, FIVB World Congress and the rules set out in the Handbook; that they are of the same colour and style as his/her partner; that the space reserved for any FIVB EVENT's logo is left free (min 10cm2). The uniform standards will apply to every FIVB EVENT in the same way, so approval will not be different per FIVB EVENT. Verification will take place no later than the Preliminary Inquiry before the Main Draw of each FIVB EVENT.
- 4.2 Accessories shall be approved by the FIVB Technical Supervisor during the Preliminary inquiry before each FIVB EVENT including temporary tattoos or medical taping, braces etc. Once approved, it will not be allowed to include any new sponsors' logo/name on shorts/bottoms, hats, caps, bags, arm pads, head bands, etc., nor to conclude new agreements with companies willing to sign a last minute agreement during the FIVB EVENT unless specifically authorized in writing by the FIVB and the Promoter of the FIVB EVENT.
- 4.3 Subject to the provisions of the Handbook regarding personal sponsors, during all FIVB EVENTS the ATHLETE agrees not to wear a patch or logo of any other organization except his/her country flag, his/her NF logo, the FIVB and/or the FIVB EVENT title and his/her respective name/nickname (the latter are mandatory for the Main Draw teams).

5. ATHLETE'S COMMITMENT RELATED TO PARTICIPATION

In order to be paid a share of the Bonus Pool, ATHLETES taking part in the FIVB EVENTS shall respect the conditions below:

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- 5.1 To take part in the minimum number of FIVB EVENTS per season as per the Bonus Pool eligibility requirements set out in the latest version of the Handbook and as per each competition regulations issued by the FIVB for each FIVB EVENT.
- 5.2 To attend the compulsory Preliminary Inquiry scheduled the day before the qualification tournament and the Main Draw.
- 5.3 Not to participate in any international Beach Volleyball events which are not sanctioned by the FIVB without prior confirmation given by the FIVB and his/her NF. In order to qualify for approval, the NF shall notify the FIVB, in writing, at least thirty (30) days before the event. The FIVB's decision whether to authorize an ATHLETE to play in a non-sanctioned event by the FIVB shall be final.
- 5.4 To respect the hospitality of the Promoter by not violating the Promoter's rights.
- 5.5 To comply with his/her NF's regulations.
- 5.6 To represent himself/herself and the sport to the highest standards and to put the maximum sporting effort at all times showing good behaviour, fair play and loyalty to the sport and its members and governing bodies, Sponsors and/or Promoters. Failure to implement the above and comply with these rules may result in fines, suspension and/or expulsion as detailed in the Handbook and in the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.
- 5.7 In addition to complying with the rules of the Handbook, to observe at all times and comply with all written and issued requirements of the FIVB.
- 5.8 To abide by the FIVB Regulatory Framework, in particular the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations (including the Betting and Anti-Corruption Rules).

6. FIVB & FIVB'S SPONSORS/SUPPLIERS RIGHTS

The ATHLETE hereby grants and pledges to honour the following rights to the FIVB and its sponsors/suppliers:

- 6.1 The exclusive rights to use and promote the ATHLETE's name or likeness, photograph, video footage, voice, biography (hereinafter "ATHLETE'S IDENTIFICATION") during the term of this Commitment for the promotion of FIVB, Sponsors/Suppliers and Promoters in connection with the FIVB EVENTS. FIVB acknowledges that it will use this exclusive right only in connection with the FIVB EVENTS as set out in the terms of this Commitment.
- 6.2 The right and license to use the ATHLETE'S IDENTIFICATION, but, subject to the terms of this Commitment and of any other document/participation form provided by FIVB and signed by the ATHLETE before or after the signature of this Commitment, it is expressly understood and agreed that the FIVB and its Licensees will not use the ATHLETE'S IDENTIFICATION for advertisement or promotion (especially on the packaging of its products) in such a way that an individual ATHLETE should appear to be endorsing any product or service. Such appearance will have to be negotiated by a separate contract with the ATHLETE.
 - 6.2.1 The exclusive right to use the ATHLETE'S IDENTIFICATION in connection with selling or using any products and/or services, used in a group of three or more ATHLETES in order to promote, market or exploit the FIVB and FIVB EVENTS, the sport or any telecast or broadcast of such Events.
 - 6.2.2 FIVB will in good faith consult with the ATHLETE regarding specific uses of the ATHLETE'S IDENTIFICATION with three or more ATHLETES in connection with licensing rights, if any, and agrees that it shall not grant any licensee the right to utilize the ATHLETE'S IDENTIFICATION in such a way that the ATHLETE would seem to have granted an individual endorsement of a product or service.
- 6.3 The exclusive right to reproduce the ATHLETE'S IDENTIFICATION in computer assisted and computer/video related games embodied in or on any device or medium in the form of software, firmware and/or hardware which may be utilised directly or indirectly for the reproduction of visual images with or without sound of the FIVB EVENTS' matches (real or simulated) but always with reference to the FIVB EVENTS.
- 6.4 The FIVB has the right to use in perpetuity and on a worldwide territory by any and all means the ATHLETE'S IDENTIFICATION in connection with photos, films, videos computer games in connection or related exclusively to one tournament or to the totality of FIVB EVENTS.
- 6.5 Non-exclusive rights in perpetuity to the FIVB to photograph, record, tape, display, publish, promote and broadcast of himself/herself at any FIVB EVENT (i.e. visual, flyer, etc.).
 - 6.5.1 FIVB's sponsors/suppliers and their respective advertising agencies and each television or other distribution station, system or service scheduled to distribute the FIVB EVENT shall

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have the right to grant others the right to reproduce, print, publish, or disseminate in any medium, the name and likeness and voice of each person, including the ATHLETE'S IDENTIFICATION, appearing in or connected with the FIVB EVENT, biographical material concerning such person and the name of the FIVB EVENT site for purpose of trade or for advertising purposes.

- 6.6 The exclusive right to make use of and show, at its discretion, any motion pictures, video games, magazines including live, taped or filmed television footage or photos of the ATHLETE taken during FIVB EVENTS without compensation, and hereby waives any right to such compensation for the ATHLETE, his/her heirs and assignees.
- 6.7 The exclusive right to licence (with the right to sublicense), assign or transfer the rights and licences mentioned herein at their sole discretion to any third party.
- 6.8 The understanding that FIVB owns all media rights including photographs, video, digital television at any FIVB EVENT and has exclusive rights to exploit the ATHLETE'S IDENTIFICATION within the worldwide territory for promotional purposes and by any and all means (including, without limitation, social networks) in perpetuity.
- 6.9 The understanding that FIVB will inform its Sponsors/Suppliers of any restrictions applicable to the ATHLETE and in the event that the Sponsors/Suppliers violate such restrictions the ATHLETE shall have the right to claim compensation from the Sponsors/Suppliers directly, waiving herewith any claim against FIVB.

7. ATHLETE'S RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

The ATHLETE and the NF undertake to support FIVB's promotional efforts as follows:

- 7.1 The FIVB, its Sponsors and Licensees agree that the ATHLETE has the right to authorize sponsors to use the ATHLETE'S IDENTIFICATION for endorsement purposes during the term of this Commitment. All monetary value gained by the ATHLETE through such sponsor will remain the ATHLETE'S property.
 - 7.1.1 The ATHLETE understands that he/she is granted access to the FIVB video archive and photographs upon request for technical production and shipment costs only. This request must be sent by email to the FIVB Beach Volleyball department to the following email address: beach@fivb.org (fax: +41 21 345 3548).
 - 7.1.2 The ATHLETE will not grant or authorize any third party to use, for the purposes of endorsing their product rights such as TV footage, photographs etc., the FIVB logo without prior written consent from the FIVB.
- 7.2 The ATHLETE shall verify his/her data on the FIVB website and personally update the data throughout the season, as the data is the main source of information for the media and the FIVB administration purposes.
- 7.3 The ATHLETE will be present for the award ceremony at each of the FIVB EVENTS in which his/her team finishes among the top 3 teams, wearing their uniform tops as provided by the Promoters/FIVB for the photography and media session.
- 7.4 The ATHLETE will participate without excuse neither pretext, upon the FIVB's request, in a minimum of one hour per day at all FIVB EVENTS in which he/she participates in the following promotional activities: VIP Package, Heroes Campaign, Kid camps, FIVB highlight shows when organized in advance by the TV Production company, autograph sessions, participation in VIP EVENTS (night & day), practice sessions, exhibitions, Beach Volleyball clinics, PR activities, media events, TV interviews, sponsorship interviews and other promotional activities reasonably required by the PROMOTER and FIVB. In particular, the ATHLETE must be available for TV interviews, video and photo shooting prior to or during FIVB EVENTS; when requested, such sessions shall take place in front of the FIVB official backdrop. The FIVB will respect the ATHLETE'S need to train, play, eat, sleep and prepare for coming games during the FIVB EVENT when requesting the ATHLETE'S participation in such activities.
- 7.5 The ATHLETE will make himself/herself available for clean head shots (with no promotional clothing) to be used for the ATHLETE'S identity photograph on the FIVB website and photo cards, if any. This photograph will be taken on the first day of the Preliminary Inquiry by a photographer on site.
- 7.6 The ATHLETE will do his/her utmost to be available for professional interviews or promotion events by the FIVB or FIVB Sponsors at any time in any part of the world (in such requests the travel expenses and accommodation will be paid by FIVB) and will use reasonable efforts to organize his/her schedule accordingly.

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8. WAIVER

The ATHLETE irrevocably releases and waives all claims he/she has or may have against the FIVB, FIVB associated Sponsors/Suppliers and Promoters (and their respective members, directors, officers, employees, volunteers, contractors or agents) from any liability (to the extent permitted by law) for any loss, injury or damage that he/she may suffer in connection with any participation in the FIVB EVENTS.

9. NOTICES

All notices, statements, consents, approvals, documents and other communications to be given hereunder shall be given by one party to the other either by personal delivery or by certified mail or by facsimile followed by e-mail within five (5) working days and shall be addressed to FIVB (see contacts at the beginning of this Commitment), Attention Beach Volleyball Department.

The ATHLETE accepts that notices addressed to him/her may be accomplished by delivery of the notice to the National Federation.

10. INDEMNIFICATION

The ATHLETE agrees, at his/her sole cost and expense, to indemnify and hold FIVB and NF employees and members harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, obligations, liabilities, losses, penalties, and expenses incurred by or on behalf of the FIVB or a NF as a result of any material breach of any warranties, representations or agreements herein made by the ATHLETE including the use and exploitation by the FIVB of any rights granted by the ATHLETE.

11. TERM/TERMINATION

- 11.1 This Commitment shall commence on the date hereof and shall automatically expire on the 31st of December 2016 unless previously terminated pursuant to the terms hereof. It is agreed that the rights of exploitation of the likeness of the ATHLETE featured in this Commitment will be extended beyond the terms in perpetuity on the world wide territory.
- 11.2 Notwithstanding FIVB's rights under the FIVB Regulatory Framework:
 - 11.2.1 In the event that the FIVB has evidence that the ATHLETE does not abide by the terms contained in this Commitment or should the ATHLETE be charged with an illegal act, anti-doping rule violation or criminal charge involving substance use or any case of unethical or unsportsmanlike behavior (as determined by the FIVB in its sole discretion), the FIVB has full authority to cancel the ATHLETE's participation in an FIVB EVENT and terminate the present Commitment.
 - 11.2.2 In the event that the FIVB has evidence that an ATHLETE is accused of breaching this Commitment and the breach is in the FIVB's opinion remediable, the ATHLETE will have seven (7) days, from written notice given by the FIVB through the ATHLETE'S NF, to respond to the accusation and remedy the breach. If the breach is not remedied within this time limit, the FIVB will be entitled to terminate this Commitment.

12. NF's COMMITMENT

The NF acknowledges that:

- 12.1 It is empowered to register the ATHLETE to take part in FIVB EVENTS according to the specific event's regulation and the latest version of the Handbook;
- 12.2 The ATHLETE is affiliated to the NF;
- 12.3 It agrees and assumes the responsibility of the ATHLETE's participation in FIVB EVENTS and the right to represent the ATHLETE's interests, within the FIVB, in accordance with the terms of this Commitment and in full respect of the FIVB Regulatory Framework
- 12.4 It has provided the ATHLETE with all information concerning the FIVB Regulatory Framework.

13. APPLICABLE LAW, DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 13.1 This Commitment shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Swiss law, without regard

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to its conflicts of law provisions.

- 13.2 The ATHLETE, the FIVB and the NF agree that any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, in connection with, or on the occasion of an FIVB EVENT and/or generally the FIVB Regulatory Framework, which cannot be settled amicably and which remains unsettled once the legal remedies established by the FIVB Constitution and Regulations have been exhausted, shall be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for final and binding arbitration in accordance with the Code of sports-related Arbitration. The arbitration shall be conducted in English, be governed by Chapter 12 of the Swiss Act on Private International Law irrespective of the parties' domicile and its seat shall be in Lausanne, Switzerland. The decisions of the CAS shall be final, binding and non-appealable. Neither the ATHLETE nor the FIVB nor the NF shall and hereby waive their right to institute any claim, arbitration or litigation, or seek any other form of relief, provisional or not, in any other court or tribunal.

14. ENTIRE AGREEMENT, SEVERABILITY

- 14.1 Should any provision of this Commitment be found to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or operation of any other provision. In such case, the invalid or unenforceable provision shall be replaced with a valid and enforceable provision which most closely approximates the intent and economic effect of the invalid or unenforceable provision.
- 14.2 This Commitment constitutes the entire agreement between the parties in relation to its subject matter, superseding and extinguishing any prior agreements, arrangements, undertakings of any nature, between the parties, whether oral or written, in relation to this subject matter. Any amendments to this Commitment, including this Clause 14.2, must be in writing.

Each ATHLETE signs this Commitment individually and for the entire Term hereof, regardless if he/she plays together with the other Athlete or not.

Each ATHLETE and the NF declare to have read, understood and hereby decided to sign this Commitment ratifying all the terms of its content.

	Athlete 1	Athlete 2
Date	...../...../201....	...../...../201....
Place		
Signature	.....	.....
	NATIONAL FEDERATION	
Place		
Date	...../...../201....	
President's Signature and Stamp	.....

CONTACT INFORMATION

ATHLETE 1

[please complete in CAPITAL letters]

Name			
Postal Address	Street		Nr.
	City		Postal Code
	Country		
Email			
Website			
Telephone			
Mobile			
Fax			

ATHLETE 2

[please complete in CAPITAL letters]

Name			
Postal Address	Street		Nr.
	City		Postal Code
	Country		
Email			
Website			
Telephone			
Mobile			
Fax			

-45 /-30 DAYS

BVB-02 Form



2016 WILD CARD REQUESTS

This form must be sent to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Dept. in Lausanne by the entry deadline of the Event(s) concerned. The Wild Card Request Form is not accepted if not typewritten (or handwritten capital letters) and if the FIVB # (different from No id.) is not integrated in the cell provided below for this matter. It is possible to request a Wild Card for 1 event or several events through this form provided that the hosting cities are clearly featured on it.

**Entry deadline of -30 days for the Grand Slam, Major Series, Swatch World Tour Finals and Open events, and -45 for the Under Age WCHs*

CATEGORY	MEN	WOMEN
AGE GROUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	<input type="checkbox"/> U-17 Cabo Frio, BRA	<input type="checkbox"/> U-19 Larnaka, CYP <input type="checkbox"/> U-21 Lucerne, SUI
WORLD TOUR GRAND SLAM & MAJOR SERIES	<input type="checkbox"/> Rio de Janeiro, BRA <input type="checkbox"/> Moscow, RUS <input type="checkbox"/> Hamburg, GER	<input type="checkbox"/> Olsztyn, POL <input type="checkbox"/> Long Beach, USA <input type="checkbox"/> Porec, CRO <input type="checkbox"/> Gstaad, SUI <input type="checkbox"/> Klagenfurt, AUT <input type="checkbox"/> Swatch World Tour Finals
WORLD TOUR OPEN	<input type="checkbox"/> Vitoria, BRA <input type="checkbox"/> Kish Island, IRI <input type="checkbox"/> Maceio, BRA <input type="checkbox"/> Doha, QAT	<input type="checkbox"/> Xiamen, CHN <input type="checkbox"/> Fuzhou, CHN <input type="checkbox"/> Fortaleza, BRA <input type="checkbox"/> Sochi, RUS <input type="checkbox"/> Antalya, TUR <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Vallarta, MEX

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF.....

REQUESTS A WILD CARD FOR THE FOLLOWING TEAM(S) IN THE AFOREMENTIONED EVENT(S):

MAIN DRAW TOURNAMENT

QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

TEAM	SHIRT #	LAST NAME TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)	FIRST NAME TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)	NICKNAME (IF ANY)	FIVB ID#
1.	#1				
	#2				
2.	#1				
	#2				

REASONS:

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NF AUTHORISED SIGNATURE	SEAL OF THE NF	PLACE AND DATE
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**From -21 days to -1 minute before the start
of the Preliminary Inquiry of CQPO, QT or MD**

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2016 WITHDRAWAL REQUESTS

CATEGORY	MEN	WOMEN
AGE GROUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	<input type="checkbox"/> U-17 Cabo Frio, BRA	<input type="checkbox"/> U-19 Larnaka, CYP <input type="checkbox"/> U-21 Lucerne, SUI
WORLD TOUR GRAND SLAM & MAJOR SERIES	<input type="checkbox"/> Rio de Janeiro, BRA <input type="checkbox"/> Moscow, RUS <input type="checkbox"/> Hamburg, GER	<input type="checkbox"/> Olsztyn, POL <input type="checkbox"/> Long Beach, USA <input type="checkbox"/> Porec, CRO <input type="checkbox"/> Gstaad, SUI <input type="checkbox"/> Klagenfurt, AUT <input type="checkbox"/> Swatch World Tour Finals
WORLD TOUR OPEN	<input type="checkbox"/> Vitoria, BRA <input type="checkbox"/> Kish Island, IRI <input type="checkbox"/> Maceio, BRA <input type="checkbox"/> Doha, QAT	<input type="checkbox"/> Xiamen, CHN <input type="checkbox"/> Fuzhou, CHN <input type="checkbox"/> Fortaleza, BRA <input type="checkbox"/> Sochi, RUS <input type="checkbox"/> Antalya, TUR <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Vallarta, MEX

WITHDRAWAL OF A TEAM

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF.....

REQUESTS THE WITHDRAWAL FOR THE FOLLOWING TEAM IN THE AFOREMENTIONED EVENT:

TEAM	SHIRT #	LAST NAME TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)	FIRST NAME TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)	NICKNAME (IF ANY)	FIVB ID#
1.	#1				
	#2				

WITHDRAWAL OF AN ATHLETE

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF.....

REQUESTS THE WITHDRAWAL FOR THE FOLLOWING TEAM IN THE AFOREMENTIONED EVENT:

LAST NAME TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)	FIRST NAME TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)	NICKNAME (IF ANY)	FIVB ID#

THE REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

LAST NAME TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)	FIRST NAME TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)	NICKNAME (IF ANY)	FIVB ID#

THE NEW TEAM COMPOSITION REQUEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

TEAM	SHIRT #	LAST NAME TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)	FIRST NAME TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)	NICKNAME (IF ANY)	FIVB ID#
1.	#1				
	#2				

For the details of the regulations concerning withdrawals, please refer to the Chapter 2 of the 2016 Sports Regulations.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE (or herein attached)[illegible]


NAME/SIGNATURE OR STAMP OF THE MEDICAL DOCTOR DATE AND PLACE

REASON OF FORCE MAJEURE

[illegible]

Note:

In case of a dispute, a proof (i.e. positive fax report) must be provided to the FIVB in order to clearly confirm that the withdrawal of the team concerned from a 2016 FIVB Beach Volleyball event (BVB-03 form) including the appropriate Medical Certificate and/or the a proof of an issued airplane ticket by a IATA recognized airline company or the reason of "force majeure" have been duly sent in time to the FIVB. Any statement sent via e-mail will not be valid.

NF AUTHORISED SIGNATURE	SEAL OF THE NF	PLACE AND DATE
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Fédération Internationale de Volleyball, Château Les Tourelles, Avenue Edouard Sandoz 2-4 1006 Lausanne, Switzerland

Fax: +41 (21) 345 3548 e-mail: worldtour@fivb.org

2016 SANCTIONS FOR ATHLETES

This form must be sent by the Technical Supervisor to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Dept. in Lausanne at the completion of each event via fax or email. Protest based on the Rules of the Game must be dealt with immediately. For other types of sanctions, the athlete(s) concerned will have 14 days (from the day of the sanction issued) to appeal in accordance with the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.

CATEGORY	MEN 	WOMEN 
TITLE OF THE EVENT:	<div>.....</div> <div>(Open)</div> <div>.....</div> <div>(Grand Slam)</div> <div>.....</div> <div>(Major Series)</div> <div>.....</div> <div>(Age Group/Senior World Championships)</div> <div>.....</div> <div>(Swatch Season Final)</div>	
COMPETITION SITE:	<div>.....</div> <div>(city).....(country)</div>	

I, _____ FIVB TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR, HEREIN CONFIRM THAT THE FOLLOWING SANCTION(S) HAVE BEEN ISSUED ON THE OCCASION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED TOURNAMENT AS FOLLOWS:

A) ATHLETE'S NAME FROM

REASON FOR THE SANCTION

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TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THE SANCTION (USD)

SIGNATURE OF THE TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR

SIGNATURE OF THE ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGING THE ISSUE OF THE FINE

B) TEAM'S NAME FROM

REASON FOR THE SANCTION

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TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THE SANCTION (USD)

SIGNATURE OF THE TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR

(ATHLETE 1)

SIGNATURE OF THE ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGING THE ISSUE OF THE FINE

(ATHLETE 2)

SIGNATURE OF THE ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGING THE ISSUE OF THE FINE

- 30 DAYS

BVB-10 Form

ANNUAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE



THE PLAYER YOU ARE EXAMINING WILL PLAY UNDER DEMANDING AND STRESSFUL CONDITIONS INCLUDING HEAT, HIGH HUMIDITY, EXPOSURE TO INTENSE SUNLIGHT, HIGH PHYSICAL EXERTIONS, WHICH CAN LAST FOR AS MANY AS 3 HOURS.

Le joueur que vous examinez sera exposé à des conditions difficiles et stressantes comprenant la chaleur, un taux d'humidité élevé, une longue exposition au soleil, une demande physique intense, qui peuvent s'étendre sur une période allant jusqu'à 3 heures.

HEREWITH I CONFIRM THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND AFTER PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF THE PLAYER HEREIN MENTIONED, HE/SHE IS IN GOOD HEALTH, ABLE TO TRAVEL BY ANY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AND PLAY IN BEACH VOLLEYBALL COMPETITIONS.

Je soussigné, certifie sur l'honneur qu'après avoir procédé à un examen médical approfondi du joueur ci-dessus mentionné et pour autant que nous puissions en juger, il/elle jouit d'une bonne santé, est apte à voyager par n'importe quel moyen et à participer à des compétitions de Volleyball de Plage.

Date and place of the medical examination (Date et lieu de l'examen médical):
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Name of the medical doctor (Nom du médecin):
.....

Signature of the medical doctor (Signature du médecin):
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I, AS A PARTICIPANT IN A FIVB EVENT, HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- I have had an opportunity to review the FIVB Medical and Anti-Doping Regulations ("Regulations").
- I consent and agree to comply with and be bound by all of the provisions of the Regulations and all WADA International Standards, as amended from time to time.
- I acknowledge and agree that the FIVB has jurisdiction to impose sanctions as provided in the Regulations.
- I also acknowledge and agree that any dispute arising out of a decision made pursuant to the Regulations, after exhaustion of the process expressly provided for in the Regulations, may be appealed exclusively as provided in Article 13 of the Regulations, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS") as an appellate body for final and binding arbitration. I acknowledge and agree that the decisions of CAS shall be final and enforceable, and that I will not bring any claim, arbitration, lawsuit or litigation in any other court or tribunal.
- I acknowledge and agree to the creation of my profile in WADA Doping Control Clearing House (ADAMS), as requested under WADA Code to which the FIVB, as an IF, is a signatory, and/or any other authorized National Anti-Doping Organization's (NADO's) similar system under the FIVB's agreement for the sharing of information, and to the entry on my doping control, whereabouts and Therapeutic Use Exemptions related data in such systems.
- I have read and understood this Acknowledgement and Agreement.

LE SOUSSIGNÉ, PARTICIPANT À UN ÉVÈNEMENT FIVB, PREND CONNAISSANCE ET ACCEPTE :

- J'ai eu l'opportunité de lire les FIVB Medical and Anti-Doping Regulations ("Regulations").
- J'accepte de respecter et d'être lié par toutes les dispositions des "Regulations" et de tous les Standards Internationaux de l'AMA, tels que modifiés de temps à autre, incluant mais pas limité à toute modification des Règles Antidopage et Standards Internationaux incorporés dans les Règles Antidopage.
- Je prends connaissance et j'accepte que la FIVB a juridiction pour l'imposition de sanctions comme spécifié dans les "Regulations".
- Je prends également connaissance et accepte que toute dispute provenant d'une décision prise selon les "Regulations" puisse, après avoir épuisé toutes les procédures prévues à cet effet dans les "Regulations", être envoyé en appel, comme mentionné exclusivement dans l'Article 13 des "Regulations", au Tribunal Arbitral du Sport ("TAS") organisme d'appel pour décider d'un arbitrage final. Je prends connaissance et j'accepte que les décisions du TAS sont sans appel et exécutoires et que je ne ferai aucune réclamation, arbitrage, procès, litige auprès d'autres cour ou tribunal.
- Je consens et accepte la création de mon profil dans le système AMA Clearing House (ADAMS), comme demandé dans le Code de l'AMA à laquelle la FIVB, comme IF, est signataire, et/ou dans n'importe quel autre système similaire autorisé d'Organisations Nationales Antidopage (ONAD), sous accord, avec la FIVB, pour le partage de l'information et à l'entrée de mon contrôle antidopage, des informations de localisation et des Autorisations d'usage à des fins thérapeutique dans de tels systèmes.
- J'ai lus et compris ce Document

In case of discrepancy, the English text shall prevail. En cas de divergence le texte anglais prévaut.

Signature (President)/seal National Federation (Signature (Président)/sceau Fédération Nationale)
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ATHLETE'S FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, FIVB ID Number (Please fill this form using CAPITAL LETTERS)
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Signature of the ATHLETE (Signature du joueur) Date and place of signature (Date et lieu de la signature)
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- 3 DAYS

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2016 ATHLETES' TRAVEL SCHEDULE

EVENT: DATE:

This form must be sent by the participating NFs and/or the Technical Supervisor of the previous event (in case of consecutive events) to the Organizers concerned at least 30 days before but never later than 3 days before the start of the event.

ATHLETE (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /
ATHLETE (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /
ATHLETE (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /
ATHLETE (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /
ATHLETE (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /

- 3 DAYS

BVB-31b Form

2016 DELEGATIONS' TRAVEL SCHEDULE

EVENT: DATE:

This form must be sent by the participating NFs and/or the Technical Supervisor of the previous event (in case of consecutive events) to the Organizers concerned at least 30 days before but never later than 3 days before the start of the event. That local transportation may be provided at the discretion of the promoter and if provided at the conditions which it will establish.

COACH 1 (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /
COACH 2 (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /
COACH 3 (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /
HEAD OF DELEGATION 1 (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /
HEAD OF DELEGATION 2 (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /

MEDICAL STAFF 1 (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /
MEDICAL STAFF 2 (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /
FAMILY 1 (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /
FAMILY 2 (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /
FAMILY 3 (Name & Country):	.....
Departing from (airport / city): /
Arriving at (airport / city) /
On flight / company: /
Arrival date / time: /

To be sent to the organizers concerned - 3 DAYS

2016 ACCREDITATION OF COACHES

This form must be sent to the organizers of the event concerned any time during the season but not later than 3 days before the event in which a coach would like to enter. This form will not be accepted if not typewritten (or handwritten capital letters accepted). The FIVB will not be responsible to receive this type of form which will be disregarded.

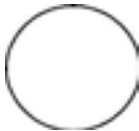
THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF:

IS REQUESTING AN ACCREDITATION FOR A COACH ACCOMPANYING A TEAM IN THE FOLLOWING EVENT

It is agreed that the accredited coach will receive the accreditation for the benefits included in the Handbook and neither the FIVB nor the Organizers will be accountable for providing more than required.

COACH'S LAST NAME AND FIRST NAME TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)	COACH'S TEAM NAME TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)
Mr. / Mrs / Ms	/

CATEGORY	MEN	WOMEN
TITLE OF THE EVENT:	(Open) (Grand Slam) (Major Series) (Under Age / Senior World Championships) (Swatch World Tour Finals)	
COMPETITION SITE:	..... ..(city)	..... (country)

NF AUTHORISED SIGNATURE	SEAL OF THE NF	PLACE AND DATE
..... ..	

To be sent to the organizers concerned - 3 DAYS

2016 ACCREDITATION PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

This form must be sent to organizers of the event concerned any time during the season but not later than 3 days before the event in which a coach would like to enter. This form will not be accepted if not typewritten (capital letters accepted). The FIVB will not be responsible to receive this type of form which will be disregarded.

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF:


IS REQUESTING AN ACCREDITATION FOR A PHYSIOTHERAPIST ACCOMPANYING A TEAM IN THE FOLLOWING EVENT

It is agreed that the accredited physiotherapist can receive exclusively the benefits enlisted in the Handbook.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST'S LAST NAME AND FIRST NAME TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)	PHYSIOTHERAPIST'S TEAM NAME TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)
Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.	/

CATEGORY	MEN	WOMEN
TITLE OF THE EVENT:	(Open) (Grand Slam) (Major Series) (Under Age / Senior World Championships) (Swatch World Tour Finals)	
COMPETITION SITE:	..... ..(city)	..... (country)

PHYSIOTHERAPIST CERTIFICATE HEREIN ATTACHED (MANDATORAY) YES ☐ NO ☐

NF AUTHORISED SIGNATURE	SEAL OF THE NF	PLACE AND DATE
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BEACH VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL TOUR HOMOLOGATION 2016

PROMOTER/EVENT
LOGO + NATIONAL
FEDERATION +
CONFEDERATION
LOGO

.....
(TOUR'S TITLE)

In order to obtain the National Tour homologation by the organizations concerned, this form must be sent via fax and via e-mail (.doc file) from the hosting NF and Promoter to the Volleyball Confederation concerned at least 30 days before the start of the National Tour for its approval. If approved, the Confederation concerned will then forward such a form at least 20 days before the first event of the National Tour, to the FIVB for its consideration. The FIVB, once approved, will send this form duly signed and sealed to all the parties concerned as well as it will post the related information on its website. The organizers commit to abide to the FIVB regulations approved by the World Congress and Board of Administration concerning the Beach Volleyball National Tours.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Minimum 5 legs
Enforced official FIVB Rules of the Game 2015-2016
Minimum 16 teams per gender's event
Use of FIVB homologated Beach Volleyball equipment
Use of the VIS mandatory
World Ranking Points allocated in accordance with the FIVB Ranking points upon submitting the final ranking to the FIVB on the last day of each FIVB recognised event
Prize Money - Recommended

PROMOTER (if any)	Address to be included listing all details including mobile phone Promoter Web site link to the event (if any):
NATIONAL FEDERATION	Address to be included enlisting all details Person in charge of the competition software (VIS): Name: Email: Phone:
VOLLEYBALL CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATION	Address to be included enlisting all details

Dates	Place	Category (Senior/Junior/Youth)	Gender	Prize Money (in USD or €)	Competition format

Please fill the below table with the name and FIVB number of any eventual top world ranked athlete participating in the National Tour in case of a tournament clashing with an FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour / World Championships event.

Name:				
FIVB Number:				
Tournament(s) the athlete participates in				

Please send the dedicated form for the participation of top ranked athletes in tournaments clashing with an FIVB Beach Volleyball event.

CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATION

FIVB

Signature & Seal

Date & Place

Signature & Seal

Date & Place

NATIONAL FEDERATION

PROMOTER (if any)

Signature & Seal

Date & Place

Signature & Seal

Date & Place

Dates	Place	Category (Senior/Junior/Youth)	Gender	Prize Money (in USD or €)	Competition format foreseen

Please fill the below table with the name and FIVB number of any eventual top world ranked athlete participating in the National Tour in case of a tournament clashing with an FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour / World Championships event.

Name:				
FIVB Number:				
Tournament(s) the athlete participates in				

Please send the dedicated form for the participation of top ranked athletes in tournaments clashing with an FIVB Beach Volleyball event.

FIVB INTERNATIONAL TOP ATHLETES' PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL TOURS

2016 FIVB INTERNATIONAL ATHLETE'S PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT in case of a clash with an FIVB Beach Volleyball events

This form must be filled in for each Athlete and sent to the FIVB by his/her NF duly signed by all parties for the participation of any top 64 ranked athlete in the individual ranking of each gender (30 days prior to the event) in a foreign National Tour leg clashing with an FIVB Beach Volleyball Major Series, FIVB Beach Volleyball Grand Slam, FIVB Beach Volleyball Open, FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships, FIVB World Tour Finals at least **30 days before the event**, regardless if he/she is already registered and eligible to take part in the FIVB for an FIVB Beach Volleyball event.

National Volleyball Federation of the Athlete.....
Name of Athlete Ms/Mrs./Mr.....
FIVB Athlete Number.....
National Volleyball Federation of the National Tour.....
Events dates and location where the Athlete/NF request his/her participation:

Event	Dates	Location

The parties declare to have read and agreed the National Tour regulations and request the FIVB the authorization for the participation of the Athlete in the above events.

CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATION FIVB

Signature & Seal
Date & Place

Signature & Seal
Date & Place

NATIONAL FEDERATION PROMOTER (if any)

Signature & Seal
Date & Place

Signature & Seal
Date & Place

NATIONAL FEDERATION – ATHLETE NATIONAL FEDERATION – NATIONAL TOUR

Signature & Seal
Date & Place

Signature & Seal
Date & Place

ATHLETE FIVB

Signature & Seal
Date & Place

Signature & Seal
Date & Place

CONFEDERATION'S
LOGO

CONTINENTAL TOUR / EVENTS HOMOLOGATION 2016



To homologate a Continental Tour / Events, the Continental Confederation concerned will forward the form to the FIVB 30 days prior to the start of the respective first event. By submitting this form to the FIVB the Confederation adheres to the below listed requirements:

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
Minimum 3 Continental legs plus a Championships Final event
Enforcement of the official 2015-2016 FIVB Rules of the Games
Minimum 24 teams per gender's event (unless not differently authorised by the FIVB)
Country quota of maximum 2 teams per country per gender's event (unless not differently authorised by the FIVB)
Qualification Tournament – Mandatory (number of participating teams at discretion of the Continental Confederation)
Sand approved by Hutcheson Sand & Mixes
Ball – Homologated ball by the FIVB
Use of the VIS mandatory
World Ranking Points allocated in accordance with the FIVB Ranking points upon entering events, participating teams, and results through the VIS on the last day of each FIVB recognized event
Prize money – Mandatory for the Championships Final event

If FIVB homologation is granted, the form duly signed and sealed will be returned to the Continental Confederation. The Confederation will then be responsible for registering such events on the Volleyball Information System (VIS) to comply with the athlete Olympic eligibility requirements.

Person in charge of the competition software (VIS):

Name:
Email:
Phone:

CONFEDERATION	TITLE
CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATION	CONTINENTAL TOUR'S TITLE

Dates	Place	Gender	Prize Money / USD or €	Competition format
1.				
2.				
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CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATION	FIVB
Signature & Seal Date & Place	Signature & Seal Date & Place

CONFEDERATION'S
LOGO

ZONAL TOUR / EVENTS HOMOLOGATION 2016



To homologate a Zonal Tour / Events, the Continental Confederation concerned will forward the form to the FIVB 30 days prior to the start of the respective first event. By submitting this form to the FIVB the Confederation adheres to the below listed requirements:

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
The Confederations should inform the FIVB about the number of zonal events they wish to hold. No limitation as to the maximum number of events per Zonal Association. However, only the best 6 of the last 8 events will count to the athletes to be benefited from the FIVB World Ranking points.
Each Confederation sets the conditions for sanctioning Zonal Tour
Minimum 3 participating countries regardless the total number of participating teams
Enforcement of the official 2015-2016 FIVB Rules of the Games
Ball – Homologated ball by the FIVB / Confederations
Use of the VIS Mandatory
FIVB Ranking points GRANTED upon entering events, participating teams, and results through the VIS on the last day of each FIVB recognized event

If FIVB homologation is granted, the form duly signed and sealed will be returned to the Continental Confederation. The Confederation will then be responsible for registering such events on the Volleyball Information System (VIS) to comply with the athlete Olympic eligibility requirements.

Person in charge of the competition software (VIS):

Name:
Email:
Phone:

CONFEDERATION	ZONAL ASSOCIATION
CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATION	ZONAL ASSOCIATION
TOUR'S TITLE	
ZONAL TOUR'S TITLE	

Dates	Place	Gender	Prize Money / USD or €	Competition format
1.				
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ZONAL ASSOCIATION	CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATION	FIVB
Signature & Seal Date & Place	Signature & Seal Date & Place	Signature & Seal Date & Place



Stretching long and tall to reach the Mikasa Alexander Horst of Austria

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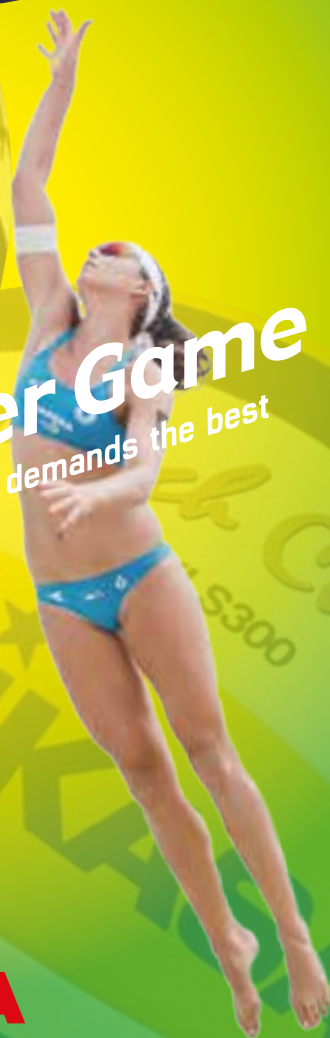
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