



*2018 Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations*  
*Key Changes*

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***Key changes of the 2018 FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports  
Regulations:***

- **Competition Format of World Tour**
- **World Ranking Points Breakdown**
- **Entry Points Calculation to the World Tour**

## 1. Competition Format of the World Tour

### Explanation of Change

- **Qualification Tournament will be played in all categories of World Tour to provide more opportunities for young players.**
  - **3-5 Stars events: max 32 teams to qualify 8 to Main Draw**
  - **2 Stars events: max 24 teams to qualify 6 to Main Draw**
  - **1 Star events: max 16 teams to qualify 4 to Main Draw**
- **Main Draw Pool Phase will use modified Pool Play system in all categories of the World Tour Events:**
  - **Less manipulation in the Pool Phase, and each team must win to qualify to the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase;**
  - **Less courts and man-power required, reduced cost for organizer and increases the opportunity to have more events**

### Language Change Proposed in the Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations:

#### 17. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

In principle, the following competition phases will be adopted in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Events:

##### 17.1 **FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR (5 STAR)**

- Main Draw tournament of 32 teams per gender
- Qualification Tournament of maximum ~~24~~32 teams per gender
- Continental and Country Quota Playoff (if any)

##### 17.2 **FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR (4 STAR)**

- ~~-~~Main Draw tournament of 32 teams per gender
- Qualification Tournament of maximum ~~16~~32 teams per gender
- Continental and Country Quota Playoff (if any)

##### 17.3 **FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR (3 STAR)**

- ~~-~~Main Draw tournament of 32 teams per gender
- Qualification Tournament of maximum ~~16~~32 teams per gender
- Continental and Country Quota Playoff (if any)

#### 17.4 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR (2 STAR)

- Main Draw tournament of 24 teams per gender
- [Qualification Tournament](#) of maximum 24 teams per gender
- Continental and Country Quota Playoff (if any)

#### 17.5 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR (1-2 STAR)

- [Main Draw tournament of 16 teams per gender](#)
- [Qualification Tournament of maximum 16 teams per gender](#)
- [Continental and Country Quota Playoff \(if any\)](#)

#### 17.6 BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR FINALS

- Main Draw tournament of 12 teams per gender

Note: Different number of teams for the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals may be accepted by FIVB. Should this happen, all National Federations will be informed well in advance about such change once the decision is made by FIVB.

#### 17.7 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL AGE GROUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Main Draw tournament of 32 teams per gender
- Qualification Tournament of maximum 24 teams per gender

#### 17.8 OTHERS

Upon individual organiser's request, FIVB may consider different [number of teams](#) to be adopted for the above-mentioned tournaments. And should the new [number](#) be approved by FIVB, the teams will be informed well in advance before the tournaments.

### 18. COMPETITION FORMATS

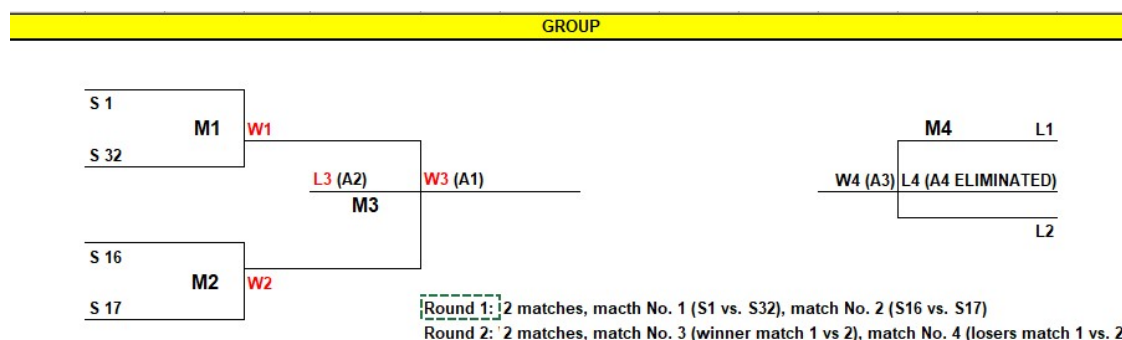
- The following competition formats will be adopted in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Events:

#### 18.1 ~~FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS~~ [MAIN DRAW \(FIVB WORLD TOUR 1-5 STAR EVENTS\)](#)

- ~~Continental Quota Playoff (if any): depending on the number of teams concerned, the single elimination format will be adopted to qualify one (1) team to the Qualification tournament~~ [In principle, the Main Draw of FIVB World Tour 1-5 star events will be played in two \(2\) phases, i.e. Pool Phase and Elimination Phase.](#)
- ~~Qualification tournament of maximum 16 teams per gender played in 16 teams bracket of single~~

elimination format to qualify 8 teams to the Main Draw tournament.

- Main Draw tournament of 32 teams per gender played in 32 teams bracket of single elimination format. For the Pool Phase, matches will be played in the competition format of a modified pool play, i.e. the highest seeded team will play the lowest seeded team in the same pool, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest seeded team will play the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest seeded team in the same pool. The winners of the above two matches will play each other, with the winner to top the pool and the losers as 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team from the pool phase. The losers of the above two matches will play each other, with the winner as the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team from the pool phase and the loser eliminated from the Pool Phase.



- For the Elimination Phase, matches will be played in the single elimination format by the teams qualified from the Pool Phase, until the semi-finals. The winners of semi-finals will play each other for gold medal while the losers of semi-finals will play each other for bronze medal.

— Main Draw tournament of 48 teams each gender played in two (2) phases:

- 1<sup>st</sup> phase: 48 teams playing in twelve (12) pools of four (4) teams each in round robin system, followed by the Lucky loser round between the 5<sup>th</sup> — 12<sup>th</sup> ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams (as per the main points, set point ratio then rally point ratio) from each pool;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> phase: The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams of each pool after the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase plus the four (4) best 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams from all pools (as per the main points, set ratio and rally points ratio, etc.) and the four (4) winners of lucky loser round advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of 32 teams bracket in single elimination format.

## 18.2

### FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR (5 STAR) QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT (FIVB WORLD TOUR 1-5 STAR EVENTS)

- In principle, the Qualification Tournament of FIVB World Tour 1-5 star events will be played in the single elimination format, until reaching the number of teams needed to qualify for the Main Draw is reached.
- ~~— Continental Quota Playoff (if any): depending on the number of teams concerned, the single elimination format will be adopted to qualify one (1) team to the Qualification tournament.~~
- ~~— Qualification tournament of maximum 24 teams per gender played in 24 teams bracket of single elimination format to qualify 8 teams to the Main Draw tournament.~~
- ~~— Main Draw tournament of 32 teams per gender played in two (2) phases:
 
  - ~~1<sup>st</sup> phase: 32 teams playing in eight (8) pools of four (4) teams each in round robin system;~~
  - ~~2<sup>nd</sup> phase: the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams of each pool after the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of 24 teams bracket in single elimination format.~~~~

### 18.3 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR (4 STAR) CONTINENTAL AND COUNTRY QUOTA PLAYOFF (IF ANY)

- In principle, the Continental and Country Quota Playoff (if any) of FIVB World Tour 1-5 star events will be played in the single elimination format, until reaching the number of teams needed to qualify for the Qualification Tournament is reached.
- ~~— Continental Quota Playoff (if any): depending on the number of teams concerned, the single elimination format will be adopted to qualify one (1) team to the Qualification tournament.~~
- ~~— Qualification tournament of maximum 16 teams per gender played in 16 teams bracket of single elimination format to qualify 8 teams to the Main Draw tournament.~~
- ~~— Main Draw tournament of 32 teams per gender played in 32 teams bracket of single elimination format.~~
- ~~— Continental Quota Playoff (if any): depending on the number of teams concerned, the single elimination format will be adopted to qualify one (1) team to the Qualification tournament.~~
- ~~— Qualification tournament of maximum 16 teams per gender played in 16 teams bracket of single elimination format to qualify 8 teams to the Main Draw tournament.~~
- ~~— Main Draw tournament of 32 teams per gender played in 32 teams bracket of single elimination format.~~

### 18.4 MAIN DRAW (FIVB AGE GROUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS)

- In principle, the Main Draw of FIVB Age Group World Championships will be played into two (2) phases, i.e. Pool Phase and Elimination Phase.
- For the Pool Phase, matches will be played in the competition format of single round robin, i.e. each team plays every other teams in the same pool. ~~FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR (3 STAR)~~

#### **18.5 ~~FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR (2 STAR) QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT (FIVB AGE GROUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS)~~**

- In principle, the Qualification Tournament of FIVB Age Group World Championships events will be played in the single elimination format, until ~~reaching~~ the number of teams needed to ~~qualify~~ ~~ing to~~ for the Main Draw is reached.
- ~~Continental Quota Playoff (if any): depending on the number of teams concerned, the single elimination format will be adopted to qualify one (1) team to the Qualification tournament.~~
- ~~Main Draw tournament of 24 teams per gender played in 24 teams bracket of single elimination format.~~

#### **18.6 ~~FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR (1 STAR)~~**

~~Continental Quota Playoff (if any): depending on the number of teams concerned, the single elimination format will be adopted to qualify one (1) team to the Qualification tournament.~~

~~Main Draw tournament of 16 teams per gender played in 16 teams bracket of single elimination format.~~

#### **188.76 ~~BMAIN DRAW (FIVB EACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR FINALS)~~**

- Main Draw of FIVB World Tour Finals will be played into two (2) phases, i.e. Pool Phase and Elimination Phase.
  - For the Pool Phase, matches will be played in the competition format of single round robin, i.e. each team plays every other teams in the same pool.
  - For the Elimination Phase, matches will be played in the single elimination format by the teams qualified from the Pool Phase, until the semi-finals. The winners of semi-finals will play each other for gold medal while the losers of semi-finals will play each other for bronze medal.
- Note: Different number of teams for the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals may be accepted by FIVB and consequently a different competition format will be implemented. Should this happen, all National Federations will be informed well in advance about such change once the decision is made by FIVB.

## 18.7 OTHERS

- Upon individual organiser's request, the FIVB may consider other competition formats/ number of teams to be adopted for the above-mentioned tournaments. And should the new formats be approved by the FIVB, the teams will be informed well in advance before the tournaments.

## 21. QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

### 21.1 QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT OF FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR

#### 21.1.1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- For all FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-5 star) events, the Qualification Tournament will be played in a single elimination format~~Only for FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (3-5 star), the Qualification tournament will be played.~~
- ~~— For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (5 star), a maximum of twenty four (24) teams can be entered in the Qualification Tournament.~~
- For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (3-4-5 star) events, a maximum of ~~sixteen~~ thirty-two (32) teams can be entered in the Qualification Tournament, with eight (8) winning teams advancing to the Main Draw.
- For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (2 star) events, a maximum of twenty-four (24) teams can be entered in the Qualification Tournament, with six (6) winning teams advancing to the Main Draw.
- For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1 star) events, a maximum of sixteen (16) teams can be entered in the Qualification Tournament, with four (4) winning teams advancing to the Main Draw.
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- ~~— The qualification tournament will be played in single elimination format to advance the eight (8) winning teams to the Main Draw tournament.~~
- In ~~case the event~~ of a withdrawal(s) of a team(s) in the Qualification Tournament, the next eligible team(s) in the Reserve Team List of ~~Confirmed Entry list~~ the Confirmed Entry List shall be ~~picked selected up~~ to fill replace the ~~24 teams bracket (5 star)/16 teams bracket (3-4 star)~~ withdrawn team(s) in the Qualification Tournament roster.
- Teams in the Reserve Team List shall physically present at the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament to be eligible ~~for the eventual replacement~~ to replace a withdrawn

- team(s).
- In ~~case the event that~~ there are no eligible Reserve teams physically present at the ~~Preliminary Inquiry~~ Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament, the two (2) host country reserve teams will ~~be entered to fill the roster of~~ replace the withdrawn team(s) in the Qualification tournament Tournament, with the priority given to the one with higher Athlete Entry Points Entry Points. If there is a tie between the two (2) host country reserve teams in the Athlete Entry Points Entry Points, the tie shall be broken by the Athlete Technical Points (as per the Confirmed Entry List). If a tie still exists, ~~the~~ a drawing of lots will be implemented to break the tie.
  - ~~A minimum of eight (8) teams will qualify to the Main Draw tournament from the Qualification tournament.~~ Additional teams may also be drawn to the Main Draw tournament if there are any last-minute withdrawals in the Main Draw after the seeding of the Qualification Tournament is established or the wild card(s) are not allocated to the Main Draw tournament. Should this happen, the procedure of lucky loser draw will be implemented as per ~~regulation Article~~ 9.3 above.
  - Should the number of teams in the Qualification Tournament be less than the number of teams required to fill the Main Draw tournament, the FIVB shall notify these teams concerned of their direct entry into the Main Draw tournament and no Qualification Tournament will be played.

### 21.1.2 SEEDING

- Teams in the Qualification Tournament are seeded ~~per according to~~ the FIVB Athletes Seeding Points, i.e. the sum of the two individual Athlete Entry Points Entry Points on the date of the first Preliminary Inquiry Preliminary Inquiry of an event.
- When two teams or more teams have the same ~~sum number~~ of Athletes Seeding Points FIVB Seeding points, ties shall be broken as follows:
  - ~~The most sum of Athlete Technical Entry Points will be seeded higher, and if still tied, then;~~
  - The ~~most sum of team with the most~~ Athlete Technical Points will be seeded higher, and if still tied, then;
  - ~~The A~~ drawing of lots is implemented among st the teams still tied.

## 22. MAIN DRAW

### 22.1 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR (3-5 STAR)



### 22.1.1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- The Main Draw tournament of each gender event is played by thirty-two (32) teams in two (2) phases, i.e. Pool Phase and Elimination Phase.
- ~~a first phase~~ Pool Phase is played ~~of through~~ eight (8) pools of four (4) teams each in ~~round robin system~~ a modified pool play. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams of each pool after the completion of the Pool Phase advance to the next phase of 24-teams bracket in single elimination format.

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

- ~~and a second phase with~~ Elimination Phase is played by twenty-four (24) teams ~~playing~~ in a single elimination format ~~until the semifinals. The winners of semifinals will play for the gold medal and the losers will play for the bronze medal.~~
- ~~The losers of the semi-finals will play the bronze medal match, while the winners will play the gold medal match.~~
- ~~The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams of each pool after the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of 24 teams bracket in single elimination format.~~
- A drawing of lots will be held after the completion of the ~~1<sup>st</sup> phase~~ Pool Phase of pool play to decide the bracket of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase and this will be conducted and approved by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned.
- In principle, the match format is fixed so that the drawing of lots after ~~1<sup>st</sup> phase of pool play~~ Pool Phase finishes late in the afternoon and no matches are played the same day in single elimination format. If the first round of single elimination is played on the same day as the drawing after pool play is ~~made completed~~, the starting time of the first matches in Single Elimination cannot be earlier than two (2) hours ninety (90) minutes after the bracket has been determined at the drawing of lots by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned.
- The FIVB Technical Delegate assigned ~~must be~~ responsible ~~to for~~ verifying that the competition schedule fulfils the FIVB Beach Volleyball sSports rRegulations in the planning phase of the event, together with the FIVB Beach Department. The key points to verify includes the start time,

duration of the match, matches per day, break between matches, sunrise/sunset, number of courts, TV matches start time, etc.)

### 22.1.2 SEEDING

- Teams in the Main Draw, including the teams advancing from the Qualification Tournament, Wild Cards as well as teams picked-up/selected by the lucky-loser draws (if any), are seeded per the FIVB-Athletes Seeding Points, i.e. the sum of the two individual Athlete Entry Points on the date of the first Preliminary Inquiry of an event~~the sum of the two individual Athlete Entry Points on the date of the Preliminary Inquiry.~~
- When two teams or more teams have the same sum-number of FIVB-Athletes Seeding ~~points~~Points, ties shall be broken as follows:
  - ~~The most sum of Athlete Technical Entry Points will be seeded higher, and if still tied, then;~~
  - The most sum of team with the most Athlete Technical Points will be seeded higher, and if still tied, then;
  - ~~The A~~ drawing of lots is implemented among the teams still tied.

### 22.1.3 1<sup>ST</sup> PHASE: POOL PLAY IN ROUND ROBIN SYSTEM POOL PHASE

- 32 teams per gender will be placed into eight (8) pools with four (4) teams each based on their seeding and will be placed per the serpentine principle.

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

- Every team plays the three (3) other teams in their pool. Pool Phase is played through eight (8)

pools of four (4) teams each in a modified pool play (please refer to section 17 Competition Format).

~~— The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams of each pool after the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of 24-teams bracket in single elimination format.~~

~~— If there are two (2) teams from the same NF in the pool, then the match between these two (2) teams shall be played first, if the TV matches schedule permits.~~

~~— With all possible efforts, the two (2) matches of the last round in the same pool shall be scheduled to start in the same time. However, due to TV request or other promotional purpose, there will be exceptional cases when approved by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned.~~

- Pool standing:

- For the Pool Phase, matches will be played in the competition format of a modified pool play, i.e. the highest seeded team will play the lowest seeded team in the same pool, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest seeded team will play the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest seeded team in the same pool. The winners of the above two matches will play each other, with the winner to top the pool and the losers as 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team from the pool phase. The losers of the above two matches will play each other, with the winner as the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team from the pool phase and the loser eliminated from the Pool Phase.

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

~~— The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams of each pool after the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of 24-teams bracket in single elimination format.~~

~~In case of a tie in the total number of match points during the pool play, 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, then the teams have the same position in ranking.~~

~~Between three (3) teams:~~

~~If three (3) teams have a tie in the total number of match points, their ranking is determined by the rally point ratio in the matches between the three (3) tied teams;~~

~~If still tied, then the tied teams are ranked by the rally point ratio between all teams in the pool;~~

~~If still tied, then the teams will have the same position in ranking.~~

Between four (4) teams:

The ranking is determined by the points ratio between all teams in the pool;

If still tied, then the teams have the same position in the ranking.

In case of a tie in the total number of match points after the completion of pool play, 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 still tied, then the winner of head to head match is ranked higher.

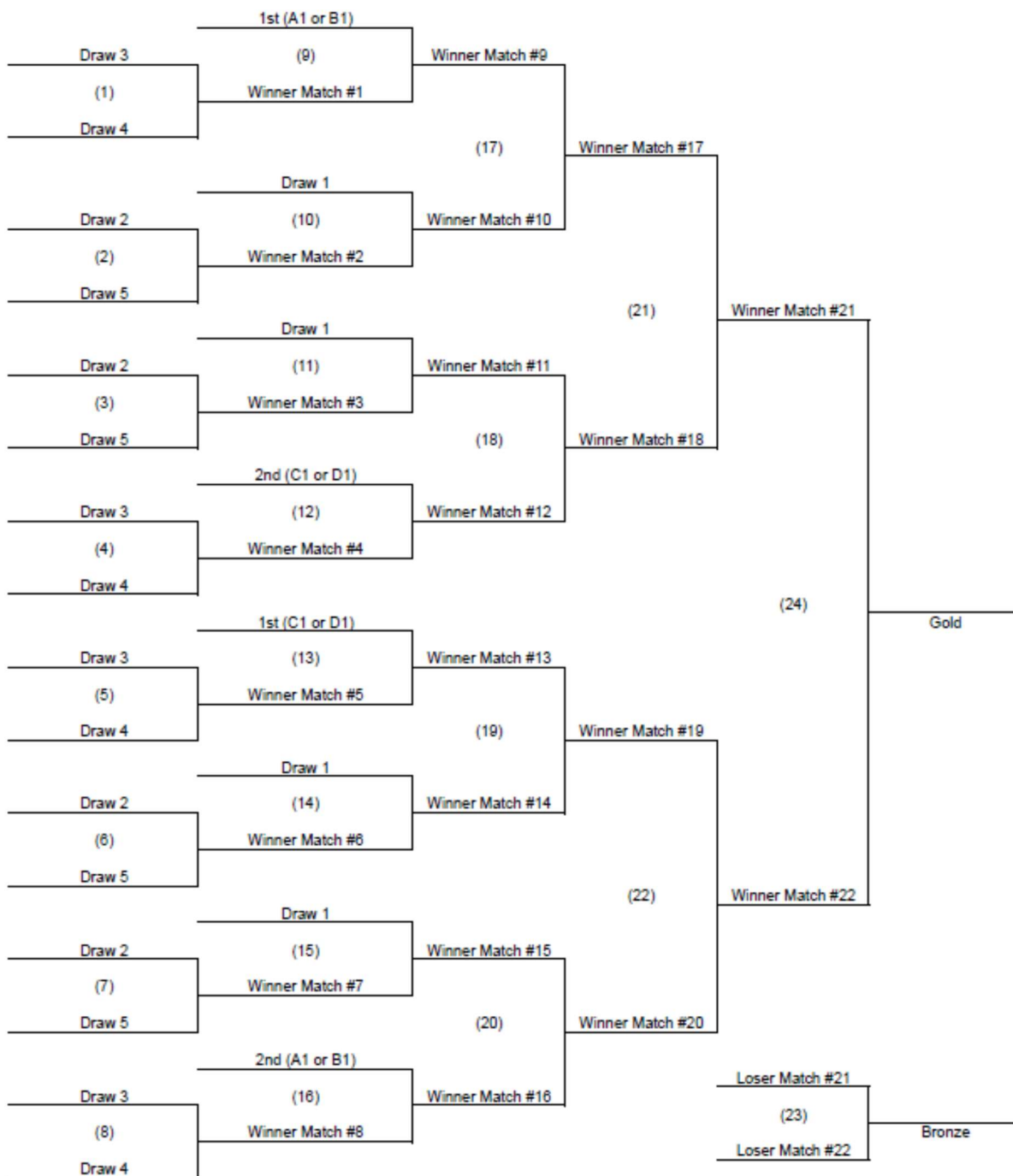
Between three (3) teams:

The ranking is determined by the rally point ratio in the matches between the three (3) tied teams;

If still tied, then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally point ratios between all teams in the pool;

If still tied, then the ranking of teams still tied is determined by the tournament seeding established after the Main Draw Preliminary Inquiry and the better seed of the tied teams will be higher ranked (for example, seed #15 is ranked higher than seed #18, while seed #18 is ranked higher than seed #31).

- The draw will follow the graphic as below:



- A1 or B1 are decided ~~by~~ based on the ~~best~~ rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool, the team with the highest ratio seeded #1 playing in match #9 and ~~lowest~~ the team with the lower ratio seeded #2 playing in match #16.
- C1 or D1 are decided ~~by best~~ based on the rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool, with the team with the highest ratio seeded #3 playing in match #13 and ~~lowest~~ the team with the lower ratio seeded #4 playing in match #12.
- Draw 1:
  - All other 1<sup>st</sup> place teams (E1, F1, G1 and H1) will be drawn for seeds #5 to ~~seed~~ #8.
  - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name ~~draw~~ ~~ingn~~ ~~becomings~~ shall be seed #8 playing in match #10.
  - The second name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #5 playing in match #11.
  - The third name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #6 playing in match #14.
  - The fourth name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #7 playing in match #15.
- Draw 2:
  - Four (4) best 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams (as per rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) will be drawn for seeds #9 to ~~seed~~ #12.
  - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name ~~draw~~ ~~ingn~~ ~~becoming~~ shall be seed #9 playing in match #2.
  - The second name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #12 playing in match #3.
  - The third name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #11 playing in match #6.
  - The fourth name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #10 playing in match #7.
- Draw 3:
  - Four (4) ~~worst~~ ~~lowest~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams (as per rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) will be drawn for seeds #13 to ~~seed~~ #16.
  - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name ~~draw~~ ~~ing~~ ~~becoming~~ drawn shall be seed #16 playing in match #1.
  - The second name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #13 playing in match #4.
  - The third name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #14 playing in match #5.
  - The fourth name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #15 playing in match #8.
- Draw 4:
  - Four (4) best 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams (as per rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) will be drawn for seeds #17 to ~~seed~~ #20.

- The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name ~~drawing becoming~~ drawn shall be seed #17 playing in match #1.
  - The second name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #20 playing in match #4.
  - The third name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #19 playing in match #5.
  - The fourth name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #18 playing in match #8.
- Draw 5:
- Four (4) ~~worst~~ lowest 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams (as per rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) will be drawn for seeds #21 to ~~seed~~ #24.
  - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name ~~drawing becoming~~ drawn shall be seed #24 playing in match #2.
  - The second name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #21 playing in match #3.
  - The third name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #22 playing in match #6.
  - The fourth name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #23 playing in match #7.
- \*Teams from the same pool shall not meet in the first two rounds, i.e. round of 24 and round of 16. However, teams from the same NF will be able to play in the first two rounds.

## 22.2 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR (2 STAR)

### 22.2.1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- The Main Draw tournament of each gender event is played by twenty-four (24) teams in two (2) phases, i.e. Pool Phase and Elimination Phase.
- Pool Phase is played through six (6) pools of four (4) teams each in a modified pool play. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams of each pool plus four (4) best 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams of all pools (as per the rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) after the completion of the Pool Phase, advance to the next phase of 16-teams bracket in single elimination format.
- Elimination Phase is played by sixteen (16) teams in a single elimination format until the semifinals. The winners of semifinals will play for the gold medal and the losers will play for the bronze medal.
- A drawing of lots will be held after the completion of the Pool Phase to decide the bracket of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase and this will be conducted and approved by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned.
- In principle, the match format is fixed so that the drawing of lots after Pool Phase finishes late in the afternoon and no matches are played ~~on the same date~~ ~~in~~as the single elimination format. If the first round of single elimination is played the same ~~date~~ ~~as~~ the drawing after pool

play is ~~made~~completed, the starting time of the first matches in Single Elimination cannot be earlier than ninety (90) minutes after the bracket has been determined at the drawing of lots by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned.

- ~~The FIVB Technical Delegate assigned~~ ~~must be~~is responsible ~~to~~for verifying that the competition schedule fulfils the FIVB Beach Volleyball sSports rRegulations in the planning phase of the event, together with the FIVB Beach Department. The key points to verify includes the start time, duration of the match, matches per day, break between matches, sunrise/sunset, number of courts, TV matches start time, etc.)
- ~~The Main Draw tournament of 24 teams per gender will be played in single elimination format.~~
- ~~The losers of the semi-finals will play the bronze medal match, while the winners will play the gold medal match.~~
- ~~A drawing of lots will be implemented by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned after the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry of Main Draw to establish the bracket.~~

## 22.2.2 SEEDING

- ~~Teams in the Main Draw, including the teams advancing from the Qualification Tournament, Wild Cards as well as teams~~ ~~picked up~~selected by the lucky-loser draws (if any), are seeded ~~per~~based on the Athletes Seeding Points, i.e. the sum of the two individual sAthlete Entry Points on the date of the first Preliminary Inquiry of an event.
- ~~When two or more teams have the same sum of Athletes Seeding Points, ties shall be broken as follows:~~
  - ~~The~~ ~~most sum of~~of the team with the most Athlete Technical Points will be seeded higher, and if still tied, then;
  - ~~The~~A drawing of lots is implemented among the teams still tied.
- ~~Teams in the Main Draw, including the wild cards, are seeded per the FIVB Seeding Points, i.e. the sum of the two individual Athlete Entry Points on the date of the Preliminary Inquiry.~~
- ~~When two teams or more teams have the same sum of FIVB Seeding points, ties shall be broken as follows:~~
  - ~~The~~ most sum of Athlete Technical Entry Points will be seeded higher, and if still tied, then;
  - ~~The~~ most sum of Athlete Technical Points will be seeded higher, and if still tied, then;
  - ~~The~~ drawing of lots is implemented among the teams still tied.



- Seeding of the host countries teams:
    - BestTop ranked host country team (as per its seeding points) will receive Seed #1 (Pool A) if the team is ranked within the firsttop six (6) teams. Otherwise, the best ranked host country team will receive Seed #6 (Pool F).
    - The remaining host country teams will be seeded naturally as per according to their Seeding Points.
- The top four (4) host country teams (as per its seeding points) shall never be placed in the same pool. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> host country team(s) will have their seed increased (for example from Seed #13 to Seed #14) until they are in a different pool than the other top four (4) host country teams. Should increasing the seed not work (or is not be possible) then the seed is reduced (for example from Seed #24 to Seed 23) until such host country team is in a different pool.
- ~~Best ranked host country team (as per its seeding points) will receive Seed #1 if the team is ranked with the first eight (8) teams. Otherwise, the best ranked host country team will receive Seed #8.~~
- ~~The remaining host country teams will be seeded naturally as per their Seeding Points. However, for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and any other Any eventual host country team(s) outside of the top four(4) host country teams, it is possible to can be placed in the same pool with the top four (4) host country teams.~~
  - The relative seeding of the top four (4) host country teams must be respected while this is not applicable for the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and any other eventual any host country teams below the top four (4) host country teams.

Example: As showed in the below diagram, 8 teams already in the Main Draw from the host country (including wild cards), their seeding positions are AUS 1 (seed #1), AUS 2 (seed #3), AUS 3 (seed #10), AUS 4 (seed #12), AUS 5 (seed #14), AUS 6 (seed #21), AUS 7 (seed #22) and AUS 8 (seed #23)

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
AUS 1	Seed #2	AUS 2	Seed #4	Seed #5	Seed #6
AUS 4	Seed #11	AUS 3	Seed #9	Seed #8	Seed #7
Seed #13	AUS 5	Seed #15	Seed #16	Seed #17	Seed #18
Seed #24	AUS 8	AUS 7	AUS 6	Seed #20	Seed #19

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

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
AUS 1	Seed #2	AUS 2	Seed #4	Seed #5	Seed #6
Seed #13	AUS 3	Seed #11	Seed #9	Seed #8	Seed #7
AUS 5	Seed #15	Seed #16	AUS 4	Seed #17	Seed #18
Seed #24	AUS 8	AUS 7	AUS 6	Seed #20	Seed #19

### 22.2.3 POOL PHASE

Women's Teams and Men's Teams					
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
Seed #1	Seed #2	Seed #3	Seed #4	Seed #5	Seed #6
Seed #12	Seed #11	Seed #10	Seed #9	Seed #8	Seed #7
Seed #13	Seed #14	Seed #15	Seed #16	Seed #17	Seed #18
Seed #24	Seed #23	Seed #22	Seed #21	Seed #20	Seed #19

- 24 teams per gender will be placed into six (6) pools with four (4) teams each based on their seeding and will be placed per according to the serpentine principle.
- Pool Phase is played through six (6) pools of four (4) teams each in a modified pool play. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams of each pool plus four (4) best 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams of all pools (as per the rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) after the completion of the Pool Phase, advance to the next phase of 16-teams bracket in single elimination format.
- Drawing of lots Pool standing:
  - For the Pool Phase, matches will be played in the competition format of a modified pool play, i.e. the highest seeded team will play the lowest seeded team in the same pool, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest seeded team will play the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest seeded team in the same pool. The winners of the above two matches will play each other, with the

winner to top the pool and the losers as 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team from the pool phase. The losers of the above two matches will play each other, with the winner as the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team from the pool phase and the loser eliminated from the Pool Phase.

- All discontinued matches or matches that have not started are to be assessed by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned to determine if the losing team is marked as 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 one (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 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 pool play 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).
  - If a team is disqualified after the pool play (after the Drawing of Lots) of the tournament due to a positive doping test, it will lose the last pool matches

played by forfeit (see above). If the single elimination phase has already started and if they have not played yet they forfeit their match and the opponent will be then moved to the next round. The final pool ranking will be maintained. If the team already played its match and won the match, the match result will not be changed, and this team will forfeit the next round. However, if a team is disqualified from the tournament due to a positive doping test after the conclusion of the drawing of lots (for the seeding of the single elimination phase) but before the commencement of the first match of the single elimination phase, they will be replaced in the bracket directly by the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team in its pool. And the final pool ranking will be maintained. The disqualified team will receive no final ranking. It should be shown on the bottom of the final standing without rank and “DSQ”.

#### **22.2.4 2<sup>ND</sup> PHASE: 16-TEAM BRACKET IN SINGLE ELIMINATION FORMAT**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams of each pool plus four (4) best 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams of all pools (as per the rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) after the completion of the Pool Phase, advance to the next phase of 16-teams bracket in single elimination format.
- A drawing of lots shall be organised after the completion of the last pool play match of each gender (possibly within 30 minutes) to establish the 16-teams bracket.
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- The seeding list will be established after the completion of the preliminary inquiry of Main Draw.
- The drawing of lots must be implemented by the FIVB Technical Delegate as soon as the seeding list is established.
- Seed #1 – #8 will automatically be placed into the bracket, taking into the consideration of seeding regulation for best host country team.
- Draw 1 will be among Seed #9 – #16. The first team drawn will be seed #16, 2<sup>nd</sup> team drawn being seed #9, 3<sup>rd</sup> team drawn being seed #12, 4<sup>th</sup> team drawn being seed #13, 5<sup>th</sup> team drawn being seed #14, 6<sup>th</sup> team drawn being seed #11, 7<sup>th</sup> team drawn being seed #10 and the last team being seed #15.
- Draw 2 will be among Seed #17 – #24. The first team drawn will be seed #17, 2<sup>nd</sup> team drawn

being seed #24, 3<sup>rd</sup> team drawn being seed #21, 4<sup>th</sup> team drawn being seed #20, 5<sup>th</sup> team drawn being seed #19, 6<sup>th</sup> team drawn being seed #22, 7<sup>th</sup> team drawn being seed #23 and the last team being seed #18.

— Teams from the same country (including host country teams) can meet in any round of 24 teams bracket.

The draw will follow the graphic as below:



- A1 or B1 are decided based on the ~~by best~~ rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool, with the team with the highest ratio seeded #1 playing in match #1 and the team with the lowest ~~str~~ ratio seeded #2 playing in match #8.

- Draw 1:

- All other 1<sup>st</sup> place teams (C1, D1, E1 and F1) will be drawn for seeds #3 to ~~seed #6~~.
- The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name ~~drawing becoming drawn~~ shall be seed #5 playing in match #3.
- The second name ~~drawing becomes drawn~~ shall be seed #4 playing in match #4.
- The third name ~~drawing becomes drawn~~ shall be seed #3 playing in match #5.
- The fourth name ~~drawing becomes drawn~~ shall be seed #6 playing in match #6.

- Draw 2:

- Two (2) best 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams (as per rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) will be drawn for seed #7 to seed #8.
- The two (2) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name ~~drawing becoming drawn~~ shall be seed #8 playing in match #2.
- The second name ~~drawing becomes drawn~~ shall be seed #7 playing in match #7.

- Draw 3:

- Four (4) worst 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams (as per rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) will be drawn for seed #9 to seed #12.
- The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name ~~drawing becoming drawn~~ shall be seed #9 playing in match #2.
- The second name ~~drawing becomes drawn~~ shall be seed #12 playing in match #3.
- The third name ~~drawing becomes drawn~~ shall be seed #11 playing in match #6.
- The fourth name ~~drawing becomes drawn~~ shall be seed #10 playing in match #7.

- Draw 4:

- Two (2) best 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams (as per rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) will be drawn for seed #13 to seed #14.
- The two (2) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name ~~drawing becoming drawn~~ shall be seed #13 playing in match #4.
- The second name ~~drawing becomes drawn~~ shall be seed #14 playing in match #5.

- Draw 5:
  - The other two (2) 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams who qualify to the single elimination phase, i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ranked (as per rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) among six (6) 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams from all pools will be drawn for seed #15 to seed #16.
  - The two (2) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name ~~drawing~~ ~~becoming~~ drawn shall be seed #16 playing in match #1.
  - The second name ~~drawing becomes~~ drawn shall be seed #15 playing in match #8.
- Teams from the same pool shall not meet in the first round, i.e. round of 16. However, teams from same NF will be able to play in the first round.

## 22.3 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR (1 STAR)

### 22.3.1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- The Main Draw tournament of each gender event is played by sixteen (16) teams in two (2) phases, i.e. Pool Phase and Elimination Phase.
- Pool Phase is played through four (4) pools of four (4) teams each in a modified pool play. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams of each pool after the completion of the Pool Phase advance to the next phase of 12-teams bracket in single elimination format.
- Elimination Phase is played by twelve (12) teams in a single elimination format until the semifinals. The winners of semifinals will play for the gold medal and the losers will play for the bronze medal.
- A drawing of lots will be held after the completion of the Pool Phase to decide the bracket of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase and this will be conducted and approved by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned.
- In principle, the match format is fixed so that the drawing of lots after Pool Phase finishes late in the afternoon and no matches are played ~~on~~ the same ~~date~~ ~~as~~ the single elimination format. If the first round of single elimination is played the same ~~date~~ ~~as~~ the drawing after pool play is ~~made~~ ~~completed~~, the starting time of the first matches in Single Elimination cannot be earlier than ~~ninety~~ ~~ninety~~ (90) minutes after the bracket has been determined at the drawing of lots by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned.
- The FIVB Technical Delegate assigned ~~must be~~ responsible ~~to~~ ~~for~~ verifying that the competition schedule fulfils the FIVB Beach Volleyball ~~s~~Sports ~~r~~Regulations in the planning phase of the event, together with the FIVB Beach Department. The key points to verify includes the start time,

duration of the match, matches per day, break between matches, sunrise/sunset, number of courts, TV matches start time, etc.).

The Main Draw tournament of 16 teams per gender will be played in single elimination format.

The losers of the semi-finals will play the bronze medal match, while the winners will play the gold medal match.

A drawing of lots will be implemented by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned after the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry of Main Draw to establish the bracket.

### 22.3.2 SEEDING

- Teams in the Main Draw, including the teams advancing from the Qualification Tournament, Wild Cards as well as teams ~~picked-up~~selected by the lucky-loser draws (if any), are seeded per the Athletes Seeding Points, i.e. the sum of the two individual Athlete Entry Points on the date of the first Preliminary Inquiry of an event.
- When two teams or more teams have the same ~~sum~~number of Athletes Seeding Points, ties shall be broken as follows:
  - The ~~most sum of team with the most~~ Athlete Technical Points will be seeded higher, and if still tied, then;
  - The drawing of lots is implemented among the teams still tied.
- Seeding of the host countries teams:
  - BestHighest ranked host country team (as per its seeding points) will receive Seed #1 (Pool A) if the team is ranked ~~within~~ the ~~first~~top four (4) teams. Otherwise, the best ranked host country team will receive Seed #4 (Pool D).
  - The remaining host country teams will be seeded ~~naturally as per~~according to their Seeding Points.
  - The top four (4) host country teams (as per its seeding points) shall never be placed in the same pool. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> host country team(s) will have their seed increased (for example from Seed #13 to Seed #14) until they are in a different pool than the other top four (4) host country teams. Should increasing the seed not work (or is not be possible) then the seed is reduced (for example from Seed #24 to Seed 23) until such host country team is in a different pool. Any host country team(s) outside of the top four(4) host country teams can be placed in the same pool with the top four (4) host country teams.
  - The relative seeding of the top four (4) host country teams must be respected while this



is not applicable for any host country teams below the top four (4) host country teams. The top four (4) host country teams (as per its seeding points) shall never be placed in the same pool. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> host country team(s) will have their seed increased (for example from Seed #5 to Seed #6) until they are in a different pool than the other top four (4) host country teams. Should increasing the seed not work (or not be possible) then the seed is reduced (for example from Seed #16 to Seed #15) until such host country team is in a different pool. However, for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and any other eventual host country team(s), it is possible to be placed in the same pool with the top four (4) host country teams.

- The relative seeding of the top 4 host country teams must be respected while this is not applicable for the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and any other eventual host country teams.

Example: As showed in the below diagram, 8 teams already in the Main Draw from the host country (including wild cards), their seeding positions are AUS 1 (seed #1), AUS 2 (seed #3), AUS 3 (seed #6), AUS 4 (seed #8), AUS 5 (seed #10), AUS 6 (seed #13), AUS 7 (seed #14) and AUS 8 (seed #15)

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
AUS 1	Seed #2	AUS 2	Seed #4
AUS 4	Seed #7	AUS 3	Seed #5
Seed #9	AUS 5	Seed #11	Seed #12
Seed #16	AUS 8	AUS 7	AUS 6

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

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
AUS 1	Seed #2	AUS 2	Seed #4
Seed #9	AUS 3	Seed #7	Seed #5
AUS 5	Seed #11	Seed #12	AUS 4
Seed #16	AUS 8	AUS 7	AUS 6

Teams in the Main Draw, including the wild cards, are seeded per the FIVB Seeding Points, i.e. the sum of the two individual Athlete Entry Points on the date of the Preliminary Inquiry.

When two teams or more teams have the same sum of FIVB Seeding points, ties shall be broken as follows:

The most sum of Athlete Technical Entry Points will be seeded higher, and if still tied, then;

The most sum of Athlete Technical Points will be seeded higher, and if still tied, then;

The drawing of lots is implemented among the teams still tied.

Seeding of the host countries teams:

Best ranked host country team (as per its seeding points) will receive Seed #1 if the team is ranked with the first four (4) teams. Otherwise, the best ranked host country team will receive Seed #4.

The remaining host country teams will be seeded naturally as per their Seeding Points.

Drawing of lots:

The seeding list will be established after the completion of the preliminary inquiry of Main Draw.

The drawing of lots must be implemented by the FIVB Technical Delegate as soon as the seeding list is established.

Seed #1 – #4 will automatically be placed into the bracket, taking into the consideration of seeding regulation for best host country team.

Draw 1 will be among Seed #5 – #8. The first team drawn will be seed #8, 2<sup>nd</sup> team drawn being Seed #5, 3<sup>rd</sup> team drawn being Seed #6 and the last team drawn being Seed #7.

Draw 2 will be among Seed #9 – #16. The first team drawn will be seed #16, 2<sup>nd</sup> team drawn being Seed #9, 3<sup>rd</sup> team drawn being Seed #12, the 4<sup>th</sup> team drawn being Seed #13, the 5<sup>th</sup> team drawn being Seed #14, the 6<sup>th</sup> team drawn being Seed #11, the 7<sup>th</sup> team drawn being Seed #10 and the last team drawn being Seed #15.

Teams from the same country (including host country teams) can meet in any round of 16-teams bracket.

### 22.3.3 POOL PHASE

- 16 teams per gender will be placed into four (4) pools with four (4) teams each based on their seeding and will be placed ~~per~~ according to the serpentine principle.

Women's Teams and Men's Teams			
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Seed #1	Seed #2	Seed #3	Seed #4
Seed #8	Seed #7	Seed #6	Seed #5
Seed #9	Seed #10	Seed #11	Seed #12
Seed #16	Seed #15	Seed #14	Seed #13

- Pool Phase is played through four (4) pools of four (4) teams each in a modified pool play (please refer to section 17 Competition Format).
- The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams of each pool after the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of 12-teams bracket in single elimination format.
- Pool standing:

- For the Pool Phase, matches will be played in the competition format of a modified pool play, i.e. the highest seeded team will play the lowest seeded team in the same pool, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest seeded team will play the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest seeded team in the same pool. The winners of the above two matches will play each other, with the winner to top the pool and the losers as 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team from the pool phase. The losers of the above two matches will play each other, with the winner as the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team from the pool phase and the loser eliminated from the Pool Phase.
- All discontinued matches or matches that have not started are to be assessed by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned to determine if the losing team is marked as 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 one (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 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 pool play 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).

- If a team is disqualified after the pool play (after the Drawing of Lots) of the tournament due to a positive doping test, it will lose the last pool matches played by forfeit (see above). If the single elimination phase has already started and if they have not played yet they forfeit their match and the opponent will be then moved to the next round. The final pool ranking will be maintained. If the team already played its match and won the match, the match result will not be changed, and this team will forfeit the next round. However, if a team is disqualified from the tournament due to a positive doping test after the conclusion of the drawing of lots (for the seeding of the single elimination phase) but before the commencement of the first match of the single elimination phase, they will be replaced in the bracket directly by the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team in its pool. And the final pool ranking will be maintained. The disqualified team will receive no final ranking. It should be shown on the bottom of the final standing without rank and “DSQ”.

#### **22.3.4 2<sup>ND</sup> PHASE: 12-TEAM BRACKET IN SINGLE ELIMINATION FORMAT**

- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked teams of each pool after the completion of the Pool Phase advance to the 2nd phase of 12-teams bracket in single elimination format.
- A drawing of lots shall be organised after the completion of the last pool play match of each gender (possibly within 30 minutes) to establish the 12-teams bracket.
- The draw will follow the graphic as below:



- A1 or B1 are decided based on the rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool, with the team with the highest ratio seeded #1 playing in match #5 and the team with the lower ratio seeded #2 playing in match #8.
- C1 or D1 are decided based on the rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool, with the team with the highest ratio seeded #3 playing in match #7 and the team with the lower ratio seeded #4 playing in match #6.
- Draw 1:
  - All 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams (A2, B2, C2 and D2) will be drawn for seeds #5 to #8.
  - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name drawn shall be seed #8 playing in match #1.
  - The second name drawn shall be seed #5 playing in match #2.
  - The third name drawn shall be seed #6 playing in match #3.
  - The fourth name drawn shall be seed #7 playing in match #4.
- Draw 2:
  - All 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams (A3, B3, C3 and D3) will be drawn for seeds #9 to #12.
  - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name drawn shall

- be seed #9 playing in match #1.
- The second name drawn shall be seed #12 playing in match #2.
- The third name drawn shall be seed #11 playing in match #3.
- The fourth name drawn shall be seed #10 playing in match #4.
- ~~— A1 or B1 are decided by best rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool, with the highest ratio seeded #1 playing match #5 and lowest ratio seeded #2 playing match #8.~~
- ~~— C1 or D1 are decided by best rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool, with the highest ratio seeded #3 playing match #7 and lowest ratio seeded #4 playing match #6.~~
- ~~— Draw 1:~~
  - ~~— All 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams (A2, B2, C2 and D2) will be drawn for seed #5 to seed #8.~~
  - ~~— The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name drawing becoming seed #8 playing match #1.~~
  - ~~— The second name drawing becomes seed #5 playing match #2.~~
  - ~~— The third name drawing becomes seed #6 playing match #3.~~
  - ~~— The fourth name drawing becomes seed #7 playing match #4.~~
- ~~— Draw 2:~~
  - ~~— All 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams (A3, B3, C3 and D3) will be drawn for seed #9 to seed #12.~~
  - ~~— The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name drawing becoming seed #9 playing match #1.~~
  - ~~— The second name drawing becomes seed #12 playing match #2.~~
  - ~~— The third name drawing becomes seed #11 playing match #3.~~
  - The fourth name drawing becomes seed #10 playing match #4.
- Teams from the same pool shall not meet in the first two rounds, i.e. round of 12 and quarter-finals. However, teams from same NF will be able to play in the first two rounds.

## 22.4 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR FINALS

### 22.4.1 SEEDING

- Teams in the Main Draw, including the Wild Cards, are seeded per the FIVB Seeding Points, i.e. the sum of the two individual Athlete Entry Points on the day of the Preliminary Inquiry.
- When two teams or more teams have the same sum-number of FIVB Seeding points, ties shall be broken as follows:
  - ~~The most sum of Athlete Technical Entry Points~~Entry Points will be seeded higher, and

if still tied, then;

- The ~~most sum of~~team with the most Athlete Technical Points will be seeded higher, and if still tied, then;
- The drawing of lots is implemented among the teams still tied.

## 2. FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL RANKING POINTS (Chapter 5)

### Explanation of Change

#### Ranking Points Breakdown

Change back to 10% difference between each rank as it has been implemented in 2013-2016 seasons:

- Reduce the points gap to increase opportunities for young teams to catch up with top-ranked teams.

### Language Change Proposed in the Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations:

#### 13.1 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL SANCTIONED AND HOMOLOGATED EVENTS

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

~~While the~~ The FIVB World Tour events, World Tour Finals, Senior World Championships and Age Group World Championships are under direct jurisdiction of FIVB-FIVB and players will receive FIVB Ranking Points for these events.; ~~Additionally, the~~ FIVB Ranking Points are awarded earned ~~by~~to each player competing in any FIVB 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 awarded.

#### **Important Note:**

Each tournament as above shall be managed by the FIVB Volleyball Information System (VIS) through the NFs, Confederations and FIVB. If the results of each recognized event are not uploaded through the VIS system on the last day of the event, the FIVB Ranking points will not be allocated.

The following total amount of Prize money will be awarded to the above-mentioned FIVB events in 2018:



Event Category	Total amount of Prize money
FIVB Age Group (U19 & U21) World Championships	No Prize money
FIVB World Tour Finals	USD 400,000 per gender
FIVB World Tour (5-star)	USD 300,000 per gender
FIVB World Tour (4-star)	USD 150,000 per gender
FIVB World Tour (3-star)	USD 75,000 per gender
FIVB World Tour (2-star)	USD 25,000 per gender
FIVB World Tour (1-star)	USD 5,000 per gender

- Please note the amount of Prize Money for the abovementioned FIVB Events will be determined on an annual basis by the FIVB and, in the event of a change, informed to the relevant stakeholders by no later than three (3) months before the start of the season.*

Upon requests of promoters, different amount of prize money may be approved by the FIVB. Should this be the case, the FIVB will publish such information on the respective webpage of the event concerned and inform all participating NFs the prize money breakdown of the event concerned through the Specific Event's Regulation (BVB/06 form) that will also be published on the respective webpage of the event concerned.

The standard breakdown of the prize money per event is featured in the FIVB Handbook for 2017 season in the Appendix 1 and also included in the Specific Event's Regulations of for each tournament.

For FIVB World Tour (1-3 star), greater amount of prize money might be approved by FIVB and the detailed breakdown will be featured in the FIVB Handbook for 2017 season and the Specific Event Regulation of each tournament.

### 13.2 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL RANKING POINTS BREAKDOWN (PER ATHLETE)

Rank	Senior WCHs	Swatch-WT Finals	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*	U21 & U19 WCHs
1st	800	N/A	600	400	300	200	100	100
2nd	640		480	320	240	160	80	80

3rd	480		360	240	180	120	60	60
4th	400		300	200	150	100	50	50
5th	320		240	160	120	80	40	40
9th	240		180	120	90	60	30	30
17th	160		120	80	60	40	N/A	20
25th	N/A		90	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15
33rd	80		60	40	30	N/A	N/A	10
37th	40		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5
41st	32		24	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-

Rank	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*	U21 & U19 WCHs
1st	600	400	300	200	100	100
2nd	540	360	270	180	90	90
3rd	480	320	240	160	80	80
4th	420	280	210	140	70	70
5th	360	240	180	120	60	60
7th	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
9th	300	200	150	100	50	50
13th	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	45	N/A
17th	240	160	120	80	40	40
19th	N/A	N/A	N/A	75	N/A	N/A
21st	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	35	N/A
25th	180	120	90	60	N/A	30
31st	N/A	N/A	N/A	50	N/A	N/A
33rd	120	80	60	N/A	N/A	20
37th	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10

<u>41st</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>5</u>
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Rank	Con- Champion- -ship	Con- Cup Final	Con.Tour r-Master	Recogniz- ed-Multi- Sports Games	Con- Tour Open/ Satellite	Con.Age Group Champions hips	Continental Cup/Con.Zonal Tour	Homologated National Tour
<b>1st</b>	300	200	160	120	100	80	60	10
<b>2nd</b>	240	160	128	96	80	64	48	8
<b>3rd</b>	180	120	96	72	60	48	36	6
<b>4th</b>	150	100	80	60	50	40	30	4
<b>5th</b>	120	80	64	48	40	32	24	2
<b>9th</b>	90	60	48	36	30	24	18	1
<b>17th</b>	60	40	32	24	20	16	12	-
<b>25th</b>	45	30	24	18	15	12	9	-
<b>33rd</b>	30	20	16	12	10	8	6	-
<b>37th</b>	15	10	8	6	5	4	3	-
<b>41st</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Rank	Continental Championship	Continental Cup Final	Continental Tour Master	Recognized Multi- Sports Games	Continental Tour Open/Satellite	Continental Age Group Championships*	Continental Cup/Continental Zonal Tour	Homologated National Tour
1st	300	200	200	120	100	80	60	10
2nd	270	180	180	108	90	72	54	9
3rd	240	160	160	96	80	64	48	8
4th	210	140	140	84	70	56	42	7
5th	180	120	120	72	60	48	36	6
7th	N/A	N/A	110	N/A	55	N/A	33	N/A
9th	150	100	100	60	50	40	30	5
13th	N/A	N/A	90	54	45	36	27	N/A
17th	120	80	80	48	40	32	24	4
19th	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
21st	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25th	90	60	60	36	30	24	18	3
31st	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
33rd	60	40	40	24	20	16	12	2
37th	30	20	20	12	10	8	6	1
41st	15	10	10	6	5	4	3	N/A

**Important Note:**

- No FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking points will be allocated to the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals.

- No FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking points will be allocated to the FIVB ~~World Continental Cup~~ Olympic ~~Qualification Tournament (Name TBC)~~.

Should there be a different competition format adopted to above tournaments and thus results in a different scale of rank, the new breakdown of the Beach Volleyball Ranking ~~points-Points~~ must be approved by FIVB and will be published in the Specific Event's Regulations of the ~~event~~ tournament concerned.

## 16. FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD RANKING DEFINITIONS

FIVB World Ranking is established based on the FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points earned at the eight (8) best performance as a team in all FIVB sanctioned or homologated Beach Volleyball Events (as per the ~~above~~ table in section 13.1) over a 365-days period.

The FIVB World Ranking is updated every Monday after an FIVB sanctioned or homologated event granting FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points.

The FIVB World Ranking is published on the FIVB website and will be constantly updated.

When two or more players have the same sum of points, tie shall be broken as follows:

- The most total points earned from the FIVB Senior World Championships, 5-star & 4-star tournament that are part of eight (8) best performance as a team, and if still tied, then;
- The highest sum of two players' Athlete Technical Points, and if still tied, then;
- The highest number of points from one single tournament, then, if needed, the second highest, and so on;
- If the above methods can't break the ties, the two teams will then have the same FIVB World Ranking.

### 3. Entry Points Calculation for the World Tour

#### Explanation of Change

##### Athlete Entry Points

**Change to best 4 out of last 6 finishes from best 6 out of last 8 finishes:**

- **Quick change of the entry list to allow more teams from developing countries in the Main Draw;**
- **Push teams to play consistently.**

\*Athlete Entry Points are the FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points earned at the **best four (4) of the last six (6) FIVB World Tour (1-5 star) & FIVB Senior World Championships events** within the last 365-days period at the given date prior to the start of an event.

**Please note:** Accordingly, the Players Seeding, Serious Injury and Maternity calculation points are also impacted by this change.

#### Language Change Proposed in the Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations:

##### 14. CALCULATION OF POINTS FOR ENTRY AND SEEDING PURPOSE

The following method of calculation of the FIVB ~~Beach Volleyball World~~ Ranking Points is used to determine teams' entry and seeding at the FIVB World Tour events.

Athletes, coaches and their NFs will have access to such calculation at the FIVB website. following link: TBC

##### 16.114.1 ATHLETE ENTRY POINTS (FOR ENTRY PURPOSE):

Athlete Entry Points are the FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points earned at the best ~~six-four (64)~~ of the last ~~eight-six (86)~~ FIVB World Tour (1-5 star) & FIVB Senior World Championships events within the last 365-days period at ~~-21 days~~ the given date prior to the start ~~date~~ of an event.

The FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points obtained at other FIVB sanctioned or homologated events (as per the above table) outside the FIVB World Tour (1-5 Stars) & FIVB Senior World Championships will be counted in the Athlete Entry Points calculation only if they improve the athlete's standing.

The FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points obtained from the 1-star and 2-star for the host country teams will only be calculated for entry and seeding purpose if they ~~will be~~ beneficial ~~for~~ to the teams (i.e. improve the teams' entry and seeding points).

For FIVB World Tour (1-5 star), the date is -21 days prior to the start of an event.

For FIVB Senior World Championships, the date will be announced as per the Specific Event's Regulations.

#### **16.214.2 ATHLETE SEEDING POINTS (FOR SEEDING PURPOSE)**

Athlete ~~SS~~eeding Points are the FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points earned at the best four (4) of the last six (6) FIVB World Tour (1-5 star) & FIVB Senior World Championships events within the last 365-days period ~~are the sum of the two individual Athlete Entry Points~~ on the date of the ~~first Preliminary Inquiry~~ Preliminary Inquiry of an event.

However, for FIVB Senior World Championships, the date for the calculation of Athlete Seeding Points will be announced as per the Specific Event's Regulations.

#### **16.3 ATHLETE TECHNICAL ENTRY POINTS**

Athlete Technical Entry Points are the sum of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points earned at the last eight (8) FIVB World Tour (1-5 star) & FIVB Senior World Championships events within the last 365-days period at 21 days prior to the start date of an event.

#### **16.414.3 ATHLETE TECHNICAL POINTS**

Athlete Technical Points are the sum of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points earned at the FIVB sanctioned or homologated Beach Volleyball Events (as per the above table) over a 365-days period from the date ~~that~~ the ranking point is ~~published~~ awarded. ~~Depending on the date of the ranking, it is possible for this ranking to include FIVB Ranking points from two FIVB seasons.~~

#### **16.514.4 METHOD IN CALCULATING CALCULATION OF ATHLETE ENTRY POINTS ENTRY POINTS**

- The FIVB Ranking ~~points~~ Points obtained at other FIVB sanctioned or homologated events (as per the above table) outside the FIVB World Tour (1-5 Stars) & FIVB Senior World Championships will be counted in the Athlete Entry Points ~~Entry and Seeding Points~~ calculation only if they improve the athlete's standing.
- ~~The method used to~~ The following procedure is adopted to calculate Athlete Entry Points ~~Entry Points~~ is:
  - To define the date window comprised of the last ~~eight-six~~ (86) events (i.e. FIVB World

Tour 1-5 star tournaments & FIVB Senior World Championships) within 365 days; if the athlete plays less than six (6) events (i.e. FIVB World Tour 1-5 star tournaments & FIVB Senior World Championships) within 365 days, the last 365 days period is set as the date window.

- Then add the total of the best six-four (64) results from any events within the date window including all FIVB sanctioned or homologated events (as per the above table).

#### 4. OTHERS (as impacted by the changes proposed)

##### Language Change Proposed in the Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations:

##### **9.3 LAST MINUTE WITHDRAWAL (AFTER 4:00 PM SWISS TIME, 5 DAYS BEFORE THE START DATE OF THE TOURNAMENT)**

After 4:00 PM (Swiss Time), 5 days before the start date of the tournament, until the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of Qualification Tournament (where applicable) or Main Draw tournament, the participating NFs may submit through the BVB-03 form (withdrawal request) with the supporting Medical certificate and flight ticket (issued with flight number) or other proof of travel to FIVB Technical Delegate assigned with a copy to FIVB Beach Department to submit the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request.

However, the following fines will be applied to the athlete/team concerned regardless of the reason:

Please note: The Fines were adapted to highlight the fines applicable for the World Tour events.

Qualification Tournament of 5-star tournament	USD 1,000 per athlete
Main Draw of 5-star tournament	USD 3,000 per athlete
Qualification Tournament of 4-star tournament	USD 500 per athlete
Main Draw of 4-star tournament	USD 1,500 per athlete
Qualification Tournament of 3-star tournament	USD 250 per athlete
Main Draw of 3-star tournament	USD 750 per athlete
Qualification Tournament of 2-star tournament	USD 200 per athlete
Main Draw of 2-star tournament	USD 350 per athlete
Qualification Tournament of 1-star tournament	USD 100 per athlete
Main Draw of 1-star tournament	USD 200 per athlete

##### ***Appendix 1 Standard Breakdown of Prize Money***

Please note: These Appendixes were added to show the breakdown of prize money adapted for the new World Tour events format.



**FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals** *per gender in USD*

Rank	Numbers of teams	Prize Money Per team	Prize Money per Rank Place
1st	1	100'000	100'000
2nd	1	75'000	75'000
3rd	1	50'000	50'000
4th	1	35'000	35'000
5th	4	20'000	80'000
9th	4	15'000	60'000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>400000</b>

Note: Different number of teams for the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals may be accepted by FIVB and consequently a different prize money breakdown will be implemented. Should this happen, all National Federations will be informed well in advance about such change once the decision is made by FIVB.

**FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (5-star)**

*per gender in USD*

Rank	Number of teams	Prize Money Per team	Prize Money per Rank Place
1st	1	40'000	40'000
2nd	1	32'000	32'000
3rd	1	20'000	20'000
4th	1	16'000	16'000
5th	4	12'000	48'000
9th	8	8'000	64'000
17th	8	6'000	48'000
25th	8	4'000	32'000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>300000</b>

**FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (4-star)**

*per gender in USD*

Rank	Number of teams	Prize Money Per team	Prize Money per Rank Place
1st	1	20'000	20'000
2nd	1	16'000	16'000
3rd	1	10'000	10'000
4th	1	8'000	8'000
5th	4	6'000	24'000
9th	8	4'000	32'000
17th	8	3'000	24'000
25th	8	2'000	16'000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>150000</b>

**FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (3-star)**

*per gender in USD*

Rank	Number of teams	Prize Money Per team	Prize Money per Rank Place
1st	1	10'000	10'000
2nd	1	8'000	8'000
3rd	1	5'000	5'000

4th	1	4'000	4'000
5th	4	3'000	12'000
9th	8	2'000	16'000
17th	8	1'500	12'000
25th	8	1'000	8'000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>75000</b>

**FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (2-star)**

*per gender in USD*

Rank	Number of teams	Prize Money Per team	Prize Money per Rank Place
1st	1	4'000	4'000
2nd	1	3'000	3'000
3rd	1	2'000	2'000
4th	1	1'400	1'400
5th	4	1'000	4'000
9th	8	800	6'400
17th	2	600	1'200
19th	6	500	3'000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>25000</b>

**FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-star)**

*per gender in USD*

Rank	Number of teams	Prize Money Per team	Prize Money per Rank Place
1st	1	1'000	1'000
2nd	1	700	700
3rd	1	500	500
4th	1	400	400
5th	4	300	1'200
9th	4	200	800
13th	4	100	400
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>5000</b>

**Appendix 2 Athletes Entry Points, Injury Points and Maternity Points Calculation**

Please note: The Appendix 2 was added to better explain the calculation procedure for the Entry Points, Injury Points and Maternity Points Calculation.

Example:

### Athletes Entry points calculation for John Doe (USA)

*With less than 6 Events played*

Name: John Doe (USA) Eligible results for calculation: best four (4) of the last six (6) FIVB World Tour (1-5 star) & FIVB Senior World Championships events within the last 365-days period at -21 days prior to the start date of an event.

Date of the confirmed list (-21) for the next event: 21<sup>th</sup> of August 2017

365 Days Period	Last 6 World Tour Events Played	Season	Date	Type	Tournament (country)		Rank	(yellow are the last 6 World Tour/ WCH events)	(greens are best 4 events)
Within the 365 days period	Window of last 6 World Tour Events played	2017	21-May	4*	Rio de Janeiro	BRA	33	40	Not beneficial
		2017	23-Apr	3*	Xiamen	CHN	17	60	
		2017	19-Mar	2*	Sydney	AUS	5	80	
		2017	12-Feb	5*	Fort Lauderdale	USA	33	60	
		2016	27-Nov	CCH	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	TTO	2	225	
		2016	28-Aug	4*	Long Beach	USA	33	40	Not beneficial
Passed the 365 days period	Outside of the window of last 6 World Tour Events played	2016	30-Jul	5*	Klagenfurt	AUT	41	20	
		2016	9-Jul	5*	Gstaad	SUI	25	80	
		2016	15-Jun	4*	Olsztyn	POL	25	80	
		2016	7-Jun	5*	Hamburg	GER	33	40	

- Total Athletes Entry Points for Player John Doe: (60 + 80 + 60 + 225) = 425 Points

Example:

### Athletes Entry points calculation for John Doe (USA)

Name: John Doe (USA) Eligible results for calculation: best four (4) of the last six (6) FIVB World Tour (1-5 star) & FIVB Senior World Championships events within the last 365-days period at -21 days prior to the start date of an event.

Date of the confirmed list (-21) for the next event: 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2017

365 Days Period	Last 6 World Tour Events Played	Season	Date	Type	Tournament (country)		Rank	(yellow are the last 6 World Tour/ WCH events)	(greens are best 4 events)
Within the 365 days period	Window of last 6 World Tour Events played	2017	9-Jul	5*	Gstaad	SUI	9	180	
		2017	2-Jul	5*	Porec	CRO	1	600	
		2017	18-Jun	3*	The Hague	NED	5	120	
		2017	4-Jun	3*	Moscow	RUS	9	90	Not beneficial
		2017	21-May	4*	Rio de Janeiro	BRA	9	120	Not beneficial
		2017	5-May	CCH	Maringa	BRA	3	180	
		2017	28-Apr	CT	San Fernando	BRA	5	32	
		2017	3-Mar	CT	Lima	PER	9	24	
		2016	11-Sep	4*	Long Beach	USA	9	90	
Passed the 365 days period	Outside of the window of last 6 World Tour Events played	2016	4-Sep	5*	San Diego	USA	1	600	
		2016	5-Aug	3*	Xiamen	CHN	25	60	
		2016	5-Jul	5*	Gstaad	USA	9	180	

- Total Athletes Entry Points for Player John Doe: (180 + 600+120+180) = 1080 Points

Example:

### Maternity leave points calculation for Jane Doe (USA)

Name: Jane Doe (USA) Date of birth of Child: 30 August 2017 Last WT tournament played: 17.9.2016

Next Tournament to play: undefined, but not before 01.02.2018 18 months before the birth of Child: 30.03.2016

Eligible results for calculation:

	Season	Date	Type	Tournament (country)		Rank	(yellow are the last 6 World Tour/ WCH events)	(Greens are best 4 events)	
Within the 18 months period	2016	17-Sep	WTF	Toronto		CAN	9	0	Not beneficial
	2016	28-Aug	4*	Long Beach		USA	2	360	
	2016	17-Aug	OG	Women's Olympic Game - Rio 2016		BRA	9	0	Not beneficial
	2016	30-Jul	5*	Klagenfurt		AUT	5	240	
	2016	9-Jul	5*	Gstaad		SUI	9	180	Not beneficial
	2016	2-Jul	5*	Porec		CRO	9	180	Not beneficial
	2016	18-Jun	4*	Olsztyn		POL	5	240	
	2016	11-Jun	CCH	CEV ECH Final - Biel/Bienne		SUI	9	120	Not beneficial
	2016	5-Jun	5*	Hamburg		GER	5	240	
Passed the 18 months period	2016	29-May	4*	Moscow		RUS	17	120	
	2016	27 Mar	3*	Cincinnati		USA	3	200	
	2016	15 Mar	3*	Sochi		RUS	2	225	
	2016	25 Feb	3*	Fuzhou		CHN	9	120	
	2016	11-Jun	5*	Hamburg		GER	5	240	

Basis for calculation:

- Return to play before 365 days after the birth of child, 75% of the entry points calculated from the date of birth shall apply
  - Entry Points calculated: 360 + 240 + 240 + 240 = 1080

Starting Total: 75% of the total (1080) = 810

Entry points for her 1 <sup>st</sup> World Tour Event	810
Entry points for her 2 <sup>nd</sup> World Tour Event	75% of 810 (607) + points from 1 <sup>st</sup> World Tour Event
Entry points for her 3 <sup>rd</sup> World Tour Event	50% of 810 (405) + points from the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> World Tour Event
Entry points for her 4 <sup>th</sup> World Tour Event	25% of 810 (202) + points from the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> World Tour Event
Entry points for her 5 <sup>th</sup> World Tour Event	Only points from the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> World Tour Event

Example:

### Serious Injury points calculation for Jane Doe (USA)

Name: Jane Doe (USA) Date of Serious Injury: 26.04.2017 Date of Return: January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Last WT tournament played: 26.04.2017, Fuzhou Open Next Tournament to play: World Tour 2018 The Hague 4 Stars

Eligible results for calculation:

	Season	Date	Type	Tournament (country)		Rank	(yellow are the last 6 World Tour/ WCH events)	(greens are best 4 events)
Within the 365 days period	2017	April 26	3*	Fuzhou	CHN	25	60	Not beneficial
	2016	Jun 28	4*	Stavanger	NOR	17	120	
	2016	Jun 22	4*	Berlin	GER	25	80	Not beneficial
	2016	Jun 15	4*	Moscow	RUS	5	240	
	2016	Jun 8	CCH	AVC championship	AVC	3	200	
	2016	May 31	3*	Anapa	RUS	25	60	Not beneficial
	2016	April 30	3*	Xiamen	CHN	5	150	
Passed the 365 days period	2016	April 20	3*	Prague	CZE	9	120	
	2016	Mar 11	3*	Puerto Vallarta	MEX	3	200	

Basis for calculation:

- Not be able to play for a minimum of 6 months and returning within 2 years.
- 75% of the entry points calculated within 365 days before the date of the injury shall apply upon the return.
  - Entry Calculation: 120 + 240 + 200 + 150 = 710

Starting Total: 75% of the total of the best 4 events out of the past 6 events (710) = 532

Entry points for her 1 <sup>st</sup> World Tour Event	532 points
Entry points for her 2 <sup>nd</sup> World Tour Event	75% of 532 (399) + points from 1 <sup>st</sup> World Tour Event
Entry points for her 3 <sup>rd</sup> World Tour Event	50% of 532 (266) + points from the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> World Tour Event
Entry points for her 4 <sup>th</sup> World Tour Event	25% of 532 (133) + points from the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> World Tour Event
Entry points for her 5 <sup>th</sup> World Tour Event	Only points from the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> World Tour Event