



SPORTS REGULATIONS

Beach Volleyball

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SECTION I Status of Players and Teams

These regulations apply equally to both genders. A reference to one gender (e.g. he) includes a reference to the other gender (e.g. she).

CHAPTER 1 Status of Players

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1 SUPREME AUTHORITY

The FIVB is the supreme authority in Beach Volleyball to decide all questions and disputes relating to the eligibility of players for national and international competitions.

1.2 RIGHT TO DETERMINE PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY

Each National Federation has the right to determine the eligibility of its players subject to the provisions of the FIVB Constitution and Regulations.

1.3 CRITERIA FOR THE ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

The eligibility of a player may be determined after taking into consideration the following criteria:

- a. nationality;
- b. age;
- c. sex;
- d. height (if applicable);
- e. federation of origin and
- f. other eligibility criteria.

1.4 PLAYER PARTICIPATION IN A TOURNAMENT

A player is considered to be in the tournament when:

- 1.4.1 his/her name is listed in the Confirmed Entry List with his/her presence is confirmed at the Preliminary Inquiry of an event, and
- 1.4.2 there is visual confirmation from the passport / ID (identification document) that the player is actually present at the Preliminary Inquiry of an event.

2. NATIONALITY

2.1 ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY FOR A NATIONAL TEAM

Any person holding the nationality of a country, whether acquired at birth or later (by application or any other means), is eligible to play for the national team of the National Federation of the same country, provided that said National Federation is his/her Federation of Origin and that the conditions set out in these Regulations are fulfilled.

2.2 ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY FOR A NATIONAL TEAM AFTER A CHANGE OF FEDERATION OF ORIGIN

2.2.1 Only one (1) player having previously played for another national team can be part of a team, for a given event.

2.3 ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY FOR A THIRD NATIONAL TEAM

A player is not eligible to play for a third national team, nor may he/she return to the initial national team of his/her Federation of Origin after having changed his/her Federation of Origin (see also Article 5).

2.4 FIRST REGISTRATION IN OWN OR FOREIGN COUNTRY

2.4.1 The Federation which is the first to:

- a. register the player in its national team for an FIVB, world or official Competition through the Volleyball Information System (VIS) in the Entry List of an event, with the player's presence being certified by the FIVB Technical Delegate; or
- b. issue a national license for the player or otherwise register the player within its Federation in the season in which the player turns fourteen (14) years of age (or older if first registered after the age of fourteen (14));

is considered to be the player's Federation of Origin regardless of the player's nationality.

For purpose of this provision, the act of registering a player shall mean that the player has been registered to play in a volleyball (in either form) competition for a club, team, school or other volleyball entity in the territory of a National Federation.

If a player has a question regarding its Federation of Origin, they can contact the FIVB beachvolleyball@fivb.com and transfer@fivb.com.

2.4.2 If at the time of registration, the player holds the nationality of another country only, he/she becomes eligible to play in the national team of his/her Federation of Origin immediately after obtaining the same nationality as his/her Federation of Origin.

2.4.3 National Federations shall conduct all necessary investigations to ensure the player does not hold a prior registration in another Federation.

2.5 PASSPORT

All players wishing to participate in FIVB, world or official competitions, must present a valid individual passport issued by the competent authorities of the country they represent. The FIVB Board of Administration may establish different or additional requirements.

3. AGE AND GENDER

3.1 AGE

The FIVB has determined the following age categories for Beach Volleyball in addition to the Senior World Championships:

- Girls' Under 19,
- Boys' Under 19,
- Women's Under 21,
- Men's Under 21,

3.2 GENDER

3.2.1 Purpose

The purpose of this regulation is to determine the eligibility of a player to participate in a gender category by balancing 1) the identification of an individual player with 2) the competitive balance of the competition category taking into account the interests of the other athletes competing in that category.

3.2.2 Initial Categorisation

The initial categorisation of a player's gender for purposes of eligibility shall be attested by the National Federations through the birth certificate of the player reflecting the player's gender assignment at birth and the first registration of the player in all disciplines of Volleyball. In the event that the birth certificate reflecting the player's gender assignment at birth does not match the first registration of the player in volleyball, the player's initial categorisation for purposes of this regulation shall be based on the gender assignment at birth.

3.2.3 Change of Gender

3.2.3.1 A player may change the categorization of his or her gender one time for purposes of eligibility in FIVB, World and Official Competitions organized by the FIVB or its Confederations if he or she can demonstrate to the comfortable satisfaction of the Gender Eligibility Committee that no competitive advantage is derived from such change based on the totality of the circumstances.

3.2.3.2 As part of its “totality of circumstances” analysis, the FIVB can take into account any physiological (e.g. nature of the change, height, weight, BMI, muscle mass), medical (e.g. nature and time of change, sex change operation, testosterone levels, muscle receptor measurements, new scientific developments and discovery, etc.), sporting (e.g. sports performance in national tour, position, experience participating in other gender) and any other considerations submitted by the player or requested by the Gender Eligibility Committee.

3.2.3.3 The composition of the Gender Eligibility Committee shall consist of one legal expert and one medical expert appointed by the FIVB and one athlete appointed by the FIVB Athlete’s Commission. There must be at least one male and one female member sitting on the Gender Eligibility Committee. It shall issue a reasoned decision as to whether or not it approves the change of gender.

3.2.4 Eligibility to Play after a Change of Gender

Only one (1) player having previously played for another gender can be a part of a team for a given event unless otherwise decided by the FIVB.

3.2.5 Applicability

For the avoidance of doubt, the application of this rule shall be limited to FIVB, World and Official Competitions organised by the FIVB and its Confederations. For national competitions, each National Federation responsible for the registration of players for the respective competition in its territory shall determine its own eligibility rules regarding gender.

3.2.6 Appeal

An appeal against the rejection of a change request by the Gender Eligibility Committee may be submitted exclusively to the FIVB Appeals Panel within a period of fourteen (14) days from the notification of the decision. The procedure of the appeal shall be conducted in accordance with Section III of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.

4. OTHER ELIGIBILITY RULES

4.1 GENERAL RULE

Any player who fulfils the requirements of the rules on nationality, age, gender and other criteria established by FIVB (and/or IOC, where applicable), is eligible for participation in FIVB competitions, including the Olympic Games and qualifying

tournaments, on the condition that he/she complies with the principles of affiliation established by the respective National Federation and fulfils the conditions set out in these Regulations.

4.2 ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 4.2.1 An eligible player may receive, during the period of his/her preparation and his/her sports activity, material and financial assistance, either from sports organisations (National Federation, NOC, National Tour, Committees or Clubs belonging to voluntary organisations recognized by his/her Federation), or from private or public institutions.
- 4.2.2 An eligible player may receive his/her country's support for preserving and raising the level reached in his/her studies and in his/her work within his/her community at the moment of his/her incorporation in a sports program.
- 4.2.3 Material assistance includes:
- a. board and lodging expenses;
 - b. sportswear and equipment;
 - c. travel expenses; and
 - d. expenses for medical and dental treatment, physiotherapy, including therapeutic and psychological services and necessary medicine.
- 4.2.4 Financial help may be granted without limitation as follows:
- a. compensation to replace a justified loss of salary or a scholarship to continue his/her studies or to continue his/her professional career;
 - b. pocket money;
 - c. subscription to an insurance or pension plan whether governmental or private under the terms of the national law; and
 - d. engagement by or endorsement by a sports, government, private organisation, or sports club.
- 4.2.5 No National Federation, club or player may demand any financial guarantee or special economic conditions to participate in FIVB competitions. Infringement of this rule is a basis for sanctions according to FIVB Regulations.

4.3 DECISIONS ON THE ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

The FIVB Board of Administration, or, in urgent cases, the Executive Committee/the President, decides on the application of the rules for the eligibility of players. It may ask the Legal Commission to study the case and submit recommendations.

5. CHANGE OF FEDERATION OF ORIGIN

5.1 GENERAL

A player's Federation of Origin may be changed only once. Changes of Federation of Origin may be approved only by the FIVB Executive Committee, upon proposal of the FIVB President, and provided that the right to be heard of the current Federation of Origin has been respected.

5.2 CONDITIONS

A change of Federation of Origin (hereinafter "the Change") may be approved only if the following conditions are cumulatively met:

- 5.2.1 The player has established residence in the country of his/her new Federation of Origin (hereinafter "the new Federation") for a minimum of two (2) continuous years immediately prior to the time of filing the application for the Change.
- 5.2.2 The player has obtained the nationality of the country of the new Federation.
- 5.2.3 The player's Federation of Origin agrees to the Change.
- 5.2.4 The new Federation agrees to the Change.
- 5.2.5 The applicable administration fee for the Change has been paid to the FIVB (see Article 5.3 below).

In the event that the player's Federation of Origin does not agree to the Change under Article 5.2.3 and the wording of Article 5.2.3 notwithstanding, the FIVB Executive Committee shall have the unequivocal right to determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Change is reasonable and justifiable and to approve the Change, provided that the FIVB Executive Committee gives an opportunity to the player's Federation of Origin to explain the reasons for its disagreement.

5.3 PROCEDURE

5.3.1 The e following documents shall be submitted to the FIVB:

- a. One (1) copy of the respective FIVB form (see www.fivb.com), duly signed and stamped by the player, his/her Federation of Origin and the new

Federation; and

- b. Proof of two (2) years continuous residence in the country of the new Federation. Residence means the place where the player “lives and sleeps” and can be found in the majority of the days of the year; and
- c. Copy of the player’s International Passport of the country of the new Federation.

5.3.2 The administrative fee for a Change is CHF 15,000 (fifteen thousand Swiss Francs). If the player has played for a senior national team, the applicable administrative fee is CHF 25,000 (twenty-five thousand Swiss Francs). The administrative fee will be reimbursed if the Change is not approved (if applicable, at the end of the appeal proceedings if the dismissal is upheld by the competent body).

5.4 SPECIAL CASES

5.4.1 If the player has never played for any national team and already had the nationality of the country of the new Federation at birth, the FIVB may approve the Change as follows:

- a. The conditions of Article 5.2 shall be met, except for the condition of 2-year continuous residence.
- b. The documents mentioned under Article 5.3.1.a and 5.3.1.c above shall be submitted to FIVB, along with proof of when the player acquired the nationality of the country of the new Federation.
- c. The applicable administration fee is CHF 2,000 (two thousand Swiss Francs). The FIVB Executive Committee shall have the right to waive the applicable administration fee if the player does not have the nationality of his original Federation of Origin.
- d. The National Federations involved and the FIVB may agree that the Player’s transfers between the two (2) National Federations will be exempted from the payment of administration and transfer fees.

5.4.2 In case:

- a. the player has established residence in the country of the new Federation for a minimum of eight (8) continuous years; and
- b. the application for a Change is filed with the FIVB on or after the 1st of January of the calendar year during which the player turns 35 (for men) or 32 (for women); and
- c. the conditions of Article 5.2.2 (nationality) as well as Article 5.2.4 (agreement of the new Federation) are met and the player's Federation of Origin agrees to the Change,

the condition of Article 5.2.5 (administration fee) shall be waived.

- 5.4.3 For the avoidance of doubt, the FIVB Executive Committee shall have the same right to review and approve a Change in the event that a player's Federation of Origin does not approve a Change as provided in the last provision of Article 5.2 above under this Article 5.4.

5.5 CONSEQUENCES

- 5.5.1 Unless decided otherwise, the decision of the FIVB Executive Committee to approve the Change is effective from the day of its notification to the new Federation.
- 5.5.2 As of that date, the player shall have the same rights and obligations with players of the new Federation (e.g. he/she can directly compete in national tour). However, if the player has previously played for another national team, he/she will be eligible to play for a national team of the new Federation only after two (2) years have elapsed. This two-year period starts from the day that the complete application file (including the payment of the administrative fee), containing all required documents, is received by the FIVB.

CHAPTER 2 Status of Teams, Tours and Other Organisations

6. TEAMS

6.1 NATIONAL TEAM

- 6.1.1 The team selected by its National Federation to play in the Olympic Games (including its Qualification Tournaments), Youth Olympic Games, FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships (Senior and Age Group), Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Finals, Elite, Challenge and Future events, and authorized to bear its country's name is considered the national team.
- 6.1.2 The national team must not include foreign players, in accordance with Section I, Chapter II Article 5 of the FIVB Event Regulations and Section I, Chapter 1 of these Regulations.
- 6.1.3 A national team may only play against another national team.

7. TOURS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS

7.1 SPORT ORGANISATION, PROFESSIONAL TOURS, NATIONAL TOURS, CLUBS, TEAMS AND CIRCUITS

- 7.1.1 Any sport organisation, professional tours, national tours, clubs, teams, circuits or other third parties wishing to organise an FIVB Competition must obtain prior approval from the FIVB.
- 7.1.2 Any sport organisations, professional tours, national tours, clubs, teams and circuits wishing to organise or participate in an official Beach Volleyball competition in their country, must obtain prior consent of their national federation.
- 7.1.3 However if a national federation for any legal or valid reason, is not able to recognize such organisations or to authorize their registration, the latter can appeal directly to FIVB for their recognition (and registration).
- 7.1.4 Only National Tours registered with the FIVB are entitled to enroll foreign players in accordance with the rules of their respective National Federation, if they respect FIVB regulations and submit the homologation form of National Tours for the approval of FIVB.

As per the decision of FIVB Board of Administration in May 2019, the

following principle shall be respected for the FIVB homologated National Tour, where the foreign athletes participate.

- A National Tour can have a maximum of 25% of foreign athletes out of the entire number of athletes participating in the full roster (including Main Draw and Qualification) of each FIVB homologated National Tour leg, starting from 1 January 2020.
- Upon the request of National Federation, the FIVB may consider different percentage as an exception on a case-by-case basis.

SECTION II General Regulations For International Competitions

CHAPTER 3 International Competition and Matches

8. CATEGORIES

8.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS

All international Volleyball competitions and matches are governed by the FIVB; they must be played in accordance with:

- the Official Beach Volleyball Rules (all matches);
- the Technical Operations Manual;
- the Specific Competition Regulations;
- the General Regulations; and
- the Disciplinary Regulations.

8.2 BASIC CRITERIA FOR THE CATEGORIES

The National Volleyball Federations affiliated with the FIVB classified the international Beach Volleyball competitions using the following criteria as a basis:

- the governing body;
- the Specific Competition Regulations to be applied; and
- the financial conditions to be applied by the FIVB.

8.3 CATEGORIES OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The categories of international beach volleyball competitions are:

- FIVB competitions;
- World competitions;
- Official competitions; and
- Recognized competitions.

9. GOVERNING BODIES AND GROUPING OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

9.1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNING BODY

The governing body of any competition is determined by the Specific Competition Regulations.

9.2 FIVB COMPETITIONS

9.2.1 Their governing body is the FIVB and the competition regulations for each one are respectively determined by the Beach Volleyball Commission and the Board of Administration. The people and bodies responsible for their technical organisation and realization are:

- a. the organizing National Federation;
- b. the Local Organizing Committee (LOC);
- c. the FIVB;

- d. the FIVB delegates and staff;
- e. the FIVB Control Committee.

9.2.2 These FIVB Competitions are:

- a. FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships (double gender);
- b. Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour (Finals, Elite, Challenger and Future categories);
- c. Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament;
- d. Beach Volleyball Continental Cup;
- e. FIVB Beach Volleyball Age Group World Championships (U21 & U19).

9.2.3 The FIVB and the organizer (National Federation/LOC) of an FIVB Competition, sign an Agreement (contract) in which the specific rights and obligations of the FIVB and the organizer of the competition are laid down.

9.3 WORLD COMPETITIONS

The following competitions are organized by different bodies and are sanctioned by the FIVB:

- Olympic Games (the "Olympic Charter" also applies);
- Youth Olympic Games (the "Olympic Charter" also applies);
- Commonwealth Games (Senior and Youth edition, if applicable);
- Military World Games;
- Universiade (University Championships);
- World Beach Games;
- Pan American Games (Senior and Youth edition, if applicable); and
- Other Multi Sport Games (e.g., Lusofonia Games, etc.) if sanctioned by the FIVB.

9.4 OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS

In consultation with the organizer, the FIVB will authorize and approve the specific competition regulations and the categories and governing bodies are as follows:

- Continental Senior Championships – Confederations;
- Continental underage Championships (various age groups) – Confederations;
- Continental Games (e.g., Asian Games, African Games, etc.) – Olympic continental bodies & Confederations.
- Regional Games (e.g., Mediterranean games, Pacific Mini Games, etc.) – Olympic regional bodies & Confederations; and
- Other competitions at continental level if sanctioned by the FIVB – Confederations.

9.5 RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS

The FIVB is responsible for the homologation of the following events. The categories and governing bodies are as follows:

- Continental Tours – Confederations;
- National Tours – National Federations;
- Zonal Tours – Confederations;
- Exhibitions (with three (3) or more teams (at least one (1) from another continent) & Country vs Country – National Federations.

9.6 PROGRAMMING OF COMPETITIONS

If dates coincide, the priority will be given to the competition of the highest category and in the order established in these Regulations (See Article 9.7).

The Official Calendar will be based on the following Table 9.7 for FIVB, World and official Competitions.

All international beach volleyball competitions must be previously approved by the FIVB or the Confederation concerned in the event that only teams of the same continent participate.

9.7 TIMETABLE FOR FIVB, WORLD, OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS AND RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS

FIVB COMPETITIONS			
Title	Periodicity (every)	Year	Recommended Period
FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships (double gender)	2 years	(e.g. 2023, 2025, etc.)	Second semester of the year
Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Finals	1 year	(e.g. 2022, 2023, etc.)	End of tour season.
Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour (Elite, Challenger & Future)	1 year	(e.g. 2022, 2023, etc.)	All year
FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament	4 years	(e.g., 2023/2024, 2027/2028, etc.)	As per Olympic Qualification timeline
FIVB Beach Volleyball Continental Cup	4 years	(e.g. 2022-2024, etc)	As per Olympic Qualification timeline
FIVB Beach Volleyball U21 World Championships (double gender)	2 years	(e.g., 2021, 2023, etc.)	Summer School holidays (Northern hemisphere)
FIVB Beach Volleyball U19 World Championships (double gender)	2 years	(e.g., 2022, 2024, etc.)	

WORLD COMPETITIONS			
Title	Periodicity (every)	Year	Recommended Period
Olympic Games	4 years	(e.g. 2024, 2028, etc.)	IOC (Jul. - Aug.)
Youth Olympic Games	4 years	(e.g. 2026, 2030, etc.)	IOC (All year)
Commonwealth Games	4 years	(e.g. 2022, 2026, etc.)	CGF (Jul. – Aug.)
Military World Games	4 years	(e.g. 2023, 2027, etc.)	CISM (all year)
Universiade (University Championships)	2 years	(e.g. 2022, 2024, etc.)	FISU (Jul. - Aug.)
World Beach Games (4X4)	2 years	(e.g. 2023, 2025, etc.)	ANOC (All year)
Pan American Games	4 years	(e.g. 2023, 2027, etc.)	PASO (All year)

OFFICIAL & RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS			
Title	Periodicity (every)	Year	Recommended Period
Continental Senior Championships	1 year	Annual	To avoid clashes with major FIVB and World events
Continental underage Championships	1 year	Annual	
Continental Games	4 years	Annual	
Regional Games	2 or 4 years		
Recognized competitions	1 year	Annual	All year

10. ENFORCEMENT OF THESE REGULATIONS

10.1 FIVB AND WORLD COMPETITIONS

Regulations applying to FIVB and World Competitions are enforced by the FIVB Beach Volleyball Commission.

- The FIVB Beach Volleyball Department must follow up and chronologically control the process of sporting preparation of the competitions.
- The FIVB Beach Volleyball Department and the Organising Committee and/or National Federation will periodically report to the Beach Volleyball Commission who will report to the FIVB Board of Administration, the FIVB Executive Committee and the FIVB World Congress.
- In case of emergency or impossibility to enforce one or more articles of these Regulations in one specific competition, the FIVB Executive Committee may request the approval from FIVB Board of Administration to temporarily suspend their enforcement for that specific competition.

10.2 COMPETITIONS AT CONTINENTAL LEVEL (OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS)

Regulations applying to continental competitions are enforced by the competent Commission of the corresponding Confederations.

- The Confederation decides how to follow-up and control the organisation.
- The Organising Committee and/or National Federation and the competent Continental Commissions must report on the preparation of the competition to the corresponding Confederation.
- In case of emergency or impossibility to enforce these Regulations in a specific competition under its competence, the corresponding Confederation may approve the non-application of one or several of these for that specific competition.

10.3 COMPETITIONS AT NATIONAL LEVEL

For competition at national level, the National Federation concerned is obliged to fully enforce these Regulations held under its jurisdiction and, to the extent possible, use the other FIVB rules as a guideline.

- World and Continental Competitions granted to the Federation must be organized in accordance with these Regulations and with the decisions of the corresponding governing body.
- The FIVB or the Confederation concerned must be consulted about any unforeseen situation which may arise in connection with a tournament.

CHAPTER 4 Participation Conditions and Structure for FIVB Competitions

11. TEAM PARTICIPATION

FIVB and World Competitions are reserved for the national teams of those Volleyball Federations which are affiliated with the FIVB and up-to-date with their financial obligation and in good order with the FIVB and their respective Confederations.

Teams are allowed to take part in FIVB Competitions with a team delegation composed of minimum two (2) players. Further members such as coach, assistant coach, team manager, trainer, doctor, physiotherapist, etc. may be added to a team delegation but may be accredited only when their travel and accommodation cost and other necessary expenses are covered at their own cost.

In all cases, only the two (2) players confirmed at the preliminary inquiry, will be allowed to sit on the bench on the field of play.

The regulations in regards to the team registration, withdrawal/change of player, etc. will be specified in the Sport Operations Manual and the Specific Competition Regulations issued for respective competition.

12. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

12.1 ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Only players who meet the eligibility conditions laid down by the FIVB in Chapter 1 of these FIVB Sports Regulations may participate in FIVB and World Competitions.

13. MEDICAL CONTROL

13.1 MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

Depending upon the category of the competition, the players will be required to submit themselves to the statutory medical controls and to present the following certificates:

- Health Certificate: All players participating in FIVB, World Competitions and Official Beach Volleyball Competitions as required must present to the FIVB a Health Certificate by uploading to the FIVB Volleyball Information System (VIS) or at the Preliminary Inquiry. According to the FIVB Medical and Anti-Doping Regulations, such certificate must be signed by the player and by a medical doctor trained in sports medicine not earlier than 1 December of the preceding year to be valid for the upcoming event calendar year. Any changes in the player's medical condition shall be immediately reported to the FIVB Medical Department, which may request the submission of a new Health Certificate.

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- Gender Verification Certificate: Gender must be attested by the national federations through the birth certificate of the player. Player may be required to present a valid Gender Verification Certificate and/or submit themselves to a medical examination in case of doubt based on medical evidence.

13.2 GENDER VERIFICATION

- Gender Verification will not be performed during senior or underage events. Gender verification may be conducted on a case-by-case basis in the event of doubt based on medical evidence.
- Competitor's refusal, if requested, to yield to gender verification controls will result in their elimination from the competition.

13.3 DOPING CONTROL

- According to the FIVB Medical and Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIVB is responsible for conducting doping control during beach volleyball competitions.
- Organizers of FIVB or World Competitions are obliged to comply with the FIVB Medical and Anti-Doping Regulations.
- The procedure to follow must be strictly in conformity with FIVB Medical & Anti-Doping Regulations.
- The number of players to be tested will be decided by the FIVB.

14. TEAM DISTRIBUTION, MATCH AND TRAINING SCHEDULE

14.1 TEAM DISTRIBUTION

The teams may be either directly seeded or drawn by lots depending on the competition format of the competition, in accordance with the Sport Operations Manual and the Specific Competition Regulations.

This may occur before or during the competition.

14.2 MATCH SCHEDULE

The match schedule will be drafted in accordance with the Sport Operations Manual and the Specific Competition Regulations and is determined by the FIVB in agreement with the organizer.

14.2 TRAINING SCHEDULE

The organizer must prepare a training schedule to be submitted to the FIVB for approval, in which each team is guaranteed before the first day of the competition the use of a training court for minimum forty-five (45) minutes a day.

Whenever condition permits, each team will have at least one training session on competition court at least the day before their match and familiarization training in the center court may be scheduled in accordance with the Specific Competition Regulations.

15. COMPLAINTS

Complaints may be lodged at different stage of the competition, including during matches, after matches and at other times during the competition. Disputes shall be resolved under the FIVB regulations.

Two levels of Protest Protocol exist, these being undertaken either at the time of the circumstance(s) (Level 1) and/or after the match has been completed (Level 2).

15.1 DURING A MATCH

A Protest Protocol Level 1 is commenced by a team Captain formally indicating his/her wish to protest following the explanation he/she received on the application or interpretation of the rules from the FIRST REFEREE.

On court dispute will be resolved following the Refereeing Guidelines and Instructions.

15.2 AFTER A MATCH

- All complaint concerning the result of a match must be presented in writing to the members of the Control Committee within thirty (30) minutes after the end of the match concerned.
- Once the scoresheet is checked and signed by all relevant participants without protest, no further team protest on technical aspects can be accepted, e.g. scorer's error, referee error, etc.
- The Control Committee President or Technical Delegate must convene to consider the complaint within twelve (12) hours after the presentation of the complaint, or at the latest, before the start of following match of the team concerned and render its verdict. A member of the Control Committee who is of the same nationality as one of the interested parties to the complaint will not be admitted to the session.
- The Control Committee President or Technical Delegate may call all persons involved in the case and their representatives to give testimony.
- All complaints concerning medical controls must be made in accordance with the FIVB Medical and Anti-Doping Regulations.
- All other complaints must be made directly to the Control Committee President or Technical Delegate within one (1) hour after the contested fact has been noticed.

15.3 VERDICT

- The verdict is final, and the Control Committee must communicate its verdict in writing without delay to the interested parties.
- The Control Committee President or Technical Delegate, in the name of the Control Committee, is the sole judge of whether or not to make a report to media about the complaint.

CHAPTER 5 Preparation and Control of the Competition

16. TRUSTEE OF THE ORGANIZATION

16.1 NATIONAL FEDERATION

The organization of FIVB Competition is entrusted by the FIVB to the National Volleyball Federation of the country that fulfils the requirements laid down in the FIVB Regulations.

16.2 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (OC)

An organizer or promoter, together with the National Federation form an Organizing Committee (OC), which becomes the delegated trustee, and immediately enters into communication with the FIVB from which it will receive instructions directly. Whenever the competition is held in more than one city, local organizing committees will be established reporting to a centralized organizing committee.

16.3 LEGAL PERSONALITY OF OC

The OC must, whenever the FIVB considers it indispensable, have legal personality recognized by the national and local government authorities.

17. FIVB TECHNICAL DELEGATES DUTIES DURING A COMPETITION

A Control Committee or a Technical Delegate will be appointed by the FIVB.

17.1 APPOINTMENT AND POWERS

The control and follow-up of the organization will be managed by the Control Committee or Technical Delegate appointed by the FIVB, in coordination with the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department. Other delegates may be appointed by the FIVB for inspection visits requiring experts or professional expertise.

17.2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FIVB TECHNICAL DELEGATES

The Control Committee President and/or the Technical Delegates are members of the Control Committee, and are responsible for the inspection and approval of the competition and training venues, of the organization chart of the competition, of the tasks and responsibilities for instructing personnel involved in the competition, of the matches and training schedule and in general of the follow-up of all tasks requiring FIVB approval.

18. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

International technical officials are the international referees appointed by the FIVB. National technical officials are the scorers, line judges, local referee manager, etc. proposed by the Organizing Committee and approved by the FIVB.

19. OTHER FIVB DELEGATES AND OFFICIALS

Other FIVB delegates and officials may be appointed by the FIVB to be responsible for the smooth running of all activities related to the competition and ensure the adherence to the FIVB Constitution, General Regulations, Sports Regulations, Disciplinary Regulations, Medical and Anti-Doping Regulations, Sport Operations Manual and the Specific Competition Regulations.

The other FIVB delegates and officials appointed may include but not limited to Referee Coach, VIS delegate, Media Operation Delegate, Medical Delegate, Marketing Delegate, FIVB Disciplinary Panel Member, etc. The task and responsibilities is further described in Sport Operations Manual, the Specific Competition Regulations and Handbook.

SECTION III Disciplinary

CHAPTER 6 General Provisions

20. COMPETENCE TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS

- The FIVB Disciplinary Panel is competent to impose sanctions for simple offences, when the matter is referred to it by the FIVB President, for major offences, and if provided by the FIVB Medical and Anti-Doping Regulations.
- The FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee (or the FIVB Representative) is competent to impose sanctions for simple and major offences arising on the occasion of the competition for which it was appointed, as specified in the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations. In case of major offences and if it is practically possible, the FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee (or the FIVB Representative) may refer to the matter to the Disciplinary Panel.
- The Confederations are competent to impose sanctions at the Continental level provided that the matter does not fall within the competence of an FIVB body or has been delegated expressly to them by the FIVB in a specific case. For this purpose, they must adopt the same procedural provisions as provided herein. FIVB has exclusive jurisdiction in:
 - anti-doping disputes involving International-level Athletes as defined by the FIVB Medical and Anti-Doping Regulations; and
 - Cases of betting and manipulation of competitions.
- Zonal Association may impose sanctions only in and for their regional competitions.
- The NFs are competent to impose sanctions at the national level in accordance with their own regulations provided that the matter does not fall within the competence of an FIVB body.

CHAPTER 7 Appeals

21. COMPOSITION OF THE APPEALS PANEL

- The FIVB Appeals Panel (AP) shall be composed of one (1) chairperson, one (1) Vice-Chairperson, three (3) members and five (5) substitute members appointed by the FIVB Board of Administration for a renewable term of four (4) years between the sessions of the FIVB elective Congress. All Confederations shall be represented on the AP.
- All persons appointed to the AP must have legal training and may not hold any other

position, with the exception of honorary titles, in FIVB or the Confederations.

- For other types of sanctions, athletes have 14 days to appeal against a FIVB decision Final Provisions

22. COMPETENCE OF THE APPEALS PANEL

- Unless otherwise provided in the FIVB Constitution and Regulations, the Appeals Panel shall decide appeals filed by an affected party against decisions of FIVB bodies (e.g. the President, the Board of Administration, the Disciplinary Panel etc.) or Confederation bodies.
- Decisions arising from complaints against referee's decisions are final and not subject to appeal before the Appeals Panel or the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

23. PROCEDURE BEFORE THE APPEALS PANEL

The procedure before the Appeals Panel is governed by Article 19 of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.

24. FURTHER APPEAL

A further appeal against the decision by the Appeals Panel can only be lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, within twenty-one (21) days following receipt of the decision.

SECTION IV Final Provisions

CHAPTER 8 Miscellaneous

25. ENTRY INTO FORCE

These Regulations were approved by the FIVB Board of Administration on 24 October 2021 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2022. They can be amended by a decision of the FIVB Board of Administration.

These Regulations supersede all previous version of the FIVB Sports Regulations and amendments thereto, which are hereby cancelled.