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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/she) 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 MATCH

A player is considered to be in the match when:

- 1.4.1 his/her name is listed in the Confirmed Entry List with his/her presence is confirmed at the Preliminary Inquiry, 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 of the same age category 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 Confirmed Entry List, 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;

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

If a player has a question regarding its Federation of Origin, they can contact the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department at: [worldtour@fivb.com](mailto:worldtour@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.

### **2.5 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 AND GENDER CATEGORIES~~

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 VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE~~

##### 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.

~~3.2.1 The gender must be attested by the National Federations through the birth certificate of the player.~~

~~3.2.2 Women competitors in FIVB, world and official competitions, may be required to present the official Gender verification certificate issued by the FIVB Medical Commission or by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).~~

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**

The same regulations of the latest version of FIVB Sports Regulations for Volleyball will apply. For details, please refer to point 5, Chapter 1 of the above-mentioned document at:

[http://www.fivb.org/EN/FIVB/Document/Legal/FIVB\\_Sports\\_Regulations\\_2018\\_20180504.pdf](http://www.fivb.org/EN/FIVB/Document/Legal/FIVB_Sports_Regulations_2018_20180504.pdf).

# **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), FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals and FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-5 star), 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 organisations, professional tours, national tours, clubs, teams and circuits wishing to organise an official Beach Volleyball competition in their country, must obtain prior consent of their national federation.

7.1.2 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).

7.1.3 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 Competition and Technical Regulations

### CHAPTER 3 Entries

#### 8. ATHLETE ENTRIES

##### 8.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

- Hold the nationality of the country they represent, subject to the conditions set out in the Chapter 1 Status of players of FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations.
- Register with their respective NF. The Federation which is the first to issue a license or register the player is considered to be the Federation of Origin regardless of the player's citizenship. For a Change of Federation of Origin, please refer to the Chapter 1 Status of players of FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations and contact the FIVB Transfer Department ([transfer@fivb.org](mailto:transfer@fivb.org)).
- Register with the FIVB through their respective NF.
- Upload in the VIS - via their NF - the Beach Volleyball NF-Athlete's Commitment (BVB-01 Form) signed by the NF and the athlete on each page at least thirty (30) days before the first event's participation of the season. NF-Athlete's Commitments (one (1) per team) are then approved in the VIS system by the FIVB which allows online status verification. Failure to upload the signed commitment within the deadline shall prevent the athlete from taking part in an FIVB event. The Beach Volleyball NF-Athlete's Commitment (BVB-01 Form) is available on the FIVB website under the Forms section ([www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp](http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp)).
- Upload in the VIS - via their NF - an annual health certificate (BVB-10 Form) to the FIVB at minimum thirty (30) days before the first event's participation of the season. The annual health certificate is mandatory for all athletes that have signed the Beach Volleyball NF-Athlete's Commitment. The annual health certificate (BVB-10 Form) is available on the FIVB website under the Forms section ([www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp](http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp)).
- Undertake the FIVB Anti-Doping education program "Play clean!" For further information, please access the FIVB online Anti-Doping education program at: <http://www.fivb.org/RealWinner/>.
- Undertake the FIVB "Prevention of Competition Manipulation E-Course". For further information please access the FIVB Prevention of Competition

Manipulation E-Course:

<https://www.fivb.com/development/manipulationcourse>

- Directly complete and modify their personal data (such as his/her exact measurements, address, bank account information, etc.) through the FIVB beach volleyball Web based application system (<http://www.fivb.org/visasp>). Each athlete is provided with an individual user name and password sent to his/her own e-mail address. In case a new athlete wants to register, his/her NF fills in the basic personal data of the athlete and his/her e-mail address. Athlete can modify his/her personal data (i.e. photo, personal data, physical data, Volleyball/Beach Volleyball Career, education, family, etc.) with an exception of the bank account information and team name, which have to remain the same for the duration of the season. (In case there is a need to change the bank account information during the season, the FIVB Finance Department must be informed in writing at [finance@fivb.org](mailto:finance@fivb.org) immediately after the change is made.) The following fields: FIVB #, first name, last name, date of birth, passport number, nationality, gender and the team name of each athlete may only be edited by the FIVB or by the NF concerned.
- Be entered in the FIVB beach volleyball event(s) by their NF according to the specific regulations of the event concerned.
- Abide by the FIVB Regulatory Framework, namely the FIVB Constitution, the FIVB Regulations and the FIVB decisions (i.e. Board of Administration and/or World Congress) as well as the regulations contained in the present FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations.
- Not have outstanding sanction fees.
- Not be suspended by the FIVB for the competition period concerned.

## 8.2 ATHLETE PARTICIPATION

Subject to meeting the relevant conditions [or applicable rules], freedom to play shall apply for all the FIVB Beach Volleyball events including FIVB World Championships (Senior and Age Group) and FIVB World Tour (1-5 star tournaments). This principle will also apply for other FIVB sanctioned tournaments.

NFs are strongly recommended to enter their top ranked teams in the FIVB World Championships, FIVB World Tour (3-5 star tournaments) events to support the promotion of the elite FIVB properties.

The universality principle is applied in all FIVB events in accordance with the FIVB Sports Regulations. FIVB event's entry principles facilitate participation of athletes from all Confederations in FIVB sanctioned Tournaments.

As per the decision of FIVB Board of Administration in May 2018, the following policy

will be implemented from 2018/2019 season and onwards.

All National Federations that organize a World Tour Event will be granted one (1) vacancy in each tournament for the corresponding gender in the Qualification tournaments if no team registered from that country qualifies in such tournament . The vacancy only applies to the same season as indicated below:

- NFs organizing 5-star event: one (1) vacancy for all 5-star and 4-star events;
- NFs organizing 4-star event: one (1) vacancy for all 4-star and 3-star events;
- NFs organizing 3-star event: one (1) vacancy for all 3-star events;
- NFs organizing 2-star event: one (1) vacancy for all 2-star events;
- NFs organizing 1-star event: one (1) vacancy for all 1-star events.

The National Federations that already have a team in the tournament will not benefit from the above rule.

\* Note:

In case the National Federation organizes single gender event, then the vacancy described above is awarded to the same gender event concerned.

By -21 days before the announcement of the Confirmed Entry list, the National Federation concerned shall nominate the specific team for the above vacancy and communicate in writing the team name to the FIVB at [worldtour@fivb.com](mailto:worldtour@fivb.com). Otherwise, the vacancy will be awarded to the eligible team registered in the tournament with the most entry points.

After the announcement of Confirmed Entry List, should the above team withdraw from the tournament, the vacancy will not be maintained and the standard withdrawal procedure (Chapter 4) will apply, by picked up the next best ranked eligible team from the reserve list to the qualification tournament. However, the vacancy will be kept in the case of change of a player.

### **8.3 TOP RANKED ATHLETE PARTICIPATION RESTRICTION**

- FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-2 star tournaments)  
Athletes from the top 10 ranked teams per gender per the FIVB World Rankings (Chapter 6) at 30 days before an event are not allowed to take part in 1-2 star tournaments, whether or not the tournament concerned clashes with the FIVB World Senior Championships or FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour 3-5 star tournaments.

This rule does not apply to host country teams.

FIVB 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 the teams (i.e. improve the teams' entry and seeding points). (Effective starting from Aalsmeer Open in 2017/2018 season)

- National Tour

In case of a clash with the FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals and/or FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-5 star tournament), athletes from the top 32 ranked teams per gender per the FIVB World Rankings (Chapter 6) at 30 days before an event, except the hosting country teams, cannot take part in such a National Tour leg unless authorized by the FIVB in writing. For further information, please see the link: <http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/NationalTour.asp>.

#### 8.4 ENTRY PROCEDURES

The FIVB is willing to accept the provisional enrolment of an Athlete and upon the request of the Athlete through his/her NF offer the right to be tentatively admitted into Beach Volleyball tournaments sanctioned by the FIVB and organised by an affiliated Promoter and/or by a National Federation and/or the FIVB itself in any part of the world provided that the Beach Volleyball NF-Player's Commitment and the health certificate are duly signed by the NF and the Athlete concerned.

Once the aforementioned condition is agreed upon by all parties concerned, the National Federation (exclusively) is required to comply with the following procedures in order to tentatively register its Beach Volleyball teams in all FIVB sanctioned tournaments per the registration deadline for each tournament.

Deadlines concerning entries are calculated from the start of each event, i.e. Qualification Tournament of the Men or Women tournament concerned. In case there is no Qualification Tournament organised, then the deadlines are calculated from the start of the Main draw of Men or Women tournament concerned.

- Each National Federation is provided with an individual and secured user access (user name and password) through its own e-mail address.
- After "Log in", the National Federation may select any team as per FIVB Sports Regulations and register it in FIVB sanctioned Tournaments by following this procedure:
  - Select first player;
  - Select his/her teammate;
  - Select any available tournament from the Calendar;
  - Confirm the entry of the team.

- The team is automatically registered in the selected tournament database and is instantly included in the tentative list posted on the FIVB website for each event. While this procedure allows the National Federations to directly control that their teams are correctly entered, it also gives them the opportunity to immediately contact the FIVB ([vis@fivb.org](mailto:vis@fivb.org)) in case a technical problem occurs.
- Each National Federation may directly enter new FIVB athletes as the computer instantly generates FIVB # for the new player as well as a user name and password.
- Athletes with pending sanctions are not allowed to enter in the FIVB sanctioned events until the related fine is duly paid to the FIVB.
- The entry deadline for each event is posted on the FIVB website at <http://www.fivb.org/visasp>.
- Each National Federation and athlete will be responsible for checking the entry through the internet by consulting the tentative “Entry List” for each event.
- The Tentative Entry List is constantly updated on the FIVB website and until the specific deadline can be amended by each participating National Federations.

**Note:**

In case a National Federation does not support (in writing) the entry of its player/team in an FIVB event or in case an athlete encounters problems communicating with his/her National Federations in order to enter a tournament, the FIVB will then carefully evaluate, on a case by case basis, the eventual participation of this player/team in the FIVB competitions and decide whether or not to allow his or her participation in its sole discretion.

The player/team concerned must submit the request in writing to FIVB ([worldtour@fivb.com](mailto:worldtour@fivb.com)) no later than 30 days before the start to the event, in order to allow sufficient time of evaluation and coordination between FIVB and NFs concerned. The FIVB may not accept the request if the player/team fails to submit in due time.

**8.4.1 TENTATIVE ENTRY LIST**

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

FIVB World Tour (1-5 Star tournaments)	- 30 days
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FIVB World Tour Finals	- 7 days Entered directly by FIVB
FIVB Age Group World Championships	- 45 days

Each NF is the only entity able to enter team(s) in an FIVB beach volleyball event(s) through the VIS and this is done at the NFs' discretion.

The FIVB Ranking Points obtained from the events always remain with the athlete(s).

NFs can enter/delete or change a team's composition once an entry has been completed until the deadline set out for the Tentative Entry List of the FIVB beach volleyball event.

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

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

#### **8.4.2 LATE ENTRY**

Past the deadline for the Tentative Entry List, the NF will no longer be allowed to enter a team in the event. Late entry requests must be addressed to the FIVB in writing for FIVB evaluation until the Confirmed Entry List is issued and a USD 1,000 Late Entry Fee per team must be paid by the NF concerned to the FIVB via bank transfer.

Within the above deadline, FIVB reserves the right to evaluate and accept a Late Entry request on a case by case basis.

If the team is accepted, it will automatically be registered as last in the Reserve Team List. If the roster of Qualification Tournament is still incomplete after picking up all other teams in the Reserve Team List and host reserved teams list, the team of late entry will then be placed in the Qualification Tournament. If the Qualification Tournament is not applicable and the same principle as above will apply to the Main Draw if the case happens.

#### **8.4.3 CONFIRMED ENTRY LIST**

Athlete Entry Points are used to determine which teams have earned berth(s) into an event and into the Reserve Team List.

The Confirmed Entry List will be issued following the deadline set out below:

FIVB Age Group (U21/U19) World Championships	- 30 days
FIVB World Tour (1-5 Star tournaments)	- 21 days
FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals	- 7 days

- The FIVB is responsible for issuing the Confirmed Entry List of teams (as per the deadline above) with the Main Draw teams, Qualifications teams (if applicable) and the Reserve Team List (if applicable), as per the Athlete Entry Points of that day and to send it to the hosting NF concerned, together with the approved Specific Event's Regulation and the invitation letter. This Confirmed Entry List is also posted on the FIVB website.
- A team's Entry Points are the sum of individual Athlete Entry Points of the two players concerned (refer to the section 13 Calculation of points for entry and seeding purpose).
- For the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals, the Confirmed Entry List is based on the eight (8) best teams per gender per the FIVB World Ranking (refer to the Chapter 6 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking Definitions below) of that day, plus two (2) Wild Cards granted at the discretion of FIVB in agreement with the promoter/organiser. Should the Host NF already have one (1) or two (2) teams in the top eight (8) best teams as per the FIVB World Ranking, the next eligible team(s) in the FIVB World Ranking will be picked up.  
The FIVB may consider to give one (1) or eventually two (2) Wild Cards to the host country teams for promotional reasons, based on the request from the promoter/organiser.
- The hosting NF forwards the Confirmed Entry List, the approved Official Invitation letter and the Specific Event's Regulations of the FIVB beach volleyball event to the participating NFs, FIVB Officials and Sponsors the day after the Confirmed Entry List is published, as per the below deadlines:

FIVB Age Group (U21/U19) World Championships	- 29 days
FIVB World Tour (1-5 Star tournaments)	- 20 days
FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals	- 6 days

*Notes:*

- If any delays with respect to the procedures deadlines are, in principle, caused by the Promoter's non-fulfillment of the terms of the event's Master Plan. The FIVB will inform the parties concerned via the FIVB website should the Confirmed Entry List not be issued in due time as per the deadlines above, due to the Organiser's non-compliance of major contractual obligations.

- If a date falls on a weekend or a holiday, then the next working day becomes the deadline.
- The deadlines are calculated from the start of the Qualification Tournament of the event. If the Qualification Tournament is not played, the deadlines are calculated from the start of the Main Draw of the event.

#### **8.5 ENTRIES TO THE TOURNAMENTS HELD IN THE SAME WEEK**

- An athlete can register for a maximum of two (2) World Tour events held in the same week. In case an athlete registers for more than two (2) World Tour events held in the same week, the two (2) highest event entries according to categories will be kept while any additional registration will be removed. In case the events are in the same star category, the two (2) entries for events in the same continent will be kept while any additional registration will be removed. If the above procedure is not applicable, the FIVB has the full authority to remove additional entries at its discretion and keep the registration at a maximum of two (2) events.
- Once the Confirmed Entry List is issued as per the respective deadline of the event, the athlete concerned will have twenty-four (24) hours to inform the FIVB in writing via its affiliated National Federation, to confirm which event his/her entry will be kept. Failure to send the above confirmation will result in the FIVB having the full authority to remove the additional entry as per the principles below.
  - If entries are granted for the Main Draw of both events, the entry at the event with the higher star category will be kept, while the other entry will be removed.
  - If entries are granted for the Main Draw of one event and the Qualification event, the Main Draw entry (regardless of star category) will be kept, while the other entry will be removed. For example, a Main Draw entry in a 1-star event will be kept while the entry in the qualification tournament of a 4-star will be removed.
  - If entries are granted for the Qualification Tournament of both events, the entry at the event with the higher star category will be kept, while the other entry will be removed.
  - If entries are granted for the Main Draw of one event and the Reserve team list of the other event, the Main Draw entry (regardless of star category) will be kept and the Reserve team list entry will be removed. For example, entry into the Main Draw at a 1-star will be kept while the entry into the Reserve team list at a 4-star will be removed.
  - If entries are granted for the Qualification Tournament of one event and the Reserve team list of another event, the Qualification entry (regardless of the star category) will be kept and the Reserve team list entry will be

removed. For example, the entry into the Qualification at a 1-star will be kept while the entry into the Reserve team list at a 4-star will be removed.

- If the above procedure is not applicable, the FIVB has the full authority to remove the additional entry at its discretion and keep the registration of one (1) event, taking into consideration the geographic, travel and/or other possible factor(s) of the athlete concerned.

## **8.6 COUNTRY QUOTA**

### **8.6.1 HOST COUNTRY TEAMS**

- For FIVB Age Group World Championships, the Host Country may enter a maximum of four (4) teams (including Wild Cards) in the Tentative Entry List of FIVB Age Group (U21/U19) World Championships, from which two (2) Host Country teams per gender will be listed in the Main Draw tournaments. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> teams will be listed in the Host Reserve teams list to fill the roster of Qualification Tournament in case of any last-minute withdrawals prior to the start of Preliminary Inquiry of Qualification Tournament.
- For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (3-5 star tournaments), the Host Country may enter a maximum of six (6) teams (excluding Wild Cards) in the Tentative Entry List. A minimum of two (2) Host Country teams are granted a place in the Main Draw (despite insufficient Entry Points). These two (2) teams shall have the highest Entry Points among the other Host Country teams participating in the event. In case all the Host NF teams possess no points, the hosting NF must inform the FIVB of the two (2) Host Country teams with the right to enter directly into the Main Draw Tournament. If Country Quota Playoff matches are played for the Host Country, the losers of such Country Quota Playoff matches will stay as Host Reserve teams. If no Country Quota Play Off matches are played, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> teams will stay as Host Reserve teams while the other 4 teams will be positioned as per their Entry Points in the Main Draw, Qualification and/or Reserve Team List. Additional teams will be removed as per the lowest Entry Points. If teams are tied, Host NF should confirm in writing latest by -21 days which teams should remain in the tournament.
- For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (3-5 star tournaments), a maximum of four (4) Host Country teams (excluding wild cards) can play in the Main Draw tournament and Qualification Tournament by Entry Points. A maximum of three (3) Host Country teams may directly enter the Main Draw tournament by Entry Points, while the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) ranked Host Country team may enter the Qualification tournament even if it has sufficient Entry Points to take part in the Main Draw tournament. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> ranked Host Country team will be listed in the Host Reserve Team List to fill the roster of the Qualification Tournament in

- case of contingency case such as 'force majeure' which may cause last minute withdrawals prior to the start of the Qualification Tournament.
- For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (2-star tournament), the Host Country may enter a maximum of six (6) teams (excluding Wild Cards) in the Tentative Entry List. Three (3) Host Country teams are granted places in the Main Draw (despite insufficient Entry Points). If Country Quota Play Off matches are played, the losers of Country Quota Play Off will stay as Host Reserve. If no County Quota Play Off matches are played, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> teams will stay as Host Reserve teams while the other 4 teams will be positioned as per their Entry Points in the Main Draw, Qualification and/or Reserve Lists. Additional teams will be removed as per the lowest Entry Points. If teams are tied, Host NF should confirm in writing latest by -21 days which teams should remain in the tournament.
  - For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (2-star tournaments), a maximum of four (4) Host Country teams (excluding Wild Cards) can play in the Main Draw tournament and Qualification Tournament by Entry Points. Three (3) Host Country teams may enter the Main Draw tournament by Entry Points, while the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) ranked Host Country team may enter the Qualification Tournament even if it has sufficient Entry Points to take part to the Main Draw tournament. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> ranked Host Country teams will be listed in the Host Reserve Team List to fill the roster of the Qualification Tournament in case of contingency case such as 'force majeure' which may cause last minute withdrawals prior to the start of the Qualification Tournament.
  - For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-star tournament), the Host Country may enter a maximum of six (6) teams (excluding Wild Cards) in the Tentative Entry List. Three (3) Host Country teams are granted places in the Main Draw (despite insufficient Entry Points). If Country Quota Play Off matches are played, the losers of Country Quota Play Off will stay as Host Reserve teams. If no County Quota Play Off matches are played, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> teams will stay as Host Reserve teams while the other 4 teams will be positioned as per their Entry Points in the Main Draw, Qualification and/or Reserve Team list. Additional teams will be removed as per the lowest Entry Points. If teams are tied, Host NF should confirm in writing latest by -21 days which teams should remain in the tournament.
  - For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-star tournaments), a maximum of four (4) Host Country teams (excluding Wild Cards) can play in the Main Draw tournament and Qualification Tournament by Entry Points. Three (3) Host Country teams may enter the Main Draw tournament by Entry Points, while the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) ranked Host Country team may enter the Qualification Tournament even if it has sufficient Entry Points to take part to the Main Draw tournament. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> ranked Host Country teams will be listed in the Host Reserve

Team List to fill the roster of Qualification Tournament in case of contingency case such as 'force majeure' which may cause last minute withdrawals prior to the start of the Qualification Tournament.

- For the Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals, minimum one (1) and possibly two (2) Host Country teams will play in the Main Draw tournament, either by direct vacancy through World Ranking or Wild Cards allocation.

Category	Host Country Min. Quota Main Draw	Host Country Max. Quota Main Draw (Max. Quota direct in Main Draw)	Host Country Max. Quota of Registration
Age-Group WCHs	2	2 (2), including wild cards	4
World Tour Finals	1 and possible 2	2 (2), including wild cards	2
5-star	2	4 (3), excluding wild cards	6 (excluding Wild Cards)
4-star	2	4 (3), excluding wild cards	6 (excluding Wild Cards)
3-star	2	4 (3), excluding wild cards	6 (excluding Wild Cards)
2-star	3	4 (3), excluding Wild Cards	6 (excluding Wild Cards)
1-star	3	4 (3), excluding Wild Cards	6 (excluding Wild Cards)

### 8.6.2 FOREIGN TEAMS

- For FIVB Age Group (U21/U19) World Championships, a foreign NF may enter a maximum of two (2) teams (including wild cards) in the Tentative Entry List. The 1<sup>st</sup> ranked foreign team will be listed in the Main Draw or Qualification Tournament based on the form submitted by respective Confederations. The 2<sup>nd</sup> foreign team will be listed in the Reserve Team List to fill the roster of Qualification Tournament if it is not full. In case the team roster of Qualification

Tournament is not full, the priority will be given to the 2<sup>nd</sup> foreign team then the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Host Country teams.

- For FIVB World Tour (3-5 star tournaments), a foreign NF may enter a maximum of six (6) teams (excluding the Wild Cards) in the Tentative Entry List, from which a maximum of four (4) foreign teams (excluding Wild Cards) can play in the Main Draw and Qualification Tournament by Entry Points. A maximum of three (3) foreign teams (excluding Wild Cards) may enter the Main Draw tournament by Entry Points, while the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) ranked foreign team may enter the Qualification Tournament even if it has sufficient Entry Points to take part in the Main Draw tournament. If Country Quota Playoff matches are played for the foreign NF, losers of these matches will be removed from the Entry List. If no Country Quota Play Off matches are played, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> teams will be removed from the Confirmed Entry List as per deadline.
- For FIVB World Tour (1-2 star tournament), a foreign NF may enter a maximum of six (6) teams (excluding Wild Cards) in the Tentative Entry List, from which a maximum of four (4) foreign teams (excluding Wild Cards) can play in the Main Draw and Qualification Tournament by Entry Points. A maximum of two (2) foreign teams (excluding Wild Cards) may enter the Main Draw by Entry Points while remaining teams will be placed in the Qualification Tournament even if they have sufficient points to enter the Main Draw Tournament. If Country Quota Playoff matches are played for the foreign NF, losers of these matches will be removed from the Entry List. If no Country Quota Play Off matches are played, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> teams will be removed from the Confirmed Entry List as per deadline.
- For the Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals, a maximum of two (2) foreign teams per gender per NF can play in the Main Draw (including the wild cards).
- For FIVB World Tour (1-5 star tournaments), the universality principle is applied to allow the participation in the Qualification Tournament, among teams (with insufficient points to directly enter the event) from Continents who have not yet a team in the Main Draw or Qualification Tournament. A maximum of three (3) teams (without enough points to directly enter the Qualification Tournament) from the Continents who have not yet a team in the Main Draw or Qualification Tournament, will be allowed to play the Continental Quota Playoff matches in single elimination format to allow one (1) team to enter the Qualification Tournament, following the universality principles implemented by the IOC for the Olympic Games. In case the number of the Continental Quota Playoff teams will be more than three (3) (four (4), five (5), etc.) when necessary, only the top three (3) teams with highest Entry Points will be accepted in the above matches. The single elimination format will be adopted to determine the vacancy of Continental

team advancing to the Qualification Tournament based on their Athletes Entry Points.

Tournament	Foreign Team Max. Quota Main Draw (Max. Quota direct in Main Draw)	Foreign Team Max. Quota of Registration
Age-Group WCHS	2 (1), including wild cards	2
World Tour Finals	2 (2), including wild cards	2
5-star	4 (3), excluding wild cards	6 (excluding Wild Cards)
4-star	4 (3), excluding wild cards	6 (excluding Wild Cards)
3-star	4 (3), excluding wild cards	6 (excluding Wild Cards)
2-star	4 (2), excluding wild cards	6 (excluding Wild Cards)
1-star	4 (2), excluding wild cards	6 (excluding Wild Cards)

### 8.7 WILD CARDS

- The quota of Wild Cards allocated to each tournament is as following:

Tournament	No. of teams	WC Promoter/Host Organiser	WC FIVB
Age-Group WCHS	Main Draw: 32 teams	N/A	1
World Tour Finals	Main Draw: 10 teams	1	1
5-star	Main Draw: 32 teams	1	1
	Qualification: 32 teams	1	1
4-star	Main Draw: 32 teams	1	1
	Qualification: 32 teams	1	1
3-star	Main Draw: 32 teams	1	1
	Qualification: 32 teams	N/A	2
2-star	Main Draw: 24 teams	N/A	2



	Qualification: 24 teams	N/A	2
1-star	Main Draw: 16 teams	N/A	2
	Qualification: 16 teams	N/A	2

- NFs must submit a filled out BVB-02 Form to the FIVB by the specific entry deadline (in principle -30 days for the World Tour 1-5 star tournaments) for the FIVB beach volleyball event concerned. Any requests for wild cards received after the entry deadline will not be taken into consideration.
- The FIVB will take into consideration the promotional aspects, technical merits, athletes' career, rookie team, satisfactory technical/status of the team, etc. to evaluate the requests presented by the NFs possibly following the recommendation of the Promoter concerned.
- For FIVB World Tour 1-2 star tournaments, the FIVB may consider to award the entire quotas of the Wild Cards (of both Main Draw and Qualification Tournament) to the host country teams if necessary in order to promote the sport in the region.
- Wild cards are announced through the Confirmed Entry List issued by the FIVB for the FIVB beach volleyball event concerned.
- The Wild Card is not transferrable if there is a disbanding of the team, despite of 'force majeure' or injury of one or both athletes. However, as exception, the Wild Card may be transferred at FIVB's discretion due to the new team's merits.
- In principle, an athlete can receive a maximum of 2 Wild Cards, irrespective if for the Main Draw or the Qualification Tournament during one season, which is not part of Olympic Qualification period. However, exception will be made due to the promotional aspects or technical merits.
- In principle, an athlete can receive a maximum of 2 Wild Cards during the Olympic Qualification period, irrespective if for the Main Draw or the Qualification Tournament. During the Olympic Qualification period, the FIVB does its utmost not to allocate Wild Cards to teams that will benefit from this to qualify for the Olympic Games to create a fair condition for teams with potential to qualify to the Olympic Games through the FIVB World Tour. Should any additional Wild Cards be requested for an athlete who already received 2 Wild Cards, the FIVB then reserves the right to further evaluate this demand based on promotional purposes and to decide accordingly.
- In principle, Wild Card allocations are at the discretion of the FIVB. It can be given to the Host NF where one of the Host NF teams is not eligible to enter the Main Draw directly by Entry Points or Host Country Quota. Exceptions to this principle can be made for promotional purposes and in case relevant reasons are brought up by the Organisers to the FIVB.

- The winning teams of the FIVB U19 World Championships will be granted a Wild Card for a Main Draw tournament at the next FIVB U21 World Championships. The winning teams of the FIVB U21 World Championships will be granted a Wild Card for a Main Draw Tournament at an FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour event (possibly in the 3-star tournaments but not restricted from 4-5 star tournaments) of the same season or of the following season.
- In case one Main Draw wild card is not issued for a FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour event, the next eligible team from the Entry List, either in the Qualification Tournament team list or Reserve Team list (only if the Qualification Tournament is not organised), before the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry of Qualification Tournament, based on Entry Points will enter the Main Draw (respecting country quota regulations). Should two (2) Wild Cards not be issued, then the next two eligible teams will move to the Main Draw as per the above procedure.

## CHAPTER 4 Withdrawal/Change of Athletes

### 9. WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES – FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR

#### 9.1 UP TO THE CONFIRMED ENTRY LIST

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

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

#### 9.2 LATE WITHDRAWAL (AFTER THE CONFIRMED ENTRY LIST AND UP TO 4:00 PM (SWISS TIME), 5 DAYS BEFORE THE START DATE OF TOURNAMENT)

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

- Submit through the BVB-03 form (withdrawal request) with the supporting medical certificate and proof of travel (flight issued with flight number, train ticket, etc.) to FIVB Beach Volleyball Department to withdraw, or make 'change of athlete' request via the BVB-04 form (change of player).
- Failure to provide medical certificate and proof of travel (flight issued with flight number, train ticket, etc.) will result in the same fine as the scale of Last-Minute Withdrawal Fine.

For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (3-5 star tournaments), the following rule will apply:

- If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the Main Draw tournament, the new team shall have enough Entry Points to maintain their Main Draw position, otherwise, the team shall be placed in the Qualification Tournament. Should the team not have enough Entry Points for the Qualification Tournament, the team will be placed in the Reserve List.
- If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the Qualification Tournament, the team shall have enough Entry Points to maintain their Qualification Tournament position, otherwise, the team shall be placed in the reserve list. However, if the team has enough Entry Points to enter Main Draw, the team will remain in the Qualification Tournament and be seeded per the seeding points of the new team.
- Not withdraw an athlete/team entered in the Qualification Tournament or Main Draw

tournament of the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (3-5 star tournaments) to participate in another beach volleyball activity/tournament (national or regional or Continental or any other tournament similar in nature) scheduled at the same time. Athlete/team, failing to comply with the above regulation, will be subject to the same scale of sanction applied to last minute withdrawal fine.

- The list of reserve teams is constantly updated until the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament. Reserve teams must be present at the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament and both players must sign in to register for the tournament to be considered for the potential inclusion in the event due to late withdrawals or no shows.

For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-2 star tournaments), the following rule will apply:

- If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the Main Draw tournament, the new team shall have enough Entry Points to maintain their Main Draw position, otherwise, the team shall be placed in the Qualification Tournament. Should the team not have enough Entry Points for the Qualification Tournament, the team will be placed in the Reserve List.
- If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the Qualification Tournament, the team shall have enough entry points to maintain their Qualification Tournament position, otherwise, the team shall be placed in the reserve team list. However, if the team has enough entry points to enter Main Draw, the team will remain in the Qualification Tournament and be seeded per the seeding points of the new team.
- The NF will not withdraw an athlete/team entered in the Main Draw or Qualification Tournament of the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-2 star tournaments) to participate in another beach volleyball activity/tournament (national or regional or Continental or any other tournament similar in nature) scheduled at the same time. Athlete/team, failing to comply with the above regulation, will be subject to the same scale of sanction applied to last minute withdrawal fine.
- The list of reserve teams is constantly updated until the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification tournament. Reserve teams must be present at the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification and both players must sign in to register for the tournament to be considered for the potential inclusion in the event due to late withdrawals or no shows.

**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:

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

In addition to the above fines, the last-minute withdrawal(s) (including change of athlete) shall result in the event being counted as zero (0) points for the Athlete Entry Points calculation towards the athlete(s) concerned with consequent impact for entry and seeding purposes at future FIVB Beach Volleyball tournament.

Teams picked up from the Reserve Team List after 4:00 PM (Swiss time), 5 days before the start of tournament, shall not be subject to the above fines.

The same scale of sanction as above will also apply to team(s) that do not show up at the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament (if applicable) or Main Draw. In addition, the teams will be excluded from the tournament concerned.

For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (3-5 star tournaments), the following rule will apply:

- If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the Main Draw tournament, the new team shall have enough Entry Points to maintain their Main Draw position, otherwise, the team shall be placed in the Qualification Tournament. Should the team not have enough Entry Points for the Qualification Tournament, the team will be placed in the Reserve List.

- If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the Qualification Tournament, the team shall have enough Entry Points to maintain their Qualification Tournament position, otherwise, the team shall be placed in the reserve team list. However, if the team has enough Entry Points to enter Main Draw, the team will remain in the Qualification Tournament and be seeded per the seeding points of the new team.
- The NF will not withdraw an athlete/team entered in the Qualification Tournament or Main Draw tournament of the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (3-5 star tournaments) to participate in another beach volleyball activity/tournament (national or regional or Continental or any other tournament similar in nature) scheduled at the same time. Athlete/team, failing to comply with the above regulation, will be subject to the same scale of sanction applied to last minute withdrawal.
- The list of reserve teams is constantly updated until the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament. Reserve teams must be present at the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament and both players must sign in to register for the tournament to be considered for the potential inclusion in the event due to late withdrawals or no shows.
- In case of the withdrawal(s) of team(s), in the Main Draw tournament, prior to the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament, the next eligible team(s) with highest Entry Points in the Qualification Tournament shall be picked up to advance to the Main Draw, respecting the regulations of the country quota.
- In case of the withdrawal(s) of team(s), in the Main Draw tournament, after the completion of Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament when the Qualification seeding list and match schedule have been developed, the regulations of the lucky loser draw shall be implemented to determine the extra team(s) qualify to the Main Draw. The Lucky loser draw regulation is as follows:
  - The lucky loser draw is conducted by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned after the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry of Main Draw;
  - The lucky loser draw is implemented among the teams losing the last round of the Qualification Tournament, provided they attend and sign in at the Preliminary Inquiry of Main Draw tournament as eligible 'lucky losers';
  - The first draw is between the two highest seeded teams among the eligible 'lucky loser';
  - For each additional available spot to the Main Draw, the next highest seeded team must be drawn against the loser of the previous draw;
  - This procedure continues until all additional open spots of the Main Draw are filled.

- In case of the withdrawal(s) of team(s), in the Qualification Tournament, the next eligible team(s) in the Reserve Team List shall be picked up. In case there are no eligible reserve team(s) physically present at the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament, the Host reserve teams as in the Confirmed Entry List will be picked up and the priorities will be given to the teams with higher Entry Points. If there is a tie between the 2 Host country reserve teams, a drawing of lots shall be conducted to determine the priority.
- The Qualification and Main Draw Tournaments are deemed to have started once the seeding has been confirmed at respective Preliminary Inquiry and no further changes are allowed.

For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-2 star tournaments), the following rule will apply:

- If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the Main Draw tournament, the new team shall have enough Entry Points to maintain their Main Draw position, otherwise, the team shall be placed in the reserve list. Should the team not have enough Entry Points for the Qualification Tournament, the team will be placed in the Reserve List.
- If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the Qualification Tournament, the team shall have enough entry points to maintain their Qualification Tournament position, otherwise, the team shall be placed in the reserve list. However, if the team has enough entry points to enter Main Draw, the team will remain in the Qualification Tournament and be seeded per the seeding points of the new team.
- The NF will not withdraw an athlete/team entered in the Qualification Tournament of the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-2 star tournaments) to participate in another beach volleyball activity/tournament (national or regional or Continental or any other tournament similar in nature) scheduled at the same time. Athlete/team, failing to comply with the above regulation, will be subject to the same scale of sanction applied to last minute withdrawal.
- The list of reserve teams is constantly updated until the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament. Reserve teams must be present at the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament and both players must sign in to register for the tournament to be considered for the potential inclusion in the event due to late withdrawals or no shows.
- In case of the withdrawal(s) of team(s), in the Main Draw tournament, prior to the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry of Qualification Tournament, the next eligible team(s) with highest Entry Points in the Qualification Tournament shall be picked up to advance to the Main Draw, respecting the regulations of the country quota.

- In case of the withdrawal(s) of team(s), in the Main Draw tournament, after the completion of Preliminary Inquiry of Qualification Tournament when the Qualification seeding list and match schedule has been developed, the regulations of the lucky loser draw shall be implemented to determine the extra team(s) qualify to the Main Draw. The Lucky loser draw regulation is as follows:
  - The lucky loser draw is conducted by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned after the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry of Main Draw;
  - The lucky loser draw is implemented among the teams losing the last round of the Qualification Tournament, provided they attend and sign in at the Preliminary Inquiry of Main Draw tournament as eligible 'lucky losers';
  - The first draw is between the two highest seeded teams among the eligible 'lucky losers';
  - For each additional available spot to the Main Draw, the next highest seeded team must be drawn against the loser of the previous draw;
  - This procedure continues until all additional open spots of the Main Draw are filled.
- In case of the withdrawal(s) of team(s), in the Qualification Tournament, the next eligible team(s) in the Reserve List shall be picked up. In case there are no eligible reserve team(s) physically present at the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament, the Host reserve teams as in the Confirmed Entry list will be picked up and the priorities will be given to the teams with higher Entry Points. If there is a tie between the Host country reserve teams, a drawing of lots shall be conducted to determine the priority.
- The Qualification and Main Draw Tournaments are deemed to have started once the seeding has been confirmed at respective Preliminary Inquiry and no further changes are allowed.

#### **9.4 LATE ARRIVAL**

If an athlete arrives late to the Preliminary Inquiry, a fine of USD 150 (Qualification Tournament) or USD 250 (Main Draw tournament) will be imposed on him/her.

There is a huge risk if the player/team failed to attend the Preliminary Inquiry in due time and upon the decision of the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned, teams that failed to attend the Preliminary Inquiry will be excluded from the tournament concerned.

The fine for Late Arrival only applies if the player/team is witnessed and/or confirmed to be onsite by the FIVB Technical Delegate but did not attend the Preliminary Inquiry in due time (e.g. witnessed to have been training in the venue,



or checked in at the hotel or other reliable information that the team confirming that the team is present at the event).

Special cases of late arrival may only be considered upon proof of 'force majeure' reason, such as cancel of the flight by the airline company, transportation failure, etc., and such proof must be communicated to the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned with a copy to FIVB Beach Department in due time before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry. No fine shall apply.

#### **9.5 SPECIAL CASE**

In case of an injury or 'force majeure' occurs prior to the tournament but after the arrival of the athlete/team on site at the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-5 star), the athlete/team concerned shall inform the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned and the official tournament doctor/FIVB Medical Delegate (if assigned) and no fine or point penalty shall apply.

In case of a withdrawal or 'change of athlete' is due to injury or 'force majeure' which occurs in another FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-5 star) tournament held before the current tournament (such tournament shall be held or ongoing after 4:00 PM Swiss time, 5 days before the start date of the tournament), the athlete/team will be waived from the fines and point sanction only if the following documents will be provided and such documents must be sent to FIVB no later than 3 working days after such case happens:

- Medical Statement from the tournament doctor/FIVB Medical Delegate (if assigned) at the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-5 star), such statement shall be acknowledged by the FIVB Technical Delegate with signature.
- WT/49 Form (Medical Injury Timeout & Medical Forfeit form) if applicable and such form shall be duly signed by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned.

In case the above case happens in a Continental/Regional/National tournament/other activities in the same time frame described above before the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-5 star), the FIVB will evaluate, on a case by case basis, any exceptional case for the exemption of the fines and points penalty that are caused by the last-minute withdrawal. And to allow the FIVB evaluate such case, the following documents must be provided to FIVB Beach Volleyball Department no later than 3 working days after such case happens:

- Medical statement (translated in English) from the tournament doctor at the tournament concerned and acknowledged by the respective Technical Delegate onsite with signature.
- Paper scoresheet duly signed by match officials and teams, if applicable.
- Team video of the match concerned, if any.

- Picture of the injury concerned, if any.
- A copy of flight ticket issued (if necessary the boarding pass) or other proof of travel to go to the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-5 star) that the athlete/team is registered/entered.
- Should such case happen in the regional/continental tournament, the medical statement shall also be acknowledged by the Confederation concerned with the signature/stamp.

## **10. WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES –FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

### **WORLD TOUR FINALS**

For the Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals, NFs are not required to enter any teams. FIVB will directly issue the Confirmed Entry List as per the above deadline.

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

- Submit through the BVB-03 form (withdrawal request) with the supporting Medical certificate and flight ticket (issued with flight number) to FIVB Beach Department to submit the withdrawal request. The FIVB will evaluate on a case by case basis to decide if the fines will be applied. The scale of the fine will be:

Main Draw of Beach Volleyball World Tour	USD 3,000 per athlete
Finals	

- Should there be request from the participating NFs on the 'replacement of the player', the vacancy will not be transferred to the new team and the FIVB will reallocate such vacancy to the next eligible team.
- Should there be any last-minute withdrawal which happens on site due to 'force majeure', the FIVB, after agreement with the promoter, will reallocate the vacancy to the host country team whenever deemed necessary.

## **11. WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES – FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

### **AGE GROUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The withdrawal procedures for the FIVB Beach Volleyball Age Group World Championships will be regulated in the Handbook and Specific Event's Regulation of the above-mentioned tournament.

## **12. WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES – FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

### **SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The withdrawal procedures for the FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World

Championships will be regulated in the Specific Event's Regulation of the above-mentioned tournament.

## CHAPTER 5 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL RANKING POINTS

### 13. FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL RANKING POINTS

#### 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 FIVB World Tour events, World Tour Finals, Senior World Championships and Age Group World Championships are under direct jurisdiction of FIVB, the FIVB Ranking Points are however, awarded 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.

The following event categories are recognized by the FIVB and, thus the FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points awarded:

Event Category	Under the Jurisdiction of
FIVB Senior World Championships	FIVB
FIVB World Tour (1-5 star)	FIVB
FIVB Age Group (U19 & U21) World Championships	FIVB
FIVB homologated Continental Tour Championships /Final/Master/Open/zonal Tour*	Confederation concerned
Continental Cup Final / Continental Cup	Confederation concerned
FIVB recognized Multi Sport Games	FIVB or Confederation concerned
FIVB homologated Continental Challenger/Satellite	Confederation concerned
FIVB homologated Continental Age Group Championships	Confederation concerned
FIVB homologated National Tour	NF concerned

Other events (if any)	As required by the FIVB
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*\*Continental Tour Championships/Final/Master/Open/zonal Tour*

- Each Confederation sets the conditions for sanctioning Continental tournament including the Continental Tour Championships, Continental Tour Final, Continental Master, Continental Open and Continental Zonal Tour.
- Each Confederation shall confirm to the FIVB the conditions of the above-mentioned Continental tournaments and the number of events to be held via the Continental Tour homologation form, which will be homologated and approved by the FIVB before the FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points are allocated.
- Events of Continental Tour shall meet the minimum requirements established by the FIVB for each category. For more details, please refer to the Continental Tour Homologation form at the following link:  
<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp>

**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:

<b>Event Category</b>	<b>Total amount of Prize money</b>
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, information will be communicated to the relevant stakeholders 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 Appendix 1 and also included in the Specific Event's Regulation of each tournament.

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

Rank	Senior WCHs	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*	U21 & U19 WCHs
1st	800	600	400	300	200	100	100
2nd	720	540	360	270	180	90	90
3rd	640	480	320	240	160	80	80
4th	560	420	280	210	140	70	70
5th	480	360	240	180	120	60	60
7th	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
9th	400	300	200	150	100	50	50
13th	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90	45	N/A
17th	320	240	160	120	80	40	40
19th	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	75	N/A	N/A
21st	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	35	N/A
25th	N/A	180	120	90	60	N/A	30
31st	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50	N/A	N/A
33rd	160	120	80	60	N/A	N/A	20
37th	80	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10
41st	N/A	30	20	15	N/A	N/A	5

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	165	110	110	66	55	44	33	5.5
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	75	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
21st	N/A	N/A	70	N/A	35	N/A	N/A	N/A
25th	90	60	60	36	30	24	18	3
31st	N/A	N/A	50	N/A	25	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.

- 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 must be approved by FIVB and will be published in the Specific Event's Regulation of the event concerned.

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

The following method of calculation of the FIVB 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.

### **14.1 ATHLETE ENTRY POINTS (FOR ENTRY PURPOSE):**

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.

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 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 Regulation.

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

Athlete Seeding 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 on the day of the first 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 Regulation.

### **14.3 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 the ranking point is awarded.

### **14.4 CALCULATION OF ATHLETE ENTRY POINTS**

- The FIVB 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 and Seeding Points calculation only if they improve the athlete's standing.

- The following procedure is adopted to calculate Athlete Entry Points:
  - To define the date window comprised of the last six (6) 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 365 days period is set as the date window.
  - Then add the total of the best four (4) results from any event within the date window including all FIVB sanctioned or homologated events (as per the above table).

For reference of example, see Appendix 2.

## **15. EXTENDED ABSENCE DUE TO MATERNITY LEAVE OR SERIOUS INJURY**

### **15.1 MATERNITY LEAVE**

- To benefit from Maternity Leave points, the athlete concerned shall return within 2 years from the birth of the child.
- To apply for an Athlete Entry Points calculation due to maternity leave, the NF of the athlete must submit to the FIVB ( [worldtour@fivb.com](mailto:worldtour@fivb.com) ) a birth certificate of the child and announce the next FIVB World Tour event the athlete plans to take part in a minimum of 30 days before said event.
- If an athlete returns to play within 365 days from the birth of the child, 75% of their Entry Points calculated from the date of the birth (see point 14 for the calculation methodology) within eighteen (18) months before the birth of the child shall apply; if they return to play after 365 days, 50% of their Entry Points within eighteen (18) months before the birth of the child shall apply.
- For an entry into subsequent event the FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points earned at the first event shall be added, but 25% shall be subtracted from the starting total. For each subsequent entry, the same rule applies.
- After four (4) tournaments, the starting total will be zero (0) and the FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points earned at those four (4) tournaments will be her Athlete Entry Points. The same rule applies for the Seeding Points of the athlete concerned.
- Benefiting from maternity leave or maternity Athlete Entry Points is applicable for one year after the return of the athlete from Maternity. Once the one-year period is over, no more benefits will be applied even though the athlete has not yet played four (4) FIVB World Tour events.

For reference of example, see Appendix 2.

**15.2 SERIOUS INJURY**

- To benefit from Serious Injury, the athlete concerned shall return within 2 years from the date the injury occurs.
- To apply for an Athlete Entry Points calculation due to a serious injury, the NF of the athlete must submit to the FIVB ( [worldtour@fivb.com](mailto:worldtour@fivb.com) ) a valid medical certificate and announce the next FIVB World Tour event the athlete plans on taking part in a minimum of 30 days before said event.
- In case of severe injury, the athlete must provide a valid medical certificate and must not be able to play for a minimum of four (4) months in the same season, 75% of their Entry Points calculated from the date of the injury (see point 14 for the calculation methodology) within 365 days before the injury shall apply upon their return.
- For entry into a subsequent event the FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points earned at the first event shall be added, but 25% shall be subtracted from the starting total. For each subsequent entry, the same rule applies.
- After four (4) tournaments, the starting total will be zero (0) and the FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points earned at those four (4) tournaments will be his/her Athlete Entry Points. The same rule applies for the Seeding Points of the athlete concerned.
- Benefiting from Serious Injury Athlete Entry Points is applicable for one year after the return of the athlete from such injury. Once the one-year period is over, no more benefits will be applied even though the athlete has not yet played four (4) FIVB World Tour events.

For reference of example, see Appendix 2.

## CHAPTER 6 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD RANKING

### 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 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.

## CHAPTER 7 COMPETITION FORMAT

### 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 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 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 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 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 10 teams per gender

**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**

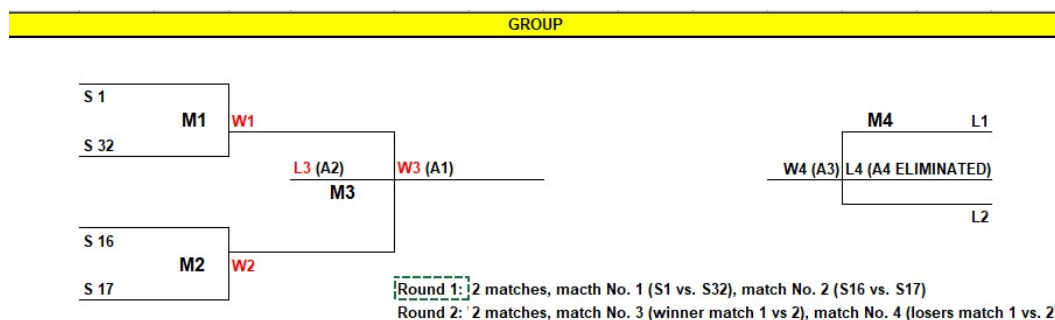
Upon individual organiser’s request, FIVB may consider different number of teams to be adopted for the above-mentioned tournaments. And should the new number be approved by FIVB, the teams will be informed well in advance before the tournaments.

**18. COMPETITION FORMATS**

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

**18.1 MAIN DRAW (FIVB WORLD TOUR 1-5 STAR EVENTS)**

- 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.
- 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 loser 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.

#### **18.2 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 qualifying to the Main Draw.

#### **18.3 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. Please refer to Chapter 19 and 20 for details. .

#### **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.

#### **18.5 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 qualifying to the Main Draw.

#### **18.6 MAIN DRAW (FIVB 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 team 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.

#### **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.

## 19. CONTINENTAL QUOTA PLAYOFF

- The universality principle is applied to allow the participation, in the Qualification Tournament, of teams (with insufficient points to directly enter the event) from all five (5) Continents.
- In case there are teams from more than one (1) Continent, who has not entered in the event (Main Draw or Qualification), the above-mentioned teams will be eligible for the Continental Quota Playoff, respecting the maximum quota below.
- A maximum of three (3) Continental teams (without enough points to directly enter the Qualification Tournament) will be allowed to play the Continental Quota Playoff in single elimination format to allow one (1) team to enter the Qualification Tournament, following the universality principles implemented by IOC for the Olympic Games. Depending on the number of continental teams as described above, the correct number of Continental Quota Playoff matches will be played to allow one (1) team to enter the Qualification Tournament.
- If more than three (3) teams are eligible to participate in the Continental Quota Playoff, the three (3) teams with the most Athlete Entry Points will be chosen. If there is a tie, the team with the most Athletes Technical Points (as per the Confirmed Entry List) will be chosen. And if a tie still exists, a drawing of lots will then be done by FIVB among the team still tied.

### 19.1 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR (1-5 STAR)

- A maximum of three (3) Continental teams (without enough points to directly enter the Qualification Tournament) will be allowed to play the Continental Quota Playoff in single elimination format to allow one (1) team to enter the Qualification Tournament, following the universality principles implemented by IOC for the Olympic Games.
- Depending on the number of continental teams as described above, the correct number of Continental Quota Playoff matches will be played to allow one (1) team to enter the Qualification Tournament.
- The Continental Quota Playoff shall be played either the day before or in the same day of Qualification Tournament and shall be completed no later than one (1) hour before the finish of the Preliminary Inquiry of Qualification Tournament.

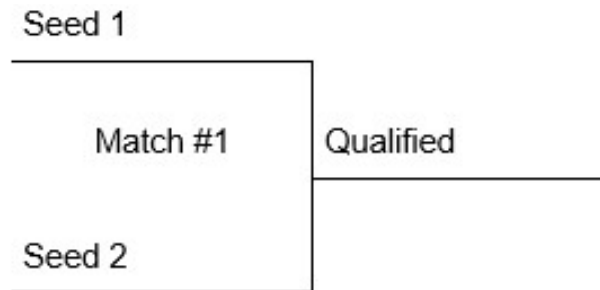
### 19.2 SEEDING FOR THE CONTINENTAL QUOTA PLAYOFF

- The sum of Athlete Entry Points (as per the Confirmed Entry List) will be used to establish the seeding for the Continental Quota playoff teams.
- Should there be a tie between two teams or three teams, the sum of Athletes Technical Points (as per the Confirmed Entry List) will be used to break the tie. If still

tied, a drawing of lots will be implemented to break the tie.

**19.3 ELIMINATION BRACKET**

- Two (2) teams:



- Three (3) teams:



**20. COUNTRY QUOTA PLAYOFF**

The following regulation will be implemented for the 1-5 star tournaments on the 2018 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour with regards to the Country Quota Playoff matches.

**20.1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

- Each National Federation is the only entity authorized to register its teams in the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour and World Championships (Senior and Age Group), respecting the entry deadline set by FIVB for its respective event.

- For the 2018 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (3, 4 and 5 star tournaments), the FIVB recommends that National Federations organise their Country Quota Playoff matches on their home soil to determine a maximum up to four (4) teams per gender. For the 2018 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (3, 4 and 5 star tournaments), taking into due consideration the constraints of certain National Federations in conducting the Country Quota Playoff matches on their home soil, it is exceptionally approved by FIVB to offer to the National Federations concerned the opportunity to organise the Country Quota Playoff matches at the designated tournament where its teams are registered.
- For the 2018 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (1-2 star tournaments), the FIVB encourages that National Federations organise their Country Quota Playoff matches on their home soil or in an existing venue in the hosting country or in another country at their choice. FIVB discourages NFs to play these matches at the official site due to the uncertainty of the availability of courts at the venue. NFs willing to organise Country Quota Playoff matches onsite should contact organisers directly to explore such a possibility.
- To be eligible for participation in the Country Quota Playoff matches, each team registered by its National Federation must have enough FIVB Entry Points to enter the Qualification Tournament at -21 days before the start of the tournament.
- Should the Country Quota Playoff matches be held on-site at the designated tournament, a maximum of three (3) teams per gender are allowed for each National Federation.
- However, such rule will not apply if the Country Quota Playoff matches are organised on home soil.
- Should the Country Quota Playoff matches be held on-site at the designated tournament, the National Federation concerned shall coordinate directly with each tournament organiser. While FIVB will attempt to facilitate the cooperation between the National Federations and tournament organisers, financial conditions must be offered through a rate card service by the tournament organisers, starting from free of charge up to maximum of \$200 USD per team.
- Should the Country Quota Playoff matches be held on-site, the organiser will offer the use of outside competition and/or warm-up courts in the venue and with minimum conditions of national or international referees (see below) and scorers (if available) officiating for each match. There will be no obligation to offer line judges, court staff, ball retrievers and rakers by the organiser, and for the 1-2 star tournaments, condition provided by the organiser will be minimum and further to the above, there will be no obligation to offer scorers by the organiser. Organiser is not liable for any accident happening during the Country Quota Playoff matches. Each National Federation shall be responsible and liable for any

matters in relations to such Country Quota Playoff matches, including the medical service provided by its own medical personnel (doctors and physiotherapist) and can contact the organiser in case there is a need to call the ambulance, etc.

- The on-site Country Quota Playoff matches should be organised possibly on the same day of the Referee Clinic and before the Preliminary Inquiry of Qualification Tournament, and must be finished at least sixty (60) minutes before the end of the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament to allow the National Federation representative to confirm to the FIVB Technical Delegate the winner of the Country Quota Playoff matches. Should it not be possible to organise the Country Quota playoff matches on the same day as the Referee Clinic (practical session), the matches will then be organised the day before the Referee Clinic with the help of the organiser by assigning local referees.
- Should the Country Quota Playoff matches be organised on home soil, the National Federations concerned must confirm in writing to FIVB the winner(s).
- Should the Country Quota Playoff matches be organised at the designated tournament on-site, the representative authorized by the National Federation concerned must confirm in writing the Country Quota Playoff winner(s) to the FIVB Technical Delegate.

## **20.2 PROCEDURES**

### **20.2.1 UP TO -30 DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT**

- National Federations must confirm in writing to FIVB their intention of organising Country Quota Playoff matches (either on home soil or at the designated tournament on-site). The above National Federations can register up to 6 teams per gender (excluding Wild Cards) and teams participating in this Country Quota Playoff must have enough Entry Points to enter the Qualification Tournament. Teams with sufficient Entry Points for the Qualification Tournament will be listed in the Country Quota Playoff list while teams with insufficient Entry Points will be deleted from the list as of -21 days before the start of the tournament once the Confirmed Entry List is published.
- National Federations which fail to confirm in writing their request to organise Country Quota Playoff matches (either on home soil or at the designated tournament on-site), will be considered not to be organising Country Quota Playoff matches. Consequently, the 5th and/or 6th team as per their Entry Points, will be deleted from the tournament as of -21 days before the start of the tournament once the Confirmed Entry List is published and up to maximum 4 teams per gender will be placed in the Main Draw and/or Qualification Tournament and/or Reserve list depending on their Entry Points.

### **20.2.2 UP TO -15 DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT**

- National Federations requesting to organise Country Quota Playoff matches must inform FIVB in writing whether the matches will be organised on home soil or on-site at the designated tournament where the teams are registered.
- Single elimination format will be adopted for the Country Quota Playoff and the match-up will be based on the Entry Points of teams concerned as per the Confirmed Entry List.
- Should the Country Quota Playoff matches be held on-site at the designated tournament, the National Federations concerned must confirm in writing to FIVB the name of its authorized representative, who will confirm the Country Quota Playoff winner(s) to the FIVB Technical Delegate once the Country Quota Playoff matches are completed.
- Should the Country Quota Playoff matches be held on-site at the designated tournament, a maximum of three (3) teams per gender are allowed to participate in the Country Quota Playoff for each National Federation. The additional teams, if any, will be deleted from Confirmed Entry List.
- In case of a large number of National Federations requesting to stage the Country Quota Playoff matches on site and the number of courts which may not satisfy all requests, the FIVB will decide the priority of the National Federations who will have the right to play the Country Quota Playoff matches based on the principle of first-request-first-get.

#### **20.2.3 UP TO -3 DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT**

- National Federations, who organise the Country Quota Playoff matches on home soil, must confirm in writing to FIVB, copying the FIVB Technical Delegate, the winner(s) of the Country Quota Playoff matches.
- National Federations, who fail to do so, will have their teams beyond the maximum quota of 4 teams per gender (excluding Wild Cards) deleted from the Confirmed Entry List, following the order of FIVB Entry Points established at -21 days before the start of the tournament.
- Teams eliminated from the Country Quota Playoff matches will be deleted from the Confirmed Entry List.

#### **20.2.4 UP TO 60 MINUTES BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF PRELIMINARY INQUIRY OF QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT**

- National Federations, which organise Country Quota Playoff matches on-site at the designated tournament, must confirm in writing through the authorized representative (confirmed by -15 days to FIVB) the winner(s) to the FIVB Technical Delegate.
- Teams eliminated from the Country Quota Playoff matches will be deleted from the Confirmed Entry List.

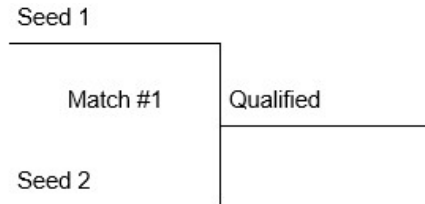


**20.3 SEEDING FOR THE COUNTRY QUOTA PLAYOFF**

- The sum of Athlete Entry Points (as per the Confirmed Entry List) will be used to establish the seeding for the Country Quota playoff teams.
- Should there be a tie between two teams or more teams, the sum of Athletes Technical Points (as per the Confirmed Entry List) will be used to break the tie. If still tied, a drawing of lots will be implemented to break the tie.

**20.4 ELIMINATION BRACKET**

- Two (2) teams to qualify one (1):



- Three (3) teams to qualify one (1):



- Three (3) teams to qualify two (2):



- Four (4) teams or more: The same procedure as above shall be respected, and the single elimination format will be used to decide the winners of Country Quota Playoff.

## 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.
- For FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour (3-5 star) events, a maximum of 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.
- In case of withdrawal(s) of team(s) in the Qualification Tournament, the next eligible team(s) in the Reserve Team List of Confirmed Entry List shall be picked up to fill 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.
- In case there are no eligible Reserve teams physically present at the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament, the two (2) host country reserve teams will be entered to fill the roster of Qualification Tournament, with the priority given to the one with higher Athlete Entry Points. If there is a tie between the two (2) host country reserve teams in the Athlete Entry Points, the tie shall be broken by the Athlete Technical Points (as per the Confirmed Entry List). If a tie still exists, the drawing of lots will be implemented to break the tie.
- 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 9.3.
- 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

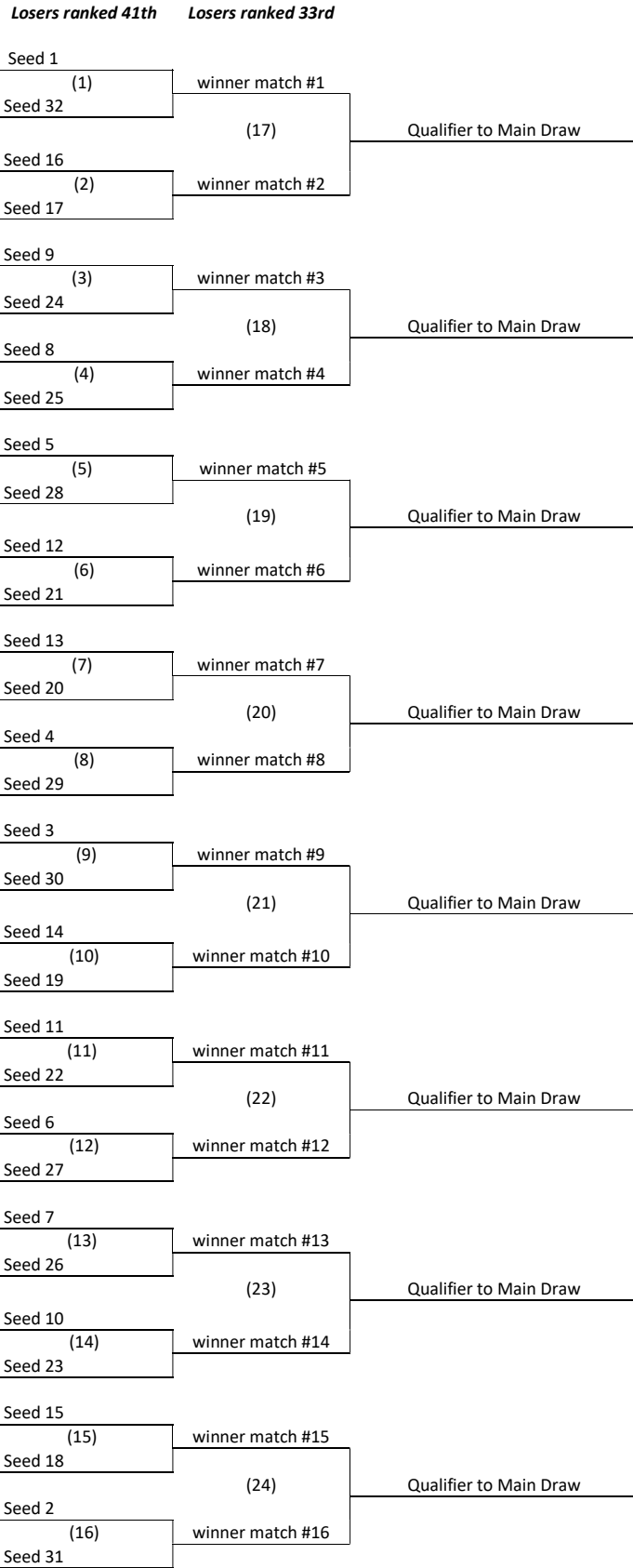
- Teams in the Qualification Tournament are seeded per the Athletes Seeding Points,

i.e. the sum of the two individual Athlete Entry Points on the day of the first Preliminary Inquiry of an event.

- When two teams or more teams have the same sum of Athletes Seeding Points, ties shall be broken as follows:
  - 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.

### **21.1.3 ELIMINATION BRACKET**

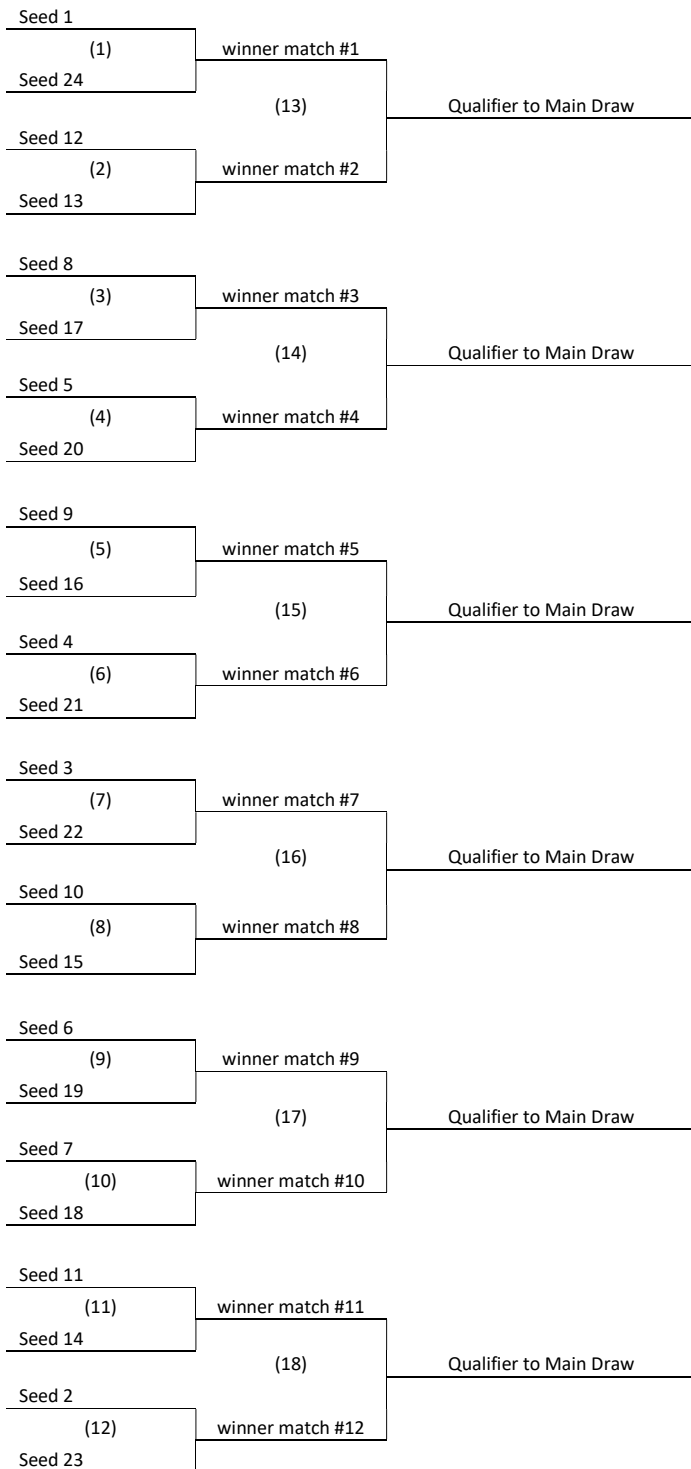
**FIVB World Tour (3-5 star) – Qualification Tournament Bracket**



**FIVB World Tour (2 star) – Qualification Tournament Bracket**

*Losers ranked 31st*

*Losers ranked 25th*



**FIVB World Tour (1 star) – Qualification Tournament Bracket**



## **21.2 QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT OF FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL AGE GROUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The competition regulations for the Qualification Tournament of FIVB Beach Volleyball Age Group World Championships will be regulated in the Handbook and Specific Event's Regulation of the above-mentioned tournament.

## **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.
- Pool Phase is played through eight (8) 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 24-teams bracket in single elimination format.
- Elimination Phase is played by twenty-four (24) 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 the same day in single elimination format. If the first round of single elimination is played the same day as the drawing after pool play is made, the starting time of the first matches in Single Elimination cannot be earlier than ninety (90) minutes (and it is recommended to have 120 – 150 minutes if the condition allows to ensure sufficient time for team to prepare) 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 verify the competition schedule fulfils the FIVB sports 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.)

#### **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 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 or more teams have the same sum of Athletes Seeding Points, ties shall be broken as follows:
  - 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 (Pool A) if the team is ranked with the first eight (8) teams. Otherwise, the best ranked host country team will receive Seed #8 (Pool H).
  - The remaining host country teams will be seeded naturally as per their Seeding Points.
  - Host country teams shall never be placed in the same pool. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and any other eventual host country team(s) will have their seed increased (for example from Seed #15 to Seed #16) until they are in a different pool than the other host country teams. Should increasing the seed not work (or not be possible) then the seed is reduced (for example from Seed #32 to Seed 31) until the host country team is in a different pool.



- The relative seeding of the host country teams must be respected and preserved after the host country teams have been placed in separate pools.

**22.1.3 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

- 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).
- Pool standing:
  - For the Pool Phase, matches will be played in the competition format of a

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

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

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

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

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

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 loser 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. Whenever possible, when the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase is played, the Winners Round shall be played before the Loser Round.

- 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.
- 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

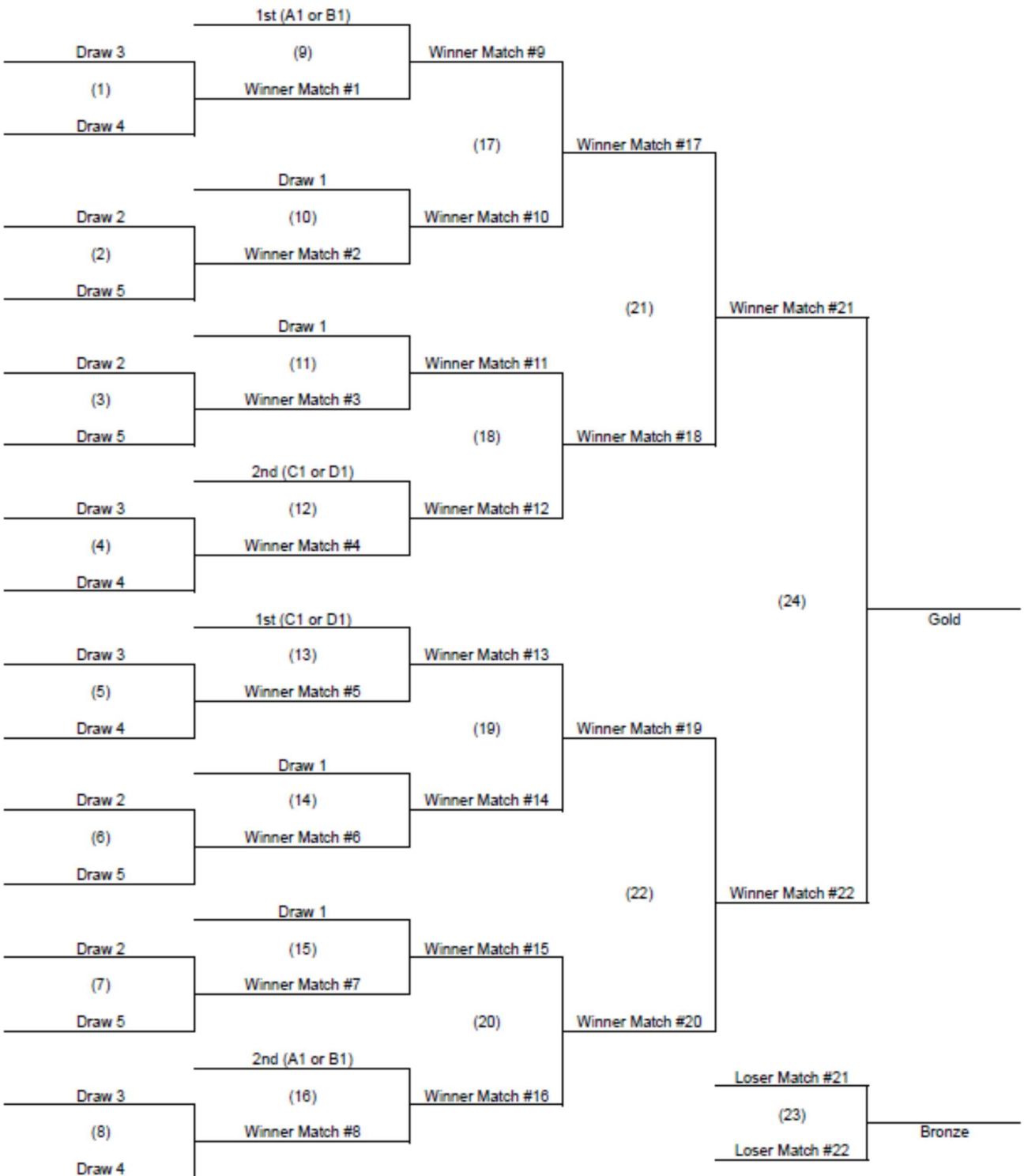
purposes. (e.g. All winning teams receive - Sets 2:0 - Rally Points 0:0, 0:0).

- 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”.

#### **22.1.4 2<sup>ND</sup> PHASE: 24-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 24-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 24-teams bracket.
- If teams are tied among the other teams in the same ranking after the Pool Play Phase (as per rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool), a drawing of lots will be carried out between the teams that are tied to establish their place in the Draw (Drawing of Lots). (ex: Draw 4 - The Four (4) Best 3<sup>rd</sup> place ranked teams),

- The draw will follow the graphic as below:



- 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 #9 and lowest ratio seeded #2 playing match #16.
- 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 #13 and lowest ratio seeded #4 playing match #12.
- Draw 1:
  - All other 1<sup>st</sup> place teams (E1, F1, G1 and H1) 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 #10.
  - The second name drawing becomes seed #5 playing match #11.
  - The third name drawing becomes seed #6 playing match #14.
  - The fourth name drawing becomes seed #7 playing 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 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 #2.
  - The second name drawing becomes seed #12 playing match #3.
  - The third name drawing becomes seed #11 playing match #6.
  - The fourth name drawing becomes seed #10 playing 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 #13 to seed #16.
  - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name drawing becoming seed #16 playing match #1.
  - The second name drawing becomes seed #13 playing match #4.
  - The third name drawing becomes seed #14 playing match #5.
  - The fourth name drawing becomes seed #15 playing 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 seed #17 to seed #20.
  - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name drawing becoming seed #17 playing match #1.
  - The second name drawing becomes seed #20 playing match #4.
  - The third name drawing becomes seed #19 playing match #5.
  - The fourth name drawing becomes seed #18 playing match #8.

- Draw 5:
  - Four (4) worst 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams (as per rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) will be drawn for seed #21 to seed #24.
  - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name drawing becoming seed #24 playing match #2.
  - The second name drawing becomes seed #21 playing match #3.
  - The third name drawing becomes seed #22 playing match #6.
  - The fourth name drawing becomes seed #23 playing 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 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 the same day in single elimination format. If the first round of single elimination is played the same day as the drawing after pool play is made, the starting time of the first matches in Single Elimination cannot be earlier than ninety (90) minutes (and it is recommended to have 120 – 150 minutes if the condition allows to ensure sufficient time for team to prepare) 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 verify the competition schedule fulfils the FIVB sports 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.)

- In case a 2 Stars event is organized as a 16 teams Main Draw/ 16 Teams Qualification Tournament (point 17.8), the event will follow the competition format stipulated in the point 22.3.

### 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 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 day 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 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 (Pool A) if the team is ranked with the first 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 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 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. 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 #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
<b>AUS 1</b>	Seed #2	<b>AUS 2</b>	Seed #4	Seed #5	Seed #6
<b>AUS 4</b>	Seed #11	<b>AUS 3</b>	Seed #9	Seed #8	Seed #7
Seed #13	<b>AUS 5</b>	Seed #15	Seed #16	Seed #17	Seed #18
Seed #24	<b>AUS 8</b>	<b>AUS 7</b>	<b>AUS 6</b>	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
<b>AUS 1</b>	Seed #2	<b>AUS 2</b>	Seed #4	Seed #5	Seed #6
Seed #13	<b>AUS 3</b>	Seed #11	Seed #9	Seed #8	Seed #7
<b>AUS 5</b>	Seed #15	Seed #16	<b>AUS 4</b>	Seed #17	Seed #18
Seed #24	<b>AUS 8</b>	<b>AUS 7</b>	<b>AUS 6</b>	Seed #20	Seed #19

### 22.2.3 POOL PHASE

- 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 the serpentine principle.

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

- 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.
- 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. Whenever possible, when the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase is played, the Winners Round shall be played before the Losers Round.

- 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.
- The draw will follow the graphic as below:



- 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 #1 and lowest ratio seeded #2 playing match #8.

- Draw 1:
  - All other 1<sup>st</sup> place teams (C1, D1, E1 and F1) will be drawn for seed #3 to seed #6.
  - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name drawing becoming seed #5 playing match #3.
  - The second name drawing becomes seed #4 playing match #4.
  - The third name drawing becomes seed #3 playing match #5.
  - The fourth name drawing becomes seed #6 playing 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 seed #8 playing match #2.
  - The second name drawing becomes seed #7 playing 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 seed #9 playing match #2.
  - The second name drawing becomes seed #12 playing match #3.
  - The third name drawing becomes seed #11 playing match #6.
  - The fourth name drawing becomes seed #10 playing 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 seed #13 playing match #4.
  - The second name drawing becomes seed #14 playing 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 seed #16 playing match #1.
  - The second name drawing becomes seed #15 playing 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 the same day in single elimination format. If the first round of single elimination is played the same day as the drawing after pool play is made, the starting time of the first 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 responsible to verify the competition schedule fulfils the FIVB sports 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.).

### **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 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 day of the first Preliminary Inquiry of an event.
- When two teams or more teams have the same sum of Athletes Seeding Points, ties shall be broken as follows:
  - 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 (Pool A) if the team is ranked with the first 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 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 #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

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 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. Whenever possible, when the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase is played, the Winners Round shall be played before the Losers Round.
  - 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 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 GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

- The Main Draw tournament of each gender event is played through a first phase of Pool Phase in round robin system and a second phase in a single elimination format.
- In the first phase of Pool Play, ten (10) teams will be placed into two (2) pools with five (5) teams in each pool and the single round robin system will be implemented.
- At the end of first phase of pool play, the top ranked team from each pool will directly advance to the semi-finals, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams from each pool will play the quarter-finals as followed:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team from Pool A vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team from Pool B, i.e. A2 vs. B3;
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team from Pool A vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team from Pool B, i.e. A3 vs. B2.
- The semi-finals will be played as followed:

- 1<sup>st</sup> ranked team from Pool A vs. the winner of match between A3 and B2;
  - 1<sup>st</sup> ranked team from Pool B vs. the winner of match between A2 and B3.
- The losers of the semi-finals will play the bronze medal match, while the winners will play the gold medal match.

#### 22.4.2 SEEDING

- Teams in the Main Draw, including the Wild Cards, are seeded per their respective FIVB World Ranking on the day when the confirmed Entry list is published, in order to schedule the match-ups as early as possible for promotional purpose.
- When two teams or more teams have the same FIVB World Ranking, the drawing of lots is then implemented among the teams tied to break the tie.
- When one (1) team or more teams don't have FIVB World Ranking (due to new pairing or other reasons), the team will be placed at the bottom of the seeding list.
- When two teams or more teams don't have FIVB World Ranking (due to new pairing or other reasons), the ties shall be broken as follows for their eventual seedings:
  - The most sum of the two individual Athlete Entry Points on the day when the confirmed Entry List is published, 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:
  - The best ranked host country team (as per its FIVB World Ranking), regardless of its status of wild card, will receive Seed #1 and placed in Pool A.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> best ranked host country team will be seeded naturally as per its Seeding Points.
- Teams will be placed in the two pools in a serpentine system, except for the Seed #9 and #10, which will be reversed as follows. The purpose of doing so is to respect the benefit of the top seeded team.

Pool A	Pool B
Seed #1	Seed #2

Seed #4	Seed #3
Seed #5	Seed #6
Seed #8	Seed #7
<b>Seed #10</b>	<b>Seed #9</b>

- Teams from the same country (including host country and foreign countries) will not be placed in the same pool. If the above happens, the 2<sup>nd</sup> best ranked team of the concerned country, will have its seed increased (for example from Seed #3 to Seed #4) until the team is in a different pool than the other team from that country. Should increasing the seed not work (or not be possible), then the seed of the team concerned will be reduced (for example from Seed #10 to Seed #9) until the team is in a different pool.

#### 22.4.3 1<sup>ST</sup> PHASE: POOL PLAY IN ROUND ROBIN SYSTEM

- Ten (10) teams per gender will be placed into two (2) pools with five (5) teams each as per the seeding regulation above.
- Every team plays the four (4) other teams in their pool.
- Pool standing:
  - The ranking of teams within their pools will be determined by the total number of match points, with the following points awarded per match to each team:

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

- In 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) or more teams:
    - ✓ If the teams have a tie in the total number of match points, their ranking is determined by the rally point ratio in the matches between all teams;
    - ✓ If still tied, then the teams will have the same position in 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 ratios in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher;
    - ✓ If a tie still exists, then the winner of head-to-head match is ranked higher.
  - Between three (3) or more teams:
    - ✓ The ranking is determined by the sum of match points earned in the matches between the tied teams;
    - ✓ If still tied, then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally point ratios in the matches between the 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 draw.
- 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. 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”.

#### **22.4.4 2<sup>ND</sup> PHASE: 10-TEAM BRACKET IN SINGLE ELIMINATION FORMAT**

- At the end of first phase of pool play, the top ranked teams from each pool will directly advance to the semi-finals, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams from each pool will play the quarter-finals as followed:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team from Pool A vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team from Pool B, i.e. A2 vs. B3;
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team from Pool A vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team from Pool B, i.e. A3 vs. B2.
- The losers of quarter-finals will rank 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> ranked teams of each pool will rank 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> ranked teams of each pool will rank 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The semi-finals will be played as followed:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> ranked team from Pool A vs. the winner of match between A3 and B2;
  - 1<sup>st</sup> ranked team from Pool B vs. the winner of match between A2 and B3.
- The losers of the semi-finals will play the bronze medal match, while the winners will play the gold medal match.

#### **22.5 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL AGE GROUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The competition regulations for the FIVB Beach Volleyball Age Group World Championships will be regulated in the Handbook and Specific Events Regulation of the above-mentioned tournament.

## 23. MATCH FORMAT

- All matches are played according to the Rally Point Scoring System.
- All matches are the best two (2) out of three (3) sets. A match is won as soon as a team is first to win two (2) sets. The first two sets are played to 21 points, won with a margin of two points. Switch court occurs every 7 total points (e.g.: 4-3, 9-5, etc.). One (1) Technical Time Out (of 30 seconds in length) occurs at 21 total points (e.g.: 11-10 or 12-9) during the first two (2) sets. Each team is entitled to one (1) additional Time Out (of thirty (30) seconds in length) per set.
- The third eventual set (deciding set) is played to 15 points won by a margin of two (2) points. Switch court occur every 5 total points (e.g.: 3-2, 6-4, etc.). There is no Technical Time Out in the third set. Each team is entitled to one (1) time out (of 30 seconds in length) in the third set. Intervals between sets must last one (1) minute each.
- As per the decision at the FIVB World Congress 2018 in Cancun Mexico, the Medical Time Out is limited to bleeding related issues. Accordingly, the protocol procedure is updated in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Refereeing Guidelines & Instructions ([link](#)). In addition to the regular game interruptions (such as technical timeout and timeout), Recovery Interruption entitles the athlete to medical assistance without any delay of to the game for the scenarios below but not limited to:
  - Significant traumatic injury occurred during play, or a prolonged use of toilet;
  - Severe Weather Protocol (only applicable if severe weather conditions, such as extreme heat and etc. being officially declared).

Please refer to Appendix 3 at the end of this document for more information.

## 24. COMPETITION PROGRAM AND MATCH PROGRAM

### 24.1 WARM UP

- The time allowed for teams to warm-up on the court must be decided by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned.
- Warm-up on the official court cannot last less than three (3) minutes. The FIVB Technical Delegate assigned must inform the athletes well in advance (possibly at the Preliminary Inquiry) about the minimum time allocated for warm-up on official courts, of the distance from the warm-up courts to the official courts, and of the procedures to follow in order to utilize the available courts.
- In case no warm-up courts are available during the event, teams are allocated more warm-up time on the assigned court. FIVB Technical Delegate assigned must inform the athletes concerned well in advance (possibly at the Preliminary Inquiry or at least

ninety (90) minutes before the scheduled start time of the match) about the minimum time allocated for warm-up on the assigned court.

## 24.2 COURT ASSIGNMENT

- It is the FIVB Technical Delegate's responsibility to assign the competition courts. Pre-assigning courts is strongly recommended for all tournaments, whenever possible.
- By pre-assigning courts, compelling matches (i.e. host country versus foreign country) can be scheduled on the center court in advance which dramatically increases the positive atmosphere within the stadium as fans have a vested interest in the outcome.
- The schedule of the next day shall be ready as early as possible after the completion of daily program and must be one hour after the end of the last match at the latest (no later than 22:00 cut off time). The match schedule must be properly circulated via email or a mobile application (where available). This allows also spectators and media to follow their favorite teams and helps the overall promotion of the tournament.
- Since match times can vary greatly (for example, there usually are fast courts and slow courts), the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned and the tournament competition director must always pay attention to the flow of the tournament and make the new assignments accordingly. Whenever the new assignments are required, which will replace the old assignments, the match schedule shall always be announced as early as possible and recommended to be no later than one (1) hour before the start of the next matches affected to allow the teams to have sufficient warm-ups and preparation.
- While an outside competition court may at times sit empty as teams are resting before their next match, the center court should however never be vacant and the last match of the day must be scheduled on the center court.
- The court assignments must always be posted in players' area and in the referee's lounge, media working area as well as to the public entrance as soon as the match schedule is available.
- A minimum of 90 minutes should be allocated to allow teams to have sufficient rest time between two consecutive matches, except under extreme circumstance and/or for live televised matches where the time between each match should not be less than forty-five (45) minutes.
- A billboard including match/court assignments schedule which must be constantly updated, should be exhibited by the organiser of each event on site, as per the following example:



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

## SECTION III Special Sanctions Related to the Players

### CHAPTER 8 Responsibilities of the Players

#### 25. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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

LEVEL	ACTION
Verbal warning from the FIVB Technical Delegate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verbal warning recorded by the FIVB Technical Delegate in the report;</li> <li>• Athlete acknowledges warning</li> </ul>
Written warning from the FIVB Technical Delegate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written warning using the official form recorded by the FIVB Technical Delegate in the report;</li> <li>• Copies sent to the FIVB, NF, athletes and their representatives (if any);</li> <li>• Athlete acknowledges warning</li> </ul>
Monetary Fine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scale of fines;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written warning using the official form recorded by the FIVB Technical Delegate in the report;</li> <li>• Copies sent to the FIVB, NF, athletes and their representatives (if any);</li> <li>• Athlete acknowledges the fines.</li> </ul>
Suspension for a time period	<p>The FIVB imposes the sanction based on the recommendation of the FIVB Technical Delegate;</p> <p>The FIVB Technical Delegate must present a written report backed up by the necessary evidence (documents, videos, pictures, summary of interviews, etc.).</p>

## 26. RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Athlete must be fully aware of the Official Beach Volleyball Rules and the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations, FIVB Beach Volleyball Events Regulations and the FIVB Regulations, the Disciplinary and Medical Regulations.
- The FIVB Disciplinary Regulations is available on the FIVB website as follows:  
<http://www.fivb.org/EN/FIVB/Document/Legal/FIVB%20Disciplinary%20Regulations%202019.pdf>
- The FIVB Medical & Anti-doping Regulations is available on the FIVB website as follows:  
[http://www.fivb.org/EN/FIVB/Document/Legal/FIVB\\_Medical\\_and\\_Anti-Doping\\_Regulations\\_2017\\_20170608.pdf](http://www.fivb.org/EN/FIVB/Document/Legal/FIVB_Medical_and_Anti-Doping_Regulations_2017_20170608.pdf)
- Should the Athlete violate the above-mentioned rules, the FIVB and/or the NF concerned have the right to take disciplinary action against the Athlete as deemed necessary by imposing a fine which shall either be deducted from any Prize Money earned by the Athlete during the events or paid to the FIVB before the next event in the calendar.
- The FIVB will in all cases allow the Athletes concerned to argue their case prior to imposing a disciplinary fine higher than USD 5'000. Concerning fines given during an event, the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned shall personally inform the athlete(s) concerned, in addition to posting such fines on the daily bulletin and shall obtain the athlete(s) signature and acknowledgement of the fine in writing. In all cases, any fines and sanctions will be communicated to the NFs, as well as to the

- athlete(s) concerned by email if the fine is applied before the start of the event.
- Athletes are registered with their country's National Volleyball Federation (Association) and as such, this is the only association the FIVB recognizes as having the right to represent the athlete(s) interest to the FIVB for any issues related to international Beach Volleyball events. No other association will be recognized by the FIVB as having this right. The Athletes are also required to respect the conditions established in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations and FIVB Beach Volleyball Event Regulations, which are applicable to all FIVB events.
  - Athletes and Officials directly or indirectly involved in any FIVB or FIVB-sanctioned events are not allowed to participate in any online betting and gambling activities associated with the FIVB World Championships (Senior and Age Group Championships), Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals, FIVB World Tour (1-5 star).

## CHAPTER 9 Special Sanctions

### 27. SANCTIONS RELATED TO ENTRIES

- Athletes must comply with the following requirements, otherwise they will not be permitted to compete in FIVB Beach Volleyball events.
  - Comply with the Eligibility Rules.
  - Sign the NF-Athlete's Commitment & Health Certificate.
  - Complete successfully the FIVB Anti-Doping Education Program.
  - Complete successfully the FIVB Prevention of Competition Manipulation E-Course
  - Comply to undergo a medical examination/doping control if requested.
- Once the late entry request is accepted by the FIVB, the following fee must be paid to the FIVB within twenty-four (24) hours after notification of the acceptance of late entry is received.
  - USD 1,000 per team for senior events, including the FIVB Senior World Championships, FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour, etc.
  - USD 200 per team for age group events, including the FIVB U21 & U19 World Championships, etc.

### 28. SANCTIONS RELATED TO THE WITHDRAWALS

Please refer to Chapter 4 Withdrawal/Change of Athletes for the sanctions.

## 29. SANCTIONS RELATED TO COMPETITION REGULATIONS

- Athletes participating in a beach volleyball National Tour outside the territory of their NF without having the written consent of their NF or in a National Tour not sanctioned by the host NF will be declared ineligible for FIVB competitions, including the Olympic Games, the FIVB Senior World Championships, FIVB World Tour and FIVB Age Group World Championships.
- Following the decision of the FIVB Executive Committee in Tokyo on the 25th of November 2009, athletes participating in events not authorized by the FIVB (as per FIVB Constitution, Disciplinary Regulations, and decisions) may be sanctioned by FIVB with period of ineligibility from any FIVB competitions and/or a fine for a major offence. Each NF must contact the FIVB in case of any doubt in regard to the procedures for the enrolment of their athletes in a specific event. A list of FIVB approved events is posted on the FIVB website.
- Athletes are required to exit the center court and side court through the mixed zone area when requested. Athletes not following the FIVB delegate's instruction will be fined of USD 500 per incident per athlete.
- Athletes who perform media interviews immediately after a match without the official athlete's top supplied by the FIVB or organiser's uniform supplier where photographs or other video/broadcast footage is shot, will be subject to a fine of up to USD 300 per incident.
- Athletes absent from the Awarding Ceremony will be fined up to USD 3,000.
- Athletes refusing to undergo doping controls are automatically disqualified. The team concerned will lose the match(es) to its opponent by forfeit. Athletes who test positive during the doping control or commit any other type of anti-doping rule violation may be suspended for up to four (4) years for a first offence (please refer to the FIVB Medical Regulations in force). Any Prize Money and FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points related to the event concerned are withheld/deducted.
- Athletes will be disqualified from the event if their team does not sign the score sheet. The FIVB Disciplinary Regulations are to be referenced in any additional circumstances in which athletes, Organisers, Officials, etc. can be subject to a fine and/or suspension.
- In case of players' violations of regulations that may lead to disqualification, final decision making ability falls on the Organising Committee (composed of FIVB Technical Delegate, NF Beach Volleyball Coordinator/Representative and Tournament Director, and/or other FIVB officials nominated). The individuals directly concerned must be informed and invited to reply during the decision-making process. Possible witnesses may be invited to testify. Athletes have the right to notify and be assisted by their athlete representative during the decision-making process.

- On court disputes, shall be resolved in accordance with the FIVB Regulations with relevance to Protest Protocol directives and the sanction fee scale below:
  - A progressive fee is applied (USD 500 for the first time at a given tournament, with a minimum of USD 1,000 for the second time and doubling after that) where the Protest Protocol is judged as “Rejected” by the FIVB Referee Coach or FIVB Technical Delegate if the Referee Coach is not assigned to the tournament. If this occurs on Centre Court a USD 1,000 fee will apply for the first instance, with a minimum of USD 2,500 for the second and doubling after that. The same fees shall apply in any situation where the first Referee, by calling the FIVB Referee Coach or Technical Delegate onto the court, gives a sequence to a protest not meeting the criteria.
  - After a Level 2 protest has been officially recorded on the score sheet at the end of the match, all arguments must be presented in writing to the FIVB Technical Delegate no later than 30 minutes after the end of the match and accompanied by a deposit of USD 1,000 (USD 2,500 for any incidents taking place on Centre Court). A final verdict will be given by the Organising Committee no later than 2 hours after the protests have been submitted, or at the latest before the start of the matches eventually affected by the outcome of the procedure. Organising Committee members of the same nationality as the team making a protest will be excluded from the deliberations. The decision is final and no appeals will be granted.

### **30. SANCTIONS RELATED TO EQUIPMENT ABUSE**

- Any incidence of equipment abuse by athletes which leads to a penalty or higher sanction from the Referee (to be judged in accordance with the Official Beach Volleyball Rules) shall incur a monetary sanction, depending on the nature of the abuse, in accordance with the scale below.
- There will be a difference between no damage and damage as this will dictate the time needed to rectify the situation. Should the abuse occur during a match played on Center court, this will also be taken into consideration when establishing the consequence of the abuse.
- The sanction applied by the referee and duly registered on the scoresheet (e-scoresheet and/or paper scoresheet), will then be communicated to the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned, who will be responsible for issuing the fine in accordance with the fine scale as follows and inform formally the athletes concerned.
- Any incidence of abuse of equipment described as per below table, will double in the scale of sanction if it happens in a TV match.

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

### 31. SANCTIONS RELATED TO OFFICIALS AND COURT

#### PERSONNEL ABUSE

- Any incidence of abuse of officials or on court personnel by athletes which leads to a penalty or higher sanction from the Referee (to be judged in accordance with the Official Beach Volleyball Rules) shall incur a monetary sanction, depending on the nature of the abuse, in accordance with the scale below.
- There will be no difference between verbal or non-verbal abuse. Should the offense occur during matches played on the Center court, this will also be taken into consideration as this will contribute to the negative exposure of the sport of Beach Volleyball.
- The sanction applied by the referee and duly registered on the scoresheet (e-scoresheet and/or paper scoresheet), will then be communicated to the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned, who will be responsible for issuing the fine in accordance with the fine scale as follows and inform formally the athletes concerned.
- Any incidence of abuse of equipment described as per the below table, will double in scale if it happens in a TV match.

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

### **32. SANCTIONS RELATED TO MEDICAL RELATED VIOLATIONS**

- As per the decision of FIVB World Congress in Cancun, Mexico, the Medical Timeout only covers significant blood related injury to be treated on the court for a maximum of 5 minutes.
- There will be no limit on the number of medical timeouts awarded to a given athletes in the season.
- For any significant traumatic injury that occurs during the match (e.g. player hitting the net pole or the referee stand; contact between players; player being hit by the ball, etc.), the first referee can authorize a Recovery Interruption (RIT) that can last up to 5 minutes total. After the designated time has expired, the player needs to decide whether to resume play or forfeiting the match.
- A maximum of two (2) "Recovery interruption" due to illness in relation to Severe Weather conditions, or use of toilet, per athlete within a rolling 12-month period are allowed. Additional use of "Recovery interruption" by a given athlete due the reasons above will be sanctioned according to the following monetary fee scale:
  - USD 1,000 for 3rd "Recovery interruption" within a rolling 12-month period;
  - USD 2,000 for 4th "Recovery interruption" within a rolling 12-month period;
  - USD 3,000 for 5 or more "Recovery interruption" within a rolling 12-month period

\*Please refer to Appendix 3 at the end of this document for more information.

### **33. SANCTIONS RELATED TO UNIFORM AND ACCESSORY VIOLATIONS**

- Subject to the provisions of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Events Regulations and other FIVB requirements regarding personal sponsors, players are not permitted to print any religious or political statements, as well as any symbols of any organisations other than their NFs, on their uniforms.
- The athletes' shorts cannot be baggy and must finish above the kneecap. This rule must be respected at all times in the competition areas, including during warm up, match protocol, awarding ceremonies and so on. Failure to comply with such requirement will lead to a fine of USD 200 for the first match and doubling every match thereafter.
- It is mandatory that the team name must be printed on the men's shorts. Failure to comply with said requirement will lead to the following fines:



- Up to USD 200 for the first day;
  - Up to USD 500 for the second day;
  - Doubling every day thereafter.
- It is strongly recommended that the team name is printed on the women's briefs but due to the limited space available, it is not compulsory and no sanctions will be applied.

## CHAPTER 10 Appeal

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

**Appendix 1 Standard Breakdown of Prize Money****FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals** *per gender in USD*

Rank	Number of teams	Prize Money Per team	Prize Money per Rank Place
1st	1	150'000	150'000
2nd	1	80'000	80'000
3rd	1	50'000	50'000
4th	1	35'000	35'000
5th	2	20'000	40'000
7th	2	15'000	30'000
9th	2	7'500	15'000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>400000</b>

Note: Different prize money breakdown 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.

**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>

**Appendix 1 Standard Breakdown of Prize Money****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
TOTAL			75000

**Appendix 1 Standard Breakdown of Prize Money****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
TOTAL			25000

**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
TOTAL			5000

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

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:

**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:

**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
Passed the 365 days period	2016	April 30	3*	Xiamen	CHN	5	150	
	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 4 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

	532 points
Entry points for her 1 <sup>st</sup> World Tour Event	75% of 532 (399) + points from 1 <sup>st</sup> World Tour Event
Entry points for her 2 <sup>nd</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 3 <sup>rd</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 4 <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:

**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

	810
Entry points for her 1 <sup>st</sup> World Tour Event	75% of 810 (607) + points from 1 <sup>st</sup> World Tour Event
Entry points for her 2 <sup>nd</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 3 <sup>rd</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 4 <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

## Appendix 3 Medical related cases

**Aim: update the procedure as per 2018 World Congress decision to cover possible injuries that can occur during a match and the relevant procedure to ensure a smooth running of the match.**

Type of Injury	Gravity	Action	Responsible
<b>Blood Related</b>	Minor	- Treated with no delay - No medical assistance	Authorized by the 1st Referee at his discretion
	Significant	- First use team TO or other regular interruptions if available at the time - Medical Time Out (MTO) / maximum 5 minutes	
<b>Traumatic Injury</b> <small>(only for incidents occurred during play, e.g.: player hitting the net pole, contact between players, etc)</small>	Minor	- Treated with no delay - No medical assistance	Authorized by the 1st Referee at his discretion
	Significant	- First use team TO or other regular interruptions if available at the time - Recovery Interruption (RIT) / maximum 5 minutes	
<b>Note:</b> Medical Assistance is authorized at any regular and other game interruptions, as long as the game is not delayed. This covers all types of injuries above, as well as all other cases including eventual pre existing injuries that the athlete may have.			

Longer breaks than the regular game interruptions can be authorized by the 1<sup>st</sup> Referee for the following:

- Medical Timeout
- Recovery Interruption
- Severe Weather Protocol (only applicable if severe weather conditions, such as extreme heat and etc. being officially declared)



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### Injury Recovery Interruption

#### Overview — For verbal explanation

Note:

- For all scenarios described above, after the designated time has expired, the player must decide if resuming play or forfeiting the match.
- For Severe Weather Protocol, we will refer to the R.I.T for the guidelines and procedures.
- Exceptional cases (pre-existing medical condition, such as Diabetes and others) will be further evaluated by the FIVB Medical Commission, to be given the appropriate support for the athlete medical condition at a later stage.

