

Technical Regulations - Beach Volleyball

1. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The technical committee will be composed of the ICSD Technical Director for Beach Volleyball and members appointed by the Organising Committee:

----- - ICSD Technical Director
_____ - FIVB Representative
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_____ - Sports Liaison Officer
_____ - Deaf Representative

2. PROTEST COMMITTEE

----- - ICSD Technical Director
_____ - FIVB Representative
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_____ - Sports Liaison Officer
_____ - Deaf Representative

3. EVENTS

Team tournament competition will be conducted for men and women.

4. PARTICIPANTS

4.1. Age Eligibility

All beach volleyball competitors must be at least 14 years old in (born in or before).

4.2. Each National Federation may enter up to two (2) men's teams and two (2) women's teams for the Beach Volleyball competition. Each team may have two (2) players, a maximum number of four (4) men and four (4) women.

4.3. No reserves or substitutes are allowed.

4.4. A fine of USD \$20 is levied on each non-starting athlete with the exception of those presenting a doctor's declaration that he/she should not be allowed to start.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1. The preliminary registrations with an indication of the probable number of teams must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than

5.2. The final registrations with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

5.3. No changes or additional entries will be accepted after

6. VENUES

6.1. Competition Venue

The beach volleyball competitions will take place at

6.1.1. Courts

There will be **TBA** number of courts.

6.1.2. Surface

The competition surface will be beach-quality sand.

6.2. Training Venue

The training venue is

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Competition Schedule

Refer to the competition schedule on the Games website.

7.2. Training Schedule

Refer to the training schedule on the Games website.

8. COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

8.1. Technical Organisation

ICSD is responsible for the technical organisation of the Beach Volleyball competitions.

8.2. Competition Rules

The Beach Volleyball competitions will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the FIVB (version). In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with as follows:

8.2.1. Cases of a general nature will be resolved in accordance with Deaflympics Regulations, General Technical Rules – Summer Deaflympics, and this Beach Volleyball Technical Regulations.

8.2.2. Technical questions related to competition rules shall be resolved according to the FIVB Rules and Regulations.

Only athletes who comply with the Deaflympics Regulations are entitled to take part in the Deaflympics Beach Volleyball competitions.

8.3. Competition Equipment

All equipment used during competitions will comply with the FIVB Rules and Regulations.

8.3.1. Balls

The ball brand will be Mikasa VLS 200.

8.3.2. Nets

The nets will comply with the FIVB Regulations.

8.4. Competition Uniforms

Each team shall have two sets of uniforms in clearly differentiated colours (one light, the other dark). Team colours and jersey numbers shall be included on the official entry form by

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1. Each athlete shall wear the same jersey number throughout the competition.
2. The two teams playing each other shall wear clearly contrasting colours.

8.5. Draw

The draw for Beach Volleyball event will be conducted in accordance with FIVB Rules and Regulations. To establish the seeding of men's and women's teams in the Preliminary Round, a drawing of lots will be organized by the technical committee during the first technical meeting.

To establish the seeding of men's and women's teams in the Round of 16 after the preliminary phase is completed, an additional drawing of lots will be organized by the technical committee which to be announced at first technical meeting.

8.6. Competition Plan

The competition shall consist of preliminary round and single-elimination phases in round 16, quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals.

8.6.1. Preliminary Round

Eight (8) pools of up to five (5) teams will be formed in the Preliminary Round to determine sixteen (16) teams advancing to the Round of 16. The format is single round robin, where every team will play with the other teams in its pool.

If the total number of teams is not greater than 30, then the number of pools will be six (6) instead of eight (8).

At the completion of each match during pool play, two (2) points will be awarded to the winner, one (1) point will be awarded to the loser, and no (0) points will be awarded to the forfeited team.

Eight pools – The first two (2) teams of each pool (total 16 teams) will advance to the Round of 16.

Six pools – The first two (2) teams of each pool (total 12 teams), plus the best two (2) of teams ranked third in their pools (total 2 teams, as per match, set and point ratio) will directly advance to the Round of 16. The other two (2) vacancies in the Round of 16 will be determined by the "Lucky Loser" matches between the remaining four (4) teams ranked third in their pools.

8.6.2. Pool Rankings

The total number of points will determine ranking in each pool. In the case of a tie in the number of points gained by two or more teams during the team ranking process, the teams will be classified as follows:

During the Round Robin:

1. Number of matches won.
2. Head to Head:
 - a. Two (2) teams:
 1. If both teams have played against each other, the winner finishes ahead.
 2. If both teams have not played against each other, rank by Set ratio, if a tie still exists then by Point ratio and if a tie still exists then the teams have the same position in ranking.
 - b. Three (3) teams: The third team is decided by Set ratio, if a tie still exists then by Point ratio for the matches involving those three teams; the first two teams are then decided by a head to head (see **2.a**).
 - c. Four (4) teams: The fourth team is decided by Set ratio, if a tie still exists then by Point ratio for the matches involving those four teams.

After the Round Robin is concluded:

1. Number of matches won.
2. Head to Head:
 - a. Two (2) teams: The winner finishes ahead.
 - b. Three (3) teams: The third team is decided by Set ratio, if a tie still exists then by Point ratio for the matches involving those three teams; the first two teams are then decided by a head to head (see **2.a**).

8.6.3. Round of 16

Seeding of the teams after the Preliminary Round will be in accordance with the FIVB regulations as follows:

Eight pools:

#1 (1st Place Pool A) vs. #16 (B2, C2, D2, E2, F2, G2, H2)

#8 (1st Place Pool H) vs. #9 (A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2, G2)

#5 (1st Place Pool E) vs. #12 (A2, B2, C2, D2, F2, G2, H2)
#4 (1st Place Pool D) vs. #13 (A2, B2, C2, E2, F2, G2, H2)
#6 (1st Place Pool F) vs. #11 (A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, G2, H2)
#3 (1st Place Pool C) vs. #14 (A2, B2, D2, E2, F2, G2, H2)
#7 (1st Place Pool G) vs. #10 (A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2, H2)
#2 (1st Place Pool B) vs. #15 (A2, C2, D2, E2, F2, G2, H2)

Six pools:

#1 (1st Place Pool A) vs.
#16 (Draw between Lucky Loser Match Winners - Not A)

#9 (A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2) vs.
#8 (A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2)

#5 (1st Place Pool E) vs.
#12 (A2, B2, C2, D2, F2)

#13 (Draw between top two 3rd ranked teams in pools - Not D) vs.
#4 (1st Place Pool D)

#3 (1st Place Pool C) vs.
#14 (Draw between top two 3rd ranked teams in pools - Not C)

#11 (A2, B2, C2, D2, E2) vs.
#6 (1st Place Pool F)

#7 (A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2) vs.
#10 (A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2)

#15 (Draw between Lucky Loser Match Winners - Not B) vs.
#2 (1st Place Pool B)

The Round of 16 will be played in a single elimination format in order to qualify eight (8) winning teams for the quarterfinals. Teams from the same pool cannot meet in the Round of 16.

8.6.4. Quarterfinals

The eight (8) winners of the Round of 16 will then advance to the quarterfinals. The eight (8) losers of the Round of 16 will be classified as tied for 9th place.

8.6.5. Semifinals

The four (4) winners of the quarterfinals will then advance to the semifinals. The four (4) losers of the quarterfinals will be classified as tied for 5th place.

8.6.6. Finals

Two (2) losers of the semifinals will play the bronze medal match to determine the bronze medal and the fourth (4th) place.

Two (2) winners of the semifinals will play the gold medal match to determine the gold and silver medals.

8.7. Officials

8.7.1. Referees

Allocation of the referees to conduct the matches will be made by the technical committee. Where possible, referees shall be in possession of an FIVB international referee license valid for 2009. However, referees with national accreditation may be used.

8.7.2. Appointment

The Organizing Committee shall appoint an appropriate number of referees, scorers, line judges, ball retrievers, etc.

8.8. Withdrawal

If a team withdraws after the Deaflympics have begun or is disqualified during the pool matches, the pool must continue without this team or with a replacement. The matches played by the team concerned will not be taken into consideration.

9. PROTESTS

9.1. Procedure for lodging a protest

All sport related protests will be resolved in accordance to the FIVB Rules and Regulations and will be managed by the Beach Volleyball Protest Committee. Any official protest must be submitted in writing in English on the Official Deaflympics Protest Form. The form must be given to the ICSD Technical Director with USD \$50 within 60 minutes after official posted results.

The ICSD Technical Director will decide whether the protest is sporting related or eligibility related. The Beach Volleyball Protest Committee will review all sport related protests, and the ICSD Executive Committee will review all eligibility protests. The deposit of USD \$50 will be returned to the appellant only if the protest is considered valid.

9.2. Procedures for reviewing a protest

The Beach Volleyball Protest Committee will meet in the Technical Directors office in at a time decided upon by the chairperson of the committee.

- The ICSD Technical Director will be the chairperson of the committee.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible to book the meeting room and interpreters.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will contact all committee members to inform them of the meeting time and location.
- The ICSD Technical Director will be responsible for liaising with the State Sports Association's Competition Manager.

The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible for informing Games Headquarters GHQ and the ICSD Technical Director will be responsible for informing ICSD Executive Committee about the protest and also the outcome of the protest.

10. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS

10.1. Hearing Aids

The use of any hearing aid/amplification or external cochlear implant parts are not permitted within the restricted zone area.

10.1.1. Restricted Zone Area

The restricted zone area is defined as the Playing Area within the Competition Area (FIVB Rule 1.1.2 and Diagram 1) during the warm-up and competition period.

10.1.2. Violation and Penalty

When this rule is violated, the offending player's team is declared in default and forfeits the match with the result 0-2 for the match and 0-21 for each set (FIVB Rule 7.4) and refer to [Audiogram Regulations](#), *Article 6: VIOLATIONS and PENALTIES*.

10.2. Medical Control

Refer to [General Technical Rules - Summer Deaflympics](#), Article 4 - CONTROL AND SANCTIONS.

11. TECHNICAL MEETING

11.1. Date and Location

The Beach Volleyball technical meeting will be held on

11.2. Attendance

Each participating National Federation may be represented by two officials, of whom at least one must be deaf and, if necessary, an interpreter.

Each National Federation must bring two (2) sets of uniforms to the meeting for review and approval.