

FIVB 2014 INTERNATIONAL EVENT REGULATIONS  
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FIVB (WOMEN'S & MEN'S CHALLENGER)  
2014 FIVB Beach Volleyball CITY Challenger

CITY, COUNTRY & MONTH, DATES 2014

This form must be approved by the FIVB 30 days before the start of the event and sent out 13 days before the event by the hosting NF to all participating NF and FIVB Delegates

PROMOTER:	
NATIONAL FEDERATION:	
VENUE:	
EVENT OFFICE:	
CLOSEST AIRPORT:	
COMPETITION SCHEDULE & COMPETITION FORMAT:	<p><b>Qualification Tournament (if any):</b> Men: DATE Women: DATE</p> <p><b>Main Draw:</b> Men: DATE Women: DATE</p> <p><b>Semi-Finals:</b> Men: DATE Women: DATE</p> <p><b>Finals:</b> Men: DATE Women: DATE</p> <p><b>Competition Format:</b></p> <p>The Qualification Tournament, if any, will be played in a single elimination format.</p> <p>The Main Draw tournament will be played in two phases; the first phase of pool play and the 2nd phase of 16 teams played in a single elimination.</p> <p>-24 teams in the Main Draw will be seeded in a serpentine system as per their ranking points and be seeded into 8 Pools (Pool A-H) with 3 teams in the pools. It will be possible that 2 teams from the same country will be in the same pool; however, 3 teams from the same country can't be seeded in the same pool. Whenever such a scenario happens, the seed of the lowest seeded team from the same country will be reduced until the pool composition is valid. For example: if 3 German teams are in pool G with Seed #7, #10, #23, then the #23 seeded German team will be reduced to seed 24.</p> <p>-In case there are less than 24 teams in the Main Draw, then the pool with top seeded teams will get a bye and there will be 2 teams in these pools. For example, if there are 23 teams, then Pool A will have 2 teams (Seed #1 and #16); if there are 22 teams, then Pool A will have 2 teams (Seed #1 and #16) and Pool B will have 2 teams (Seed #2 and #15), etc.</p> <p>- The top 2 ranked teams of each pool will advance to the 2nd phase of elimination (round of 16). The top ranked team will be automatically seeded #1 - #8 in the bracket of 16, while the 2nd ranked team of the pools will be drawn to be seeded #9 - #16. However, teams from the same pool will not meet in the round of 16. In case of exceptional circumstances due to one country having more registered teams than another, additional seeding regulations may apply in order to ensure</p>

	that the pools are evenly distributed.																		
	<p>USD\$ 50,000 (before tax). Prize money to be paid cash in dollars by the organiser with deductions according to the national tax law, to main draw teams proportionally as per the following breakdown:</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> 8'000  2<sup>nd</sup> 6'000  3<sup>rd</sup> 4'500  4<sup>th</sup> 3'500  5<sup>th</sup> x 4 2'000  9<sup>th</sup> x 8 1'500  17<sup>th</sup> x 8 1'000</p> <p>*Note: Should the Prize Money amount and/or number of the teams in the main draw be different from the herein above, then a proposed breakdown from the promoter must be submitted to the FIVB for its final approval prior to the event. In order to achieve a different breakdown scheme, the same concept can be followed from the above standard formats.</p>																		
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TRANSPORTATION:	<p>Players are responsible for their own international and domestic airfare and for any airport taxes or visa expenses. Players are requested to apply early enough for their entry visas, whenever needed.</p> <p>The organiser will arrange and be responsible for all local transportation for all main draw participants, FIVB Delegates and referees, including transportation between the nearest international airport and the site, and when needed, between the official hotel(s) and the venue of any technical and official hospitality or social functions.</p>																		
BOARD & LODGING:	<p>The promoter will cover the board &amp; lodging costs of all the teams taking part in the main draw in double rooms in a 3/4 star hotel.</p> <p>All players are however personally responsible for all and any extras at the hotel such as mini-bar, phone calls, laundry, etc. This must be paid at checkout.</p> <p>The promoter will bear the costs for one (1) room from three (3) days before the start of the event to one (1) day after the event, including meals, for 1 FIVB Delegate. This hotel should be a minimum 4-star hotel and must be approved by the FIVB.</p>																		
HOTELS FOR MAIN DRAW & QUALIFICATION TEAMS:	<p>Main Draw Hotel:  <b>NAME&amp; CONTACT DETAILS OF THE HOTEL</b></p> <p>Qualification Hotel (if any): <b>NAME&amp; CONTACT DETAILS OF THE HOTEL</b></p> <p>For reservations please contact the organizer: <b>CONTACT DETAILS</b></p> <p>Promoter will provide board and lodging for Main Draw teams from 1 day(dinner) before the start of the event to 1 day (breakfast) after elimination.</p>																		

<p>EVENT SCHEDULE:</p>	<p>If Qualification Tournament is held:  <b>DATE:</b> Arrival of Qualification Tournament teams  <b>TIME:</b> QT Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) at <b>LOCATION</b>  <b>TIME:</b> QT Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) at <b>LOCATION</b></p> <p><b>DATE:</b> Qualification Tournament (If any)  Arrival of Main Draw teams  <b>TIME:</b> MD Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) at <b>LOCATION</b>  <b>TIME:</b> Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) at <b>LOCATION</b></p> <p><b>DATE:</b> Main Draw  Departure of players not qualified for the Main Draw  <b>DATE:</b> Main Draw  <b>DATE:</b> Semi-finals  <b>DATE:</b> Finals  <b>DATE:</b> Departure of all teams  Training courts available from: <b>DATE</b>  Total # of competition courts: <b>2 Courts</b>  Total # of warm-up courts: <b>1 Court</b></p>
<p>PRELIMINARY INQUIRY &amp; TECHNICAL MEETING:</p>	<p>Players must attend the Preliminary Inquiry and present their uniforms and official forms (BVB/01 NF-Athlete's commitment, BVB/10 Health Certificate) during the meeting.</p> <p>Attendance at the Technical Meeting is also mandatory. Draws will be made during the meeting if needed for teams with a tie in their seeding; seeding and detailed information on the competition will be distributed to players during the meeting.</p>
<p>UNIFORMS:</p>	<p>If required by the FIVB Technical Supervisor, uniforms and accessories will be checked during the Preliminary Inquiry. Athletes of the same team must wear the same color and style of shorts. The display of the individual players' sponsors' logos on shorts and accessories must comply with the FIVB advertising regulations. While players tops will be provided by the Organizers to the athletes, shorts/bottoms and accessories must be provided by the players and/or by their sponsors.</p> <p>Uniforms will also be provided by the Organizers to Officials Organizing staff members and volunteers.</p> <p>For information on uniform regulations please refer to the current edition of the Handbook.</p>
<p>ENTRY (FIVB WEBSITE):</p>	<p>The confirmed team entry list, as well as useful information related to the event, is attached to this document and available on the FIVB website.</p> <p>Athletes ranked in the top 48 (men) and top 32 (women) (Individual FIVB World Ranking) on the day the confirmed list is issued cannot compete in Challenger events. This rule does not apply to the 2 Host Country teams, nor the 4 wild card teams (upon approval of the FIVB). If the date of the Challenger event does not clash with any FIVB World Championship/Grand Slam/Open event, any athlete, regardless of their FIVB World Ranking, can participate.</p>
<p>RULES OF THE GAME &amp; OFFICIAL BALL:</p>	<p><u>Playing system</u></p> <p>Rally Point System 2 out of 3 sets as follows:</p> <p>a) First and second sets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 21 Points</li> <li>- switch every 7 points</li> <li>- one technical time-out of 30" at third court switch (sum of 21 points)</li> <li>- one time-out of 30" per team/set</li> </ul> <p>b) Third eventual set</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 points</li> <li>• switch every 5 points</li> <li>• one time-out per team</li> </ul> <p>All sets win by 2 points  Intervals between sets to be of 1 minute</p> <p>Official Ball: MOLTEN BV5000 (colour) Beach</p> <p>The 2013-2016 FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules approved by the FIVB Board of Administration are included in the Beach Volleyball Referee Guidelines and posted on the FIVB website:  <a href="http://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/RulesOfTheGame_BVB.asp">http://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/RulesOfTheGame_BVB.asp</a></p>

<p>FORFEIT:</p>	<p>Each National Federation is responsible for informing immediately both the FIVB and the Organizers in case of forfeit of an enrolled team through the BVB/03 form (from -13 days to the start of the event). No medical certificate or proof of “force majeure” is needed within this period of time (-14 days up to Friday preceding the event).</p> <p>After the Friday (5pm Swiss time) before an FIVB Beach Volleyball event and until 1 minute before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of a Qualification Tournament (where applicable) or a Main Draw Tournament of the FIVB Beach Volleyball event, the participating National Federations may submit a withdrawal, disband or ‘change of athlete’ request to the FIVB Technical Supervisor assigned to the FIVB Beach Volleyball event through the BVB/03 form for a team/athlete only if supported by a valid Medical Certificate.</p> <p>Failure to comply with the above requirements and deadlines for the last minute withdrawals/disbands or ‘change of athlete’ shall result in applied fines to the athlete(s) concerned:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="576 573 1134 633"> <tr> <td data-bbox="576 573 1134 600">Team/athlete in Qualification Tournament</td> <td data-bbox="1134 573 1479 600">USD 500</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="576 600 1134 633">Team/athlete in Main Draw Tournament</td> <td data-bbox="1134 600 1479 633">USD 3'000</td> </tr> </table> <p>For details related to this regulation and its eventual sanctions please refer to Chapter 9 of the 2013 Handbook.</p>	Team/athlete in Qualification Tournament	USD 500	Team/athlete in Main Draw Tournament	USD 3'000
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<p>SEEDING:</p>	<p>As per FIVB seeding regulations</p>				
<p>COURT SIZE:</p>	<p>8M X 16M</p>				
<p>MEDICAL CONTROLS:</p>	<p>The FIVB reserves the right perform random medical controls, as per FIVB rules and regulations</p>				
<p>PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY:</p>	<p>Only players who sent in to the FIVB in due time the required forms (see below): 2013-2014 NF-Athlete's Commitment (<a href="http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp">http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp</a>) duly signed by all parties and in good standing with the FIVB will be considered eligible to take part in the 2013 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Grand Slam / FIVB Beach Volleyball Open events. Newly registered athletes will be required to provide the 2013-2014 NF-Athlete's Commitment to the FIVB in due time.</p> <p>All athletes are required to send to the FIVB the Annual Health Certificate (BVB/10) to be eligible to participate in 2014 events (<a href="http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp">http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp</a>). Moreover, players are required to clear any outstanding fines to be eligible to participate in the 2014 events.</p> <p>All athletes must present an FIVB Anti-Doping Certificate 30 days prior to the participation in FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Grand Slam, FIVB Beach Volleyball Open and/ or FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships events, after having successfully completed the FIVB's Anti-Doping education program “We play it clean!” online: <a href="http://www.fivb.org/RealWinner/">http://www.fivb.org/RealWinner/</a></p>				
<p>INSURANCE:</p>	<p>Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurance.</p>				
<p>WITHDRAWAL AND SANCTIONS:</p>	<p><b>Confirmed Team Entry List:</b> Once the Confirmed Team Entry List is issued by the FIVB, the participating National Federations may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit a withdrawal, disband or ‘change of athlete’ request to the FIVB through the BVB/03 form without a supporting Medical Certificate.</li> <li>- In case of an injury, submit a ‘change of athlete’ request to the FIVB through the BVB/03 form supported by a valid Medical Certificate.</li> <li>- In case of an injury each individual athlete is allowed to change partner and gain or retain a Main Draw spot only once in a season.</li> <li>- In case of a ‘change of athlete’ in a Qualification Tournament, a team is allowed to retain its spot only in case of sufficient Entry points.</li> <li>- An NF may not withdraw an athlete or a team entered in a Qualification Tournament or Main Draw Tournament (supported or not by a valid Medical Certificate) from an FIVB Beach Volleyball event to participate in another Beach Volleyball tournament/activity scheduled at the same time.</li> <li>- Reserve teams are added to the Confirmed Team Entry List and are constantly updated until the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament (where</li> </ul>				

	<p>applicable) or Main Draw Tournament of an FIVB Beach Volleyball event. Reserve Teams must register and be present at the Preliminary Inquiry and the Technical Meeting of the Qualification Tournament (if applicable) or Main Draw Tournament of the FIVB Beach Volleyball event to be considered for the inclusion in the tournament, due to late withdrawals or no shows.</p>
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