

SPECIFIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS (2023 Gstaad Elite16)

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2. COMPETITION SPECIFIC

2.1 Competition Format

➤ Qualification Tournament

- Consists of 16 teams playing in single elimination format to qualify 4 teams to the main draw tournament. Qualification tournament of both genders will be played on 5 July 2023.
- 14 Qualification teams enter directly with maximum two wild cards allocation to complete the 16-team roster.
- No country quota.

➤ Main Draw Tournament

- The Main Draw tournament consists of 16 teams per gender and is played in two phases as follows:
 - First phase: 16-team pool play in standard round robin format (4 pools of 4 teams following serpentine system) with top three (3) teams from each pool advancing to the second phase in single elimination format, in the playoff round of 12 teams followed by quarter-finals
 - The 4th ranked team of each pool will rank 13th place.
 - Second phase: knock-out bracket (round of 12 & quarter finals) in single elimination format
- Main Draw pool play distribution

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

- 11 Main Draw teams, together with 1 Main Draw wild card team (if applicable) enter directly to the Main Draw, will be distributed directly into Pool A to D following serpentine system, according to their ranking points calculated at -14 days before the start of the tournament.
- The 4 teams qualified from the qualification tournament will automatically go to Pool D to A, following seeding points calculated the day before the start of the tournament, with best ranked team advanced from the Qualification tournament goes to Pool D as seed #13, 2nd best ranked team advanced from the Qualification tournament goes to Pool C as seed #14, 3rd best goes to Pool B as seed #15 and 4th best goes to Pool A as seed#16. .
- Entry Points at -28 days: best 3 of last 4 events in 365 days
- Seeding Points at -14 days (for teams directly in the Main Draw) and day of the preliminary inquiry (in principle the day before, for teams in the Qualification
- No country quota
- Seeding of the host country:
 - If the best ranked host team is among top 4 teams, then the team will be seed #1 in Pool A, if the best ranked host team is among 5 to 11 teams, then the team will be seed #4 in Pool D. Otherwise, such team will be seed #12 in Pool D. Other host country teams will be seeded naturally as per their Seeding Points.
 - The remaining host country teams will be seeded naturally as per their Seeding Points
 - Host country teams shall not be placed in the same pool, while this is possible for foreign teams. If the number of host country teams are equal or less than the number of pools in the tournament, each host country team shall be placed in a different pool respecting their natural seeding position. If there are more host country teams than the number of pools, then the natural seeding will stay in place with minimum one host country team in each pool. That being said, in Elite16 tournament, the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th (whenever applicable) host country team(s) will have their seed increased (for example from Seed #6 to Seed #7) until they are in different pool then the other host country team(s) should increasing the seed not work (or not be possible), then the seed is reduced (for example from Seed #12 to Seed #11) until the host country is in a different pool.
 - The relative seeding of the best four (4) host country teams must be respected and preserved after the host country teams have been placed in separate pools.

Example: As shown in the below diagram, 6 teams already in the Main Draw from the host country (including the wild cards) are: USA 1 (Seed #1), USA 2 (Seed #2), USA3 (Seed #5), USA4 (Seed #8), USA5 (Seed #10), USA6 (Seed #15). See below:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
USA 1	USA 2	Seed #3	Seed #4
USA 4	USA 3	Seed #6	Seed #8
Seed #9	USA 5	Seed #11	Seed #12
Qualifier 4	Qualifier 3 (USA) 6	Qualifier 2	Qualifier 1

Based on the above mentioned principles, the final seeding will be established as follows:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
USA 1	USA 2	Seed #3	Seed #4
Seed #11	Seed #9	Seed #6	Seed #5
Seed #12	USA 5	USA 3	USA 4
Qualifier 4	Qualifier 3 (USA) 6	Qualifier 2	Qualifier 1



Details of the Elite16 Tournament Format is specified in section 13, Chapter 7 of Sport Operations Manual.

Note:

- Draw 1 is conducted between 2nd ranked teams from Pool A, B, C and D, while Draw 2 is conducted between 3rd ranked teams from Pool A, B, C and D, and the draw is conducted from top to bottom of the draw bracket, firstly Draw 1 followed by Draw 2.
- Teams from the same pool shall not meet in the round of 12 and quarterfinals.

2.2 Entry and Seeding Points

➤ **Confirmed Entry List**

- For the Beach Pro Tour Elite16 event, confirmed list is issued 28 days prior to the start of the tournament. For the 2023 Beach Pro Tour Elite 16 event in Gstaad the entry list is issued on 7 June 2023.
- There is no guaranteed quota place allocated to the host teams, however, priority of wild cards will be considered for host teams should they meet minimum technical strength requirement.

➤ **Seeding points**

For Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Elite16 tournaments, the Entry Points of Main Draw tournament will be calculated -28 days prior to the start of the tournament, while the Seeding points of Main Draw will be calculated -14 days prior to the start of the tournament. The Entry Points of the Qualification tournament will be calculated -28 days prior to the start of the tournament, while the Seeding Points of the Qualification tournament will be calculated on the day of the preliminary inquiry (-1 day).

2.3 Drawing of lots after the 1st phase

A drawing of lots will be conducted after the first phase of pool play to place teams in the single elimination bracket. Draw will be done among four second and third ranked teams of pools A, B, C and D.

- For men's and women's tournaments, it will be no later than 30 minutes after the last pool play match scheduled on 7 July 2023.
- Should there be any change on the above schedule, the teams will be updated onsite.

2.4 Match schedule

Information regarding the competition schedule of the 2023 Elite16 in Gstaad will be available at the event webpage.

The scheme of competition is as follows. Should there be further update, it will be updated accordingly in the same document with changes highlighted.

Event dates: 5-9 July

Local time: CET (GMT+1)

Qualification Tournament

SESSION	DATE	TIME	COURT 1	Court 2	PHASES
1	Day 1 (Wed)	08:00	M-QT-R16	M-QT-R16	Qualification (M & W)
		09:00	M-QT-R16	M-QT-R16	
		10:00	M-QT-R16	M-QT-R16	
		11:00	M-QT-R16	M-QT-R16	
		12:00	W-QT-R16	W-QT-R16	
		13:00	W-QT-R16	W-QT-R16	
		14:00	W-QT-R16	W-QT-R16	
		15:00	W-QT-R16	W-QT-R16	
		16:00	M-QT-R8	M-QT-R8	
		17:00	M-QT-R8	M-QT-R8	
		18:00	W-QT-R8	W-QT-R8	
19:00	W-QT-R8	W-QT-R8			

Main Draw

SESSION	DATE	TIME	COURT 1	Court 2	PHASES
2	Day 2 (Thu)	08:00	Match #1	Match #2	Round 1 (M & W)
		09:00	Match #3	Match #4	
		10:00	Match #5	Match #6	
		11:00	Match #7	Match #8	
		12:00	Match #1	Match #2	
		13:00	Match #3	Match #4	
		14:00	Match #9	Match #10	Round 2 (M & W)
		15:00	Match #11	Match #12	
		16:00	Match #13	Match #14	
		17:00	Match #15	Match #16	
		18:00	Match #5	Match #6	
		19:00	Match #7	Match #8	

SESSION	DATE	TIME	COURT 1	Court 2	PHASES
3	Day 3 (Fri)	08:00	Match #17	Match #18	Round 3 (M & W)
		09:00	Match #19	Match #20	
		10:00	Match #21	Match #22	
		11:00	Match #23	Match #24	
		12:00	Match #9	Match #10	
		13:00	Match #11	Match #12	
		14:00	Match #13	Match #14	Round 4 (M&W)
		15:00	Match #15	Match #16	
		16:00	Match #17	Match #18	
		17:00	Match #19	Match #20	
		18:00	Match #21	Match #22	
		19:00	Match #23	Match #24	

SESSION	DATE	TIME	COURT 1	Court 2	PHASES
4	Day 4 (Sat)	09:00	M R12 #1	M R12 #2	Round of 12 (M) / QF (W)
		10:00	M R12 #3	M R12 #4	
		11:00	W R12 #1	W R12 #2	
		12:00	W R12 #3	W R12 #4	
		13:00	M QF 1	M QF 2	Quarter Finals (M&W) / SF (M)
		14:00	M QF 3	M QF 4	
		15:00	W QF 1	W QF 2	
		16:00	W QF 3	W QF 4	
		17:00	M SF 1		
18:00	M SF 2				

SESSION	DATE	TIME	COURT 1	Court 2	PHASES
5	Day 5 (Sun)	10:00	W SF 1		Semi Finals (W)
		11:00	W SF 2		
		13:00	M-Bronze		Finals (M & W)
		14:00	W-Bronze		
		15:00	M - Gold		
		16:00	W-Gold		
		Followed by	Awarding		

2.5 Withdrawal Regulations

Information regarding the withdrawal procedure for the 2023 Beach Pro Tour Elite16 event in Gstaad is as follows:

- As already communicated, National Federations can withdraw a team or change the players up to 28 days before start of the tournament (7 June 2023)
- From the publication of the confirmed Entry List until 16:00 CET of Wednesday 3 weeks before the start of the Beach Pro Tour Elite16 in Gstaad (14 June 2023) National Federations can

withdraw a team or change a player with a medical certificate. Proof of travel booking is not required. It is recommended to inform us (beachvolleyball@fivb.com) of such withdrawal as soon as possible to ensure that playing opportunities are available for teams in the reserve list.

- From 16:00 CET of Wednesday 3 weeks before the start of the Beach Pro Tour Elite16 in Gstaad until 16:00 CET of Friday the week before the start of the event (30 June 2023) all withdrawals must be accompanied with a medical certificate and travel proof. Otherwise, a withdrawal fine will apply.
- From 16:00 CET of Friday the week before the start of Beach Pro Tour Elite16 in Gstaad until one minute before the completion of Preliminary Inquiry withdrawals will be subject to monetary fine unless with justified reasons due to force majeure, or last-minute medical reasons such as covid-19 reason.

Information regarding the withdrawal fine is as follows:

Tournament	Monetary fine per athlete
Main Draw of Elite16 tournament	USD 1500 per athlete
Qualification Tournament of Elite16 tournament	USD 500 per athlete

- If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team among the 12 teams directly in Main Draw, the new team shall have enough ranking points to maintain their Main Draw position, otherwise, the team shall be placed in the Qualification Tournament. Should the team not have enough ranking points for the Qualification Tournament, the team will be placed accordingly in the reserve list.
 - Following the withdrawal request, the next highest ranked eligible team in the Qualification tournament list as per entry points calculated at the date of the confirmed entry list, will be picked up to replace the withdrawal team and accordingly the seeding list, pool composition as well as the match schedule will be updated accordingly.

Further information regarding the withdrawal procedure and potential recomposing of pool(s) is available at the Sport Operations Manual at [Tools \(fivb.com\)](#)

3. Ranking Points (per Athlete)

Rank	Beach Pro Tour - Elite16	Beach Pro Tour - Challenge	Beach Pro Tour - Futures
1st	600	400	200
2nd	550	380	180
3rd	500	360	160
4th	450	340	140
5th	380	300	120
7th	N/A	N/A	N/A
9th	300	230	90
13th	230	N/A	70
17th	200	180	50
19th	N/A	150	N/A
21st	170	N/A	30
25th	N/A	110	N/A
31st	N/A	N/A	N/A
33rd	N/A	70	N/A
37th	N/A	N/A	N/A
41st	N/A	N/A	N/A

4. PRIZE MONEY

For the 2023 Beach Pro Tour Elite16 in Gstaad following prize money is allocated to each gender tournament and will be paid by 24 July 2023.

Rank	# teams	Prize Money/team	Prize Money/rank place
1st	1	\$30.000,00	\$30.000,00
2nd	1	\$20.000,00	\$20.000,00
3rd	1	\$14.000,00	\$14.000,00
4th	1	\$10.000,00	\$10.000,00
5th	4	\$8.000,00	\$32.000,00
9th	4	\$6.000,00	\$24.000,00
13th	4	\$5.000,00	\$20.000,00
Total			\$150.000,00

Note:

The tax at source might be implemented as per the fiscal regulations/laws in the countries where the tournament is held.

The athlete is responsible for paying the relevant taxes for his/her earnings in his/her own country and he/she must update both his/her bank account details and his/her personal information at the beginning of the contract year through the VIS system. Please double check your personal profile and consult the FIVB Delegate at the Preliminary Inquiry should there be any questions.

If Prize Money is paid by the FIVB or promoter via bank transfer, in case of unsuccessful payment, the FIVB Finance Department will send an official letter (to the NF and to the athlete) to inform them of the money transfer to the respective NF that will be debited within the following 5-10 days. In case of no response, the athlete's VISASP account is then debited and the FIVB Finance Department informs the FIVB IT Department to book the payment in VISASP.

5. OTHER

Important note: all players are required to have the 2023 Annual Health Certificate and 2023 Players Participation Agreement uploaded on their VIS profile. If this is not done yet, we kindly ask all players to do the necessary following up with their National Federation and ensure that forms will be available on their VIS profile as soon as possible but no later than **Monday, 12 June 2023**.

For any eventual sporting details, please refer to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Operations Manual for clarification. ([Link](#)).