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**SPECIFIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS
 (Elite 16 Doha – Qatar)**

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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.
- 14 Qualification teams enter directly, together with 2 Qualification wild cards teams (if applicable).
- No Country Quota.
- Seeding based on the day before the start of the tournament (-1 day).

Elite 16: 16-Team Qualification to Qualify 4 Teams



➤ Main Draw Tournament

- Consists of 16 teams playing in two phases as following:
 - First phase: four (4) pools of four (4) teams playing standard round robin format. The top three (3) teams from each pool will advance to the second phase. The 4th ranked team in each pool will rank 13th place.
 - Second phase: 12-Team Single Elimination playoffs.
- No Country Quota
- 11 Main Draw teams, together with 1 Main Draw wild card (If applicable) team enter directly to the Main Draw, will be distributed directly into Pool A to Pool D following the serpentine system, according to their ranking points at **-14 days** before the start of the tournament.
- 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

- The 4 teams qualified from the qualification tournament will automatically go to Pool D to Pool A, following the seeding points calculated the day before the start of the tournament with the best Qualification seeded team advancing from the Qualification tournament into Pool D as Seed 13, the 2nd best Qualification seeded team goes into Pool C as Seed 14, the 3rd best Qualification seeded team goes into Pool B as Seed 15 and the 4th best Qualification seeded team goes into Pool A as Seed 16.
- Seeding of the host country: the best host country team (Seeding points at -14 days) will be Seed 1 in Pool A if this host country team is naturally seeded among the top 4 teams, if the best host country team (Seeding points at -14 days) is naturally seeded among Seed 5 to Seed 11, then this host country team will be Seed 4 in Pool D. Otherwise, the best seeded host country team will be Seed 12 in Pool D. Other host country teams will be seeded naturally as per their Seeding points at -14 days.
- The top four (4) host country teams (as per their seeding points at -14 days) shall never be placed in the same pool while this is possible for foreign teams. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th 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 12 to Seed 11) until such host country team is in a different pool. However, for 5th, 6th 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 5th, 6th and any other eventual host country teams.

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), USA 3 (Seed 7), USA 4 (Seed 8), USA 5 (Seed 10), USA 6 (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 5
Seed 9	USA 5	Seed 11	Seed 12
Qualifier 4	Qualifier 3 (USA 6)	Qualifier 2	Qualifier 1

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

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

➤ Rules for Matches Played

- The match winner earns 2 match points, and the match loser earns 1 match point.

Match won	2 points
Match lost	1 point

- For all matches the final team ranking will be determined in accordance with the results of the matches (won or lost). For each match won the winning team will earn 2 match points, for each match lost the losing team will earn 1 match point and for each forfeited match the winning team will earn 2 match points while the forfeited team will have 0 points.
- All discontinued matches or matches not commenced are to be assessed by the TD to determine if the losing team is “DSQ” or “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 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 losing the second set 4:6, this injured team would earn 1 match point with sets of 1:2 and rally points of 21:19, 4:21 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, 6:4, 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 for single elimination phase) 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 draw directly by the next eligible team(s) eliminated from the tournament to be decided by FIVB/organizer. 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”

- Four teams will play a standard round robin system in the first phase. Every team will play the three other teams in their pool. The ranking of teams within their pools will be determined by the total number of match points.
- In the case of a tie in the pools (match points) during the round robin, the following rules will apply:
 - Between two teams in the same pool:
 - The team with the highest rally points ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher.
 - If a tie still exists by rally points ratio, then the teams have the same position in ranking.
 - Between three teams in the same pool:
 - If three teams have a tie in the main points, then the teams are ranked by the rally points ratio in the matches between the three tied teams.
 - If a tie still exists then the tied teams are ranked by the rally points ratio between all teams in the pool.
 - If a tie still exists then the teams have the same position in the ranking.
 - Between four teams in the same pool:
 - The ranking is determined by the rally points ratio between all teams in the pool.
 - If a tie still exists then the teams have the same position in the ranking.
- In the case of a tie in the pools (match points) at the end of the round robin, the following rules will apply:
 - Between two teams in the same pool:
 - The team with higher rally points ratio 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 teams in the same pool:
 - Teams are ranked by the rally points ratios in the matches between the three tied teams.
 - If a tie still exists then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally points ratio between all teams in the pool.
 - If a tie still exists then the teams still tied are determined by the tournament seeding established at the tournament (the better seed of the tied teams ranked higher, i.e. Seed 12 is ranked higher than Seed 13).

Elite 16: 12-Team Single Elimination Playoff



- Draw 1: A2, B2, C2 and D2
- Draw 2: A3, B3, C3 and D3
- Teams from the same pool shall not meet in the first two rounds, i.e. Round of 12 and Quarterfinals. However, teams from the same National Federation can meet in the first two rounds.

2.2 Entry and Seeding Points

➤ Confirmed Entry List

- For the Beach Pro Tour Elite 16 event, the confirmed list is issued 28 days prior to the start of the tournament.
- 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 requirements.
- Organizer's Vacancy Regulations will remain in the 2024 season:
 - The following policy will be implemented at Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour.
 - National Federations that organize a Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour tournament will be granted one (1) vacancy in each tournament for the corresponding gender in the Qualification tournaments of Challenge/Future if no team registered from that country qualifies in such tournament. The vacancy only applies to the same season as indicated below:
 - NFs organizing Elite and Challenge tournament: one (1) vacancy in Qualification tournament for all Challenge tournaments.
 - NFs organizing Futures tournament: one (1) vacancy in Qualification tournament for all Futures tournaments.
 - The National Federations that already have a team in the tournament will not benefit from the above rule.

Notes:

- In case the National Federation organizes single gender event, then the vacancy described above is awarded to the same gender event concerned.
- By -35 days before the tournament, the National Federation concerned shall nominate the specific team for the above vacancy and communicate in writing the team name to the FIVB at beachvolleyball@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 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.

➤ Seeding points

For the qualification tournament of Elite16, a seeding list will be established one day prior to the start of Elite16 tournament and will be announced after completion of the preliminary inquiry.

For the Main Draw tournament of Elite16, a seeding list will be established at -14 days prior to the start of the Elite16 tournament and will be used to schedule the provisional match-up schedule of the Main Draw.

➤ Calculation of ranking points due to maternity leave

Please refer to the Sport Operations Manual at [Tools \(fivb.com\)](https://tools.fivb.com)

➤ Calculation of ranking points due to serious injury

Please refer to the Sport Operations Manual at [Tools \(fivb.com\)](https://tools.fivb.com)

2.3 Drawing of lots after the first phase of pool play

A drawing of lots will be conducted after the first phase of modified pool play to place teams in the single elimination bracket.

- For the men's tournament, it will be 30 minutes after the last modified pool play match scheduled

- For women's tournament, it will be 30 minutes after the last modified pool play match scheduled
- Should there be any change to the above schedule, the teams will be updated onsite.

2.4 Match schedule

The detailed match schedule will be published immediately on the Volleyball World website once approved by the FIVB Technical Delegate onsite. It will be no later than 1 hour after the end of last match of day or 1 hour after the seeding list is established after Preliminary Inquiry.



Competition Schedule - Elite16 Doha 5 - 9 March 2024

Qualification Tournament

SESSION	DATE	TIME	GMT	COURT 1	Court 2	PHASES
1	Day 1 (Tue March 5th)	9:00	6:00	W-QT-R16	W-QT-R16	Qualification (M & W)
		10:00	7:00	W-QT-R16	W-QT-R16	
		11:00	8:00	W-QT-R16	W-QT-R16	
		12:00	9:00	W-QT-R16	W-QT-R16	
		13:00	10:00	M-QT-R16	M-QT-R16	
		14:00	11:00	M-QT-R16	M-QT-R16	
		15:00	12:00	M-QT-R16	M-QT-R16	
		16:00	13:00	M-QT-R16	M-QT-R16	
		17:00	14:00	W-QT-R8	W-QT-R8	
		18:00	15:00	W-QT-R8	W-QT-R8	
		19:00	16:00	M-QT-R8	M-QT-R8	
20:00	17:00	M-QT-R8	M-QT-R8			

Main Draw

SESSION	DATE	TIME	GMT	COURT 1	Court 2	PHASES
2	Day 2 (Wed March 6th)	9:00	6:00	W Match #1	W Match #2	Round 1 (M & W)
		10:00	7:00	W Match #3	W Match #4	
		11:00	8:00	M Match #1	M Match #2	
		12:00	9:00	M Match #3	M Match #4	
		13:00	10:00	W Match #5	W Match #6	
3	Day 2 (Wed March 6th)	14:00	11:00	W Match #7	W Match #8	Round 2 (M & W)
		16:00	13:00	M Match #5	M Match #6	
		17:00	14:00	M Match #7	M Match #8	
		18:00	15:00	W Match #9	W Match #10	
		19:00	16:00	W Match #11	W Match #12	
20:00	17:00	M Match #9	M Match #10			
21:00	18:00	M Match #11	M Match #12			

SESSION	DATE	TIME	GMT	COURT 1	Court 2	PHASES
4	Day 3 (Thu March 7th)	9:00	6:00	W Match #13	W Match #14	Round 3 (M & W)
		10:00	7:00	W Match #15	W Match #16	
		11:00	8:00	M Match #13	M Match #14	
		12:00	9:00	M Match #15	M Match #16	
		13:00	10:00	W Match #17	W Match #18	
5	Day 3 (Thu March 7th)	14:00	11:00	W Match #19	W Match #20	Round 4 (M & W)
		16:00	13:00	M Match #17	M Match #18	
		17:00	14:00	M Match #19	M Match #20	
		18:00	15:00	W Match #21	W Match #22	
		19:00	16:00	W Match #23	W Match #24	
20:00	17:00	M Match #21	M Match #22			
21:00	18:00	M Match #23	M Match #24			

SESSION	DATE	TIME	GMT	COURT 1	Court 2	PHASES
6	Day 4 (Fri March 8th)	9:00	6:00	W R12 #1	W R12 #2	Playoff - Round of 12 (M & W)
		10:00	7:00	W R12 #3	W R12 #4	
		14:00	11:00	M R12 #1	M R12 #2	
		15:00	12:00	M R12 #3	M R12 #4	
7	Day 4 (Fri March 8th)	17:00	14:00	W QF 1	W QF 2	Quarter Finals (M & W)
		18:00	15:00	W QF 3	W QF 4	
		19:00	16:00	M QF 1	M QF 2	
		20:00	17:00	M QF 3	M QF 4	

SESSION	DATE	TIME	GMT	COURT 1	Court 2	PHASES
8	Day 5 (Sat March 9th)	10:00	7:00	W SF 1		Semi Finals (M & W)
		11:00	8:00	W SF 2		
		12:00	9:00	M SF 1		
		13:00	10:00	M SF 2		
BREAK						
9	Day 5 (Sat March 9th)	17:00	14:00	W-Bronze		Finals (M & W)
		18:00	15:00	M-Bronze		
		19:00	16:00	W-Gold		
		20:00	17:00	M-Gold		
		Followed by			Awarding	

Below is the tentative competition schedule for your planning:

Phase	Women's Event (approx.)	Men's Event (approx.)
Qualification	5 March 2024 09:00 – 18:00	5 March 2024 13:00 – 20:00
Main Draw – Pool phase	6 March 2024 - 09:00 – 19:00 7 March 2024 - 09:00 – 19:00	6 March 2024 - 11:00 – 21:00 7 March 2024 - 11:00 – 21:00
Round of 12 Playoff	8 March 2024 09:00 – 10:00	8 March 2024 14:00 – 15:00
Quarterfinals	8 March 2024 17:00 – 18:00	8 March 2024 19:00 – 20:00
Semi-finals	9 March 2024 10:00 – 11:00	9 March 2024 12:00 – 13:00
Bronze and gold matches	9 March 2024 17:00 – 18:00	9 March 2024 19:00 – 20:00

2.5 Withdrawal Regulations

Information regarding the withdrawal procedure for a Beach Pro Tour Elite 16 event 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
- From the publish of the confirmed Entry List until 16:00 CET of Wednesday 3 weeks before the start of the Beach Pro Tour Elite 16 event National Federations can withdraw a team or change a player with a medical certificate. Proof of travel is not mandatory within this deadline. It is recommended to inform us (beachvolleyball@fivb.com) as soon as possible such withdrawal 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 Elite 16 until 16:00 CET of Friday the week before the start of the event 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 Elite 16 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 Elite 16 tournament	USD 1500 per athlete
Qualification Tournament of Elite 16 tournament	USD 500 per athlete

- If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the 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.
- In case of the withdrawal(s) of team(s), in the Main Draw tournament of Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Elite 16, after the completion of Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament when the Qualification match schedule has been developed and published, the regulations of the lucky loser draw shall be implemented to determine the extra team(s) qualifying 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.
- If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the Qualification Tournament, the team shall have enough ranking points to maintain their Qualification Tournament position, otherwise, the team shall be placed in the reserve team list. However, if the team has enough ranking points to enter Main Draw, the team will still remain in the Qualification Tournament and be seeded per the ranking points of the new team.

For further information regarding the withdraw procedures, please refer to the FIVB BVB Sport Operations Manual at [Tools \(fivb.com\)](#)

2.6 Preliminary Inquiry and Training Sessions

For the details of Preliminary Inquiry and training sessions, please refer to the Event Playbook in the below link: [Elite16 - Doha, QAT - 2024 - Beach Pro Tour 2024 season - Competition | volleyballworld.com](#)

2.7 Uniform and Accessories

The playing tops/tanks will be provided by the organizer for all Main Draw and Qualification players. Shorts/bottoms and accessories must be provided by the players and/or by their sponsors. If required by the FIVB Technical Delegate, other uniforms and accessories will be checked during the Preliminary Inquiry. Athletes of the same team must wear the same colour and style of shorts.

2.8 Ranking Points (per Athlete)

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

Note: The FIVB Beach Volleyball ranking points obtained from the Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Future tournaments 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 points and seeding).

2.9 Prize Money

For the Beach Pro Tour Elite 16 in Doha, the following prize money is allocated to each gender tournament and will be paid onsite by the organizer.

Rank	Number of Teams	Prize Money per Team \$USD	Prize Money per Rank \$USD
1 st	1	\$30,000	\$30,000
2 nd	1	\$20,000	\$20,000
3 rd	1	\$14,000	\$14,000
4 th	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
5 th	4	\$8,000	\$32,000
9 th	4	\$6,000	\$24,000
13 th	4	\$5,000	\$20,000
Total:			\$150,000

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.

3. GENERAL MATTERS

3.1 Insurance

Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurance.

3.2 Medical Controls

Further to the Hygiene requirement, the FIVB reserves the right to perform random medical controls on the participating athletes and alcohol tests on the officials, as per FIVB rules and regulations.