

SPECIFIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS (La Paz Challenge)

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2. COMPETITION SPECIFIC

2.1 Competition Format

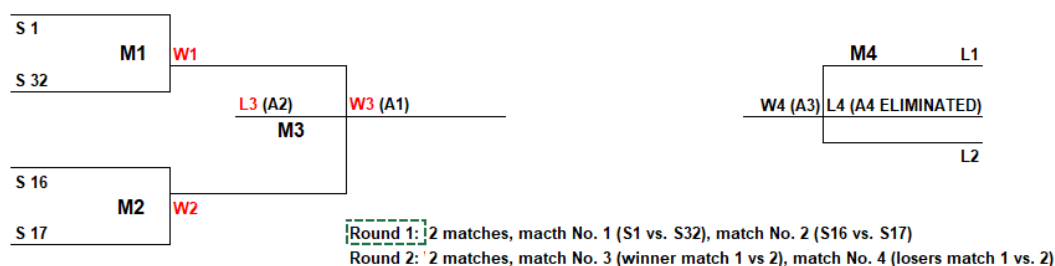
➤ Qualification Tournament

- Consists of 32 teams playing in single elimination format to qualify 8 teams to the main draw tournament. Qualification tournament of both genders will be played on 23 November 2022.
- 30 Qualification teams enter directly, together with 2 Qualification wild cards teams.
- No country quota.

➤ Main Draw Tournament

- Consists of 24 teams playing in two phases as following:
First phase: six (6) pools of four (4) teams playing modified pool play. Top three (3) teams from each pool will advance to the second phase.
Second phase: knock-out bracket (18 teams) in single elimination format.
- 14 Main Draw teams, together with 2 Main Draw wild cards teams enter directly.
- No country quota.
- 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 2nd highest seeded team will play the 3rd 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 2nd ranked team from the pool phase. The losers of the above two matches will play each other, with the winner as the 3rd ranked team from the pool phase and the loser eliminated from the Pool Phase.

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- For the first phase of modified pool play, 24 teams per gender will be placed into six (6) pools with four (4) teams each based on seeding and will be placed per the serpentine principle.

First phase of Modified Pool Play					
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

- Seeding of the host country teams:
 - best ranked host country team (as per the team's seeding points) will be seeded #1 in Pool A if the team is ranked within the first six (6) teams. Otherwise, the best ranked host country team will receive Seed #6 in Pool F.
 - 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. As a principle, 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 Challenge tournament, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th (whenever applicable) host country team(s) will have their seed increased (for example from Seed #15 to Seed #16) 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 #24 to Seed #23) until the host country is in a different pool.
 - The relative seeding of the best six (6) 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, 8 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 #11), USA6 (Seed #12), USA7 (Seed #14), USA8 (Seed #17) See below:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
USA 1	USA 2	Seed #3	Seed #4	USA 3	Seed #6
USA 6	USA 5	Seed #10	Seed #9	USA 4	Seed #7
Seed #13	USA 7	Seed #15	Seed #16	USA 8	Seed #18
Seed #24	Seed #23	Seed #22	Seed #21	Seed #20	Seed #19

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

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
USA 1	USA 2	Seed #3	Seed #4	USA 3	Seed #6
Seed #15	Seed #13	Seed #10	USA 4	Seed #9	Seed #7
Seed #16	USA 7	USA 5	Seed #18	USA 8	USA 6
Seed #24	Seed #23	Seed #22	Seed #21	Seed #20	Seed #19

- Top 3 teams in each pool qualify for the 18-team playoff



- Seed 1 and Seed 2: Between A1 and B1. A1 or B1 are decided by first by match points, then set ratio followed by rally point ratio, with the higher one seeded #1 and lower one seeded #2.
- Match #25 shall be played between 3rd ranked vs. 6th ranked teams that ranked 3 rd from all pools (sorted by match points, then set ratio then point ratio), while Match #26 shall be played between 4th ranked vs. 5th ranked teams that ranked 3 rd from all pools (sorted by match points, then set ratio then point ratio).
- Teams from the same pool shall not meet in the round of 18 and round of 16. For clarity, the round of 18 shall be played firstly, and depending on whether the winner of round of 18 is from the same pool as A1/B1, the match-up of match #27 and match #34 may be switched to avoid teams from the same pool playing in the round of 16.

2.2 Entry and Seeding Points

➤ **Confirmed Entry List**

- For the Beach Pro Tour Challenge event, confirmed list is issued 28 days prior to the start of the tournament. For the Beach Pro Tour Challenge in La Paz the entry list is issued on 16 February 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.
- Regulations of organizer's vacancy will remain in 2023 season:
 - National Federations (NFs) 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 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 Future tournament: one (1) vacancy in Qualification tournament for all Future tournaments.
 - The National Federations that already have a team in the tournament will not benefit from the above rule.

➤ **Seeding points**

For both qualification and main draw tournaments, seeding list will be established one day prior to the respective tournament and after completion of the preliminary inquiry.

➤ **Calculation of ranking points due to maternity leave**

Information regarding calculation of the maternity points is available at the Sport Operations Manual.

➤ **Calculation of ranking points due to serious injury**

Information regarding calculation of the serious injury points is available at the Sport Operations Manual.

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.

- For women's and men's tournament, it will be 30 minutes after the last modified pool play match scheduled on Friday 17 March 2023.
- Should there be any change on 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 of the Challenge tournament in La Paz will be available soon.

2.5 Withdrawal Regulations

Information regarding the withdrawal procedure for the Beach Pro Tour Challenge event in La Paz 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 (16 February 2023).
- From the publish of the confirmed Entry List until 16:00 CET of Wednesday 3 weeks before the start of the Beach Pro Tour Challenge in La Paz (22 February 2023) 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 Challenge until 16:00 CET of Friday the week before the start of the event (10 March 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 Challenge 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 Challenge tournament	USD 750 per athlete
Qualification Tournament of Challenge tournament	USD 250 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 Challenge, 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.

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 Beach Pro Tour Challenge following prize money is allocated to each gender tournament:

Rank	# teams	Prize Money/team	Prize Money/rank place
1st	1	\$10.000,00	\$10.000,00
2nd	1	\$8.000,00	\$8.000,00
3rd	1	\$7.000,00	\$7.000,00
4th	1	\$6.000,00	\$6.000,00
5th	4	\$3.750,00	\$15.000,00
9th	8	\$2.500,00	\$20.000,00
17th	2	\$1.500,00	\$3.000,00
19th	6	\$1.000,00	\$6.000,00
Total			\$75.000,00

The Prize Money of the Beach Pro Tour Challenge in La Paz will be paid by the FIVB to the athletes (via bank transfer) on 3 April 2023.

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, after three (3) attempts to contact the athlete, 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.