

SPECIFIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS (BPT Finals, Doha - Qatar)

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2. COMPETITION SPECIFIC

2.1 Competition Format

➤ Main Draw Tournament

- Main Draw: 10-team pool play (2 pools of 5 teams following serpentine system)
- Entry/Seeding Points calculated the day after the last Elite tournament of the same season, as per the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking. For 2022 season, points are calculated on Monday after the Beach Pro Tour Elite16 in Torquay, Australia, i.e. on 5th December 2022.
- For the Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Finals, the Confirmed Entry List is based on the eight (8) best teams per gender per the FIVB World Ranking (refer to the Chapter 6 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking Definitions below) of that day.
- 2 Main Draw wild card teams
- Top 3 teams in each pool qualify to the 6-team playoffs

The Main Draw tournament of each gender event is played through a first phase of Pool Phase in round robin system and a second phase in a single elimination format.

In the first phase of Pool Play, ten (10) teams will be placed into two (2) pools with five (5) teams in each pool and the single round robin system will be implemented.

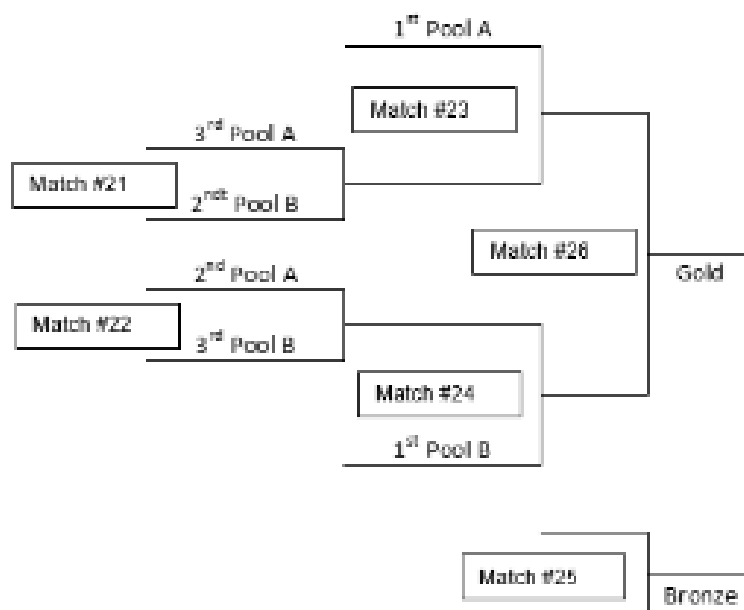
At the end of first phase of pool play, the top ranked team from each pool will directly advance to the semi-finals, while the 2nd ranked, and 3rd ranked teams from each pool will play the quarter-finals as followed:

- 2nd ranked team from Pool A vs. 3rd ranked team from Pool B, i.e. A2 vs. B3;
- 3rd ranked team from Pool A vs. 2nd ranked team from Pool B, i.e. A3 vs. B2.

The semi-finals will be played as followed:

- 1st ranked team from Pool A vs. the winner of match between A3 and B2;
- 1st ranked team from Pool B vs. the winner of match between A2 and B3.

The losers of the semi-finals will play the bronze medal match, while the winners will play the gold medal match.



2.2 ENTRY LIST AND SEEDING OF THE TEAMS

2.2.1 Confirmed Entry List

The entry list including top eight (8) teams of each gender as published on 5 December 2022. Once wild cards are allocated, confirmed entry list will be sent to all participating NFs and players accordingly, and published on the event webpage.

There will be maximum two (2) teams per gender per National Federation in the Beach Pro Tour Finals.

2.2.2 Seeding points

Teams in the Main Draw, including the Wild Cards, are seeded per their respective FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking as of 5th December 2022.

Should the team be composed as new team (i.e. the two athletes have not yet played together as a team in the last 365 days, and accordingly doesn't have the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking), such team shall always be seeded at the end of the seeding list, behind the teams who are listed in the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking. Should there be multiple teams without FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking, their seeding will be sorted by the sum of eight (8) results of the last 365 days, the team with higher sum points will be seeded higher.

Seeding of the host countries teams will be as follows:

- The best ranked host country team (as per its FIVB World Ranking), regardless of its status of wild card, will receive Seed #1 and placed in Pool A.
- The 2nd best ranked host country team will be seeded naturally as per its Seeding Points.

Teams will be placed in the two pools in a serpentine system, except for the Seed #9 and #10, which will be reversed as follows. The purpose of doing so is to respect the benefit of the top seeded team.

Teams from the same country (including host country and foreign countries) will not be placed in the same pool. If the above happens, the 2nd best ranked team of the concerned

country, will have its seed increased (for example from Seed #3 to Seed #4) until the team is in a different pool than the other team from that country. Should increasing the seed not work (or not be possible), then the seed of the team concerned will be reduced (for example from Seed #10 to Seed #9) until the team is in a different pool.

2.3 POOL STANDING

The ranking of teams within their pools will be determined by the total number of match points, with the following points awarded per match to each team.

Match won	2 points
Match lost	1 point
Match forfeited	0 points (21-0; 21-0)

In case of a tie in the total number of match points after the completion of pool play, the following rules will apply.

- Between 2 teams in the same pool: the team with higher rally point ratios 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 3 or more teams in the same pool: the ranking is determined by the sum of match points earned in the matches between the tied teams; if still tied, then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally point ratios in the matches between the tied teams; if still tied, then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally point ratios between all teams in the pool; if still tied, then the ranking of teams still tied is determined by a tournament seeding.

2.4 RULES OF THE GAMES AND OFFICIAL BALL

Rally Point System 2 out of 3 sets as follows:

- a) First and second sets
 - 21 Points
 - switch every 7 points
 - one technical time-out of 30" at third court switch (sum of 21 points)
 - one time-out of 30" per team/set
- b) Third eventual set
 - 15 points
 - switch every 5 points
 - one time-out of 30" per team

All sets win by 2 points

Intervals between sets to be of 1 minute

Official Ball: New Mikasa Ball BV550C

The 2021-2024 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.

2.5 Match schedule

The first version of match schedule to featured eventual match-ups will be established and published on the event webpage as soon as such schedule is established.

Event schedule link: <https://en.volleyballworld.com/beachvolleyball/competitions/beach-pro-tour-2022/events/the-finals/doha-qatar/schedule/>

Competition Schedule			
Date	Time	C C	Court 2
THURSDAY (26 Jan 2023)	13:00	WOMEN: pool	WOMEN: pool
	14:00	WOMEN: pool	WOMEN: pool
	15:00	MEN: pool	MEN: pool
	16:00	MEN: pool	MEN: pool
	BREAK		
	18:00	WOMEN: pool	WOMEN: pool
	19:00	WOMEN: pool	WOMEN: pool
	20:00	MEN: pool	MEN: pool
	21:00	MEN: pool	MEN: pool
FRIDAY (27 Jan 2023)	13:00	WOMEN: pool	WOMEN: pool
	14:00	WOMEN: pool	WOMEN: pool
	15:00	MEN: pool	MEN: pool
	16:00	MEN: pool	MEN: pool
	BREAK		
	18:00	WOMEN: pool	WOMEN: pool
	19:00	WOMEN: pool	WOMEN: pool
	20:00	MEN: pool	MEN: pool
	21:00	MEN: pool	MEN: pool
SATURDAY (28 Jan 2023)	13:00	WOMEN: pool	WOMEN: pool
	14:00	WOMEN: pool	WOMEN: pool
	15:00	MEN: pool	MEN: pool
	16:00	MEN: pool	MEN: pool
	BREAK		
	18:00	WOMEN: quarterfinals	
	19:00	WOMEN: quarterfinals	
	20:00	MEN: quarterfinals	
	21:00	MEN: quarterfinals	
SUNDAY (29 Jan 2023)	13:00	WOMEN: Semifinal	
	14:00	WOMEN: Semifinal	
	15:00	MEN: Semifinal	
	16:00	MEN: Semifinal	
	BREAK		
	18:00	WOMEN Bronze FINAL	
	19:00	MEN Bronze FINAL	
	20:00	WOMEN Gold FINAL	
	21:00	MEN Gold FINAL	
		Award Ceremony	

2.6 Withdrawal Regulations

Should there be request from the participating NFs on the 'replacement of the player', the vacancy will not be transferred to the new team, unless otherwise approved by the FIVB/Volleyball World and the FIVB will reallocate such vacancy to the next eligible team per the World Ranking list of 5 December 2022.

Should there be a withdrawal, the participating NF shall submit through the BVB-03 form (withdrawal request) with the supporting medical certificate and flight ticket (or travel proof) to the FIVB Beach Department. The FIVB will evaluate on a case-by-case basis to decide if the fines will be applied. The scale of fine will be USD 3,000 per athlete.

Should there be any last-minute withdrawal which happens on site due to 'force majeure', the FIVB, after agreement with the organizer, will reallocate the vacancy to the host country team whenever deemed necessary.

3. Ranking Points (per Athlete)

No ranking points will be allocated to the Beach Pro Tour Final participants.

4. PRIZE MONEY

For the 2022 Beach Pro Tour Finals in Doha (QAT) following prize money is allocated to each gender tournament:

per gender in USD

Rank	Number of teams	Prize Money Per team	Prize Money per Rank Place
1st	1	150'000	150'000
2nd	1	80'000	80'000
3rd	1	50'000	50'000
4th	1	35'000	35'000
5th	2	20'000	40'000
7th	2	15'000	30'000
9th	2	7'500	15'000
TOTAL			400000

The Prize Money of the 2022 Beach Pro Tour in Doha (QAT) will be paid by 13 February 2023 and via bank transfer.

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.