

# FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROI ET, (THAILAND), 14-19 December 2021

## QUALIFICATION PROCESS – CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

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1. The Continental Confederations is recommended to sanction Continental Age Group events (Under 21 Continental Championships or Under 21 Continental Tour, etc.) to select the teams participating in a FIVB Age Group World Championship.
2. The Continental Confederations will be required to select the best ranked teams from their continent, based on the ranking of the above-mentioned Continental Age Group events.
3. In case a Continental Confederation can't organize above-mentioned Continental events in 2021 or in 2020, it can use the ranking of the events organized in the 2019 season. (Due to the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 and in 2021, it is understood that organizing the above-mentioned continental events in 2020 and 2021 is difficult and even if organized, it may not provide equal opportunities and fair access for the eligible athletes due to travel restrictions and other limitations). Should a Continental Confederation not have a ranking of the 2019 season, it may follow the FIVB criteria selection (points A to D – see below).

The FIVB is entitled to request at any time from the Continental Confederations the exact criteria applied to select their respective teams under their quota and to request the results of their events leading towards the selection of the teams.

Therefore, teams will be selected to play in the events in priority as per the following:

- 1. Based on (any eventual) Under 21 Continental Championships (or Under 21 Continental Tour) event ranking issued before the FIVB Beach Volleyball Under 21 World Championships.**

*(If point 1 above cannot be applicable)*

- 2. In case the Continental Confederation does not use the entire quota of 5 teams per gender in the Main Draw and 4 teams in the Qualification the FIVB may fill the roster of the event through reserve teams (in priority from the top to the bottom) or host country's reserve teams as per the following:**

A. National Federations hosting 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships and FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour events in 2018/2019, 2019/2020, and 2021 season and in priority

- The 2021 season and in priority World Tour Finals/5 STARS, 4 STARS, 3 STARS, 2 STARS and 1 STARS organized in the same season;
- The 2019/2020 and 2018/2019 seasons combined and in priority Beach Volleyball World Championships, World Tour Finals/5 STARS, 4 STARS, 3 STARS, 2 STARS and 1 STARS organized in both seasons;

B. National Federations hosting other FIVB homologated events (in priority Continental Cup Finals, Continental Championship, Continental Cup 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> phases, Continental Tour, Zonal Tour, Exhibition, etc.);

C. National Federations with the best players featured in the FIVB World Ranking as of -46 days before the start of the tournament;

D. National Federations promoting continental events at grass roots activities (in priority National Tour, other grass roots activities).

## ATHLETES' ELIGIBILITY

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**AGE LIMIT FOR UNDER**                      Must be born on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001 and thereafter

The athletes are required to:

- Complete the on-line Anti-Doping Educational program (<http://www.fivb.org/RealWinner/>);
- Have a valid passport;
- Complete the BVB-01 Athletes' Commitment;
- Complete the BVB-10 Athletes' Health Certificate;
- Complete the manipulation prevention course

➔ the above documents should be uploaded by the respective National Federation on the VIS no later than 46 days before the start of the tournament.

## QUALIFICATION PROCESS – NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

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Note: The NFs must be informed by their respective Continental Confederations about the Qualification Process (as per below).

**-60 days**

15 October  
2021

- **Continental Confederations** to send the dedicated forms listing the Main Draw, Qualification and Reserve teams with each player's FIVB number. In case of delay, the FIVB may reallocate the vacancy(ies) concerned to teams from other Confederation.
- **Invitation Letter (Visa purpose):** Participating NFs can already request from the Hosting NF an invitation letter for visa purposes. FIVB strongly recommends to do this as early as possible.
- **Wild Cards:** Deadline for NFs to submit the wild card application forms to FIVB.
- *If the names of the players are not confirmed yet, the Confederations can list the country instead and confirm the players' names at a later stage.*

**from -59 to  
-46 days**

(16-29 October  
2021)

- FIVB to enter respective names of the players in the VIS. However, it is still the NFs' responsibility to create the players' profile and FIVB number in the VIS.
- Teams without FIVB players' number will be removed.
- NF to upload all necessary documents for Athlete's eligibility in the VIS.

**-45 days**

(30 October  
2021)

- FIVB issues **the tentative team entry list** (team roster with all teams in the Main Draw, Qualification tournament and reserve list, with teams' names). Should a team fail to comply, the respective place will be granted to the next eligible team as of -46 days before the start of the tournament.
- If -45 days will be weekend or holiday, the team entry list will be issued the first next working day.

**-31 days**

(13 November  
2021)

- Teams featured in the tentative team entry list must provide to the organizer their **confirmed travel arrangements and a valid entry visa** (or visa application in progress) at least 31 days before the event.
- The organizer will inform the FIVB of the participating teams that have not sent their confirmed travel arrangements. The FIVB will then inform those NFs and give them 24 hours to send the confirmations. Should a team fail to comply, the respective place will be granted to the next eligible team as of -46 days before the start of the tournament.
- If -31 days will be weekend or holiday, the confirmed entry list will be issued the first next working day.

**-30 days**

(14 November  
2021)

Hosting NF to send out the **confirmed entry list & events regulations** to all participating NF's / Confederations and Officials.

As the Covid-19 pandemic is constantly evolving, the FIVB will evaluate on case-by-case basis the request from the Confederations and/or National Federations in case the above-mentioned deadlines will not be respected due to the impact of Covid-19 pandemic in its territory.

However, the deadline of -30 days to publish the confirmed entry list shall always be respected.

## COMPETITION FORMAT

**The competition format is based on a Qualification tournament and a Main Draw.**

### **Qualification tournament**

One (1) day played in single elimination with a maximum of 24 teams to qualify 4 teams and to fill any vacancy(ies) in the Main Draw due to withdrawals of Main Draw teams;

The participating teams of the qualification tournament must bear all costs related to their international travel, board and lodging.

### **Main Draw**

Thirty-two (32) teams – Main Draw playing in 8 pools of 4 teams in each pool (standard Round Robin system). The best 3 ranked teams in each pool (a total of 24 teams) will advance to the next phase of Single Elimination

Twenty-four (24) teams will proceed to the single elimination phase which will be played until the bronze and gold medal matches.



### **CONTINENTAL QUOTA**

- In the main draw 5 teams per gender per Continental Confederation, in the qualification 4 teams per gender per Continental Confederation and as reserve 4 teams per gender per Continental Confederations;
- 2 teams per gender for the host country will not count towards the continental quota.

#### **Note:**

*FIVB will follow its selection criteria (Points A-D above on page 1) to pick up reserve teams to fill the roster of **Qualification tournament**, and follows the below priority sequence:*

- *NFs not yet qualified in the Main Draw or Qualification Tournament;*

### **COUNTRY QUOTA**

- 1 team per gender's event per country is accepted (except host country); However, a 2<sup>nd</sup> team from the same country may be selected if needed to fill the roster (maximum 2 teams per country per gender can be eventually accepted with FIVB approval)
- 2 host country teams per gender's event. 2 additional host country teams may be entered in the reserve to fill in the qualification tournament if necessary.

- Wild card is granted outside of the Country Quota (host and foreign) set for FIVB Age Group World Championships and must be submitted to FIVB through application form no later than - 60 days before the start of the tournament.

## SEEDING

The seeding regulations will be featured in the Age Group Handbook and in the event's regulations for FIVB Beach Volleyball Age Group World Championships.

## RULES OF THE GAME

FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules (effective at the times of competition) will be applied for the Age Group World Championships.

## COACHING

Coaches will be allowed in all Age Group events to sit behind the player's area and interact with the players during official warm-up, time-out, technical time-out and between sets.

## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

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- The FIVB published its guidelines to help Continental Confederations and National Federations create a safe environment to restart beach volleyball activities, but only if permitted by local health and government authorities. The guidelines can be found [here](#).
- The U21 World Championships is scheduled to be organized in a bubble model. An event specific hygiene protocols will be provided along with the Events Regulations at -30 days prior to the start of the tournament to be diligent respected by all participating members.
- A head of delegation must be appointed to travel with athletes who have not yet reached legal age;
- The organizer will bear the costs of board & lodging for all the **athletes in the Main Draw**;
- The participating teams of the qualification tournament (or entered to fill the roster or as reserve teams) should bear all the costs related to board & lodging;
- Each NF is responsible for the international travel of their teams and head of delegation;
- Each NF is responsible to nominate a Covid-19 coordinator that will travel with the teams (can be head of delegation or any member of team member staff);
- The participating teams are requested to start **well in advance the visa procedures** (if any) and travel arrangements to avoid any inconvenience and to inform the FIVB in case of difficulties. The contacts are the following:

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Coaches will receive an accreditation only if the dedicated form will be sent by the participating NFs in due time to the organizers concerned.

*Note: The FIVB and the organizers reserve the rights to amend the information featured in this document when issuing the Handbook and the Event's Regulations and confirmed teams' list (-30 days prior the event).*

## EVENT

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U-21 World Championships 2020 – ROI ET (THA), 14-19 December 2021

### Deadlines

- -60days → 15 October 2021
- -59 -to -46 days → 16 – 29 October 2021
- -45 days → 30 October 2021
- -31 days → 13 November 2021
- -30 days → 14 November 2021

### Note:

1. *If a date falls on a weekend or a holiday, then the next working day becomes the deadline.*
2. *As the Covid-19 pandemic is constantly evolving, the FIVB will evaluate on case-by-case basis the request from the Confederations and/or National Federations in case the above-mentioned deadline will not be respected due to the impact of Covid-19 pandemic in its territory. However, the deadline of -30 days to publish the confirmed entry list shall always be respected.*

## USEFUL LINKS

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VIS2009: <http://www.fivb.org/vis2009/>

FIVB COVID-19 BEACH VOLLEYBALL SAFETY GUIDELINES:  
<https://www.fivb.com/en/beachvolleyball/tools>