

SPECIFIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS



Beach Pro Tour Challenge
XIAMEN – CHN

BVB/06
-28 DAYS



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VOLLEYBALL WORLD PLAYBOOK

Preliminary Inquiry sessions as well as any practical and logistical information is available in the event Playbook at: [Challenge - Xiamen, CHN - 2026 - Beach Pro Tour 2026 season - Competition](#)

INSURANCE AND MEDICAL

Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurance.

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.

ENTRY LIST & SEEDING POINTS

Confirmed Entry List

For the Beach Pro Tour Challenge 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 current season. For further details, please refer to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Operations Manual and any clarification, please contact beachvolleyball@fivb.com.

Seeding points

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

COMPETITION SPECIFIC



COMPETITION FORMAT

Qualification Tournament

- Consists of 32 teams playing in single elimination format to qualify 8 teams to the main draw.
- 30 Qualification teams enter directly, together with 2 Qualification wild cards teams (if applicable).
- No Country Quota. Seeding based at -1 day before the start of the tournament.

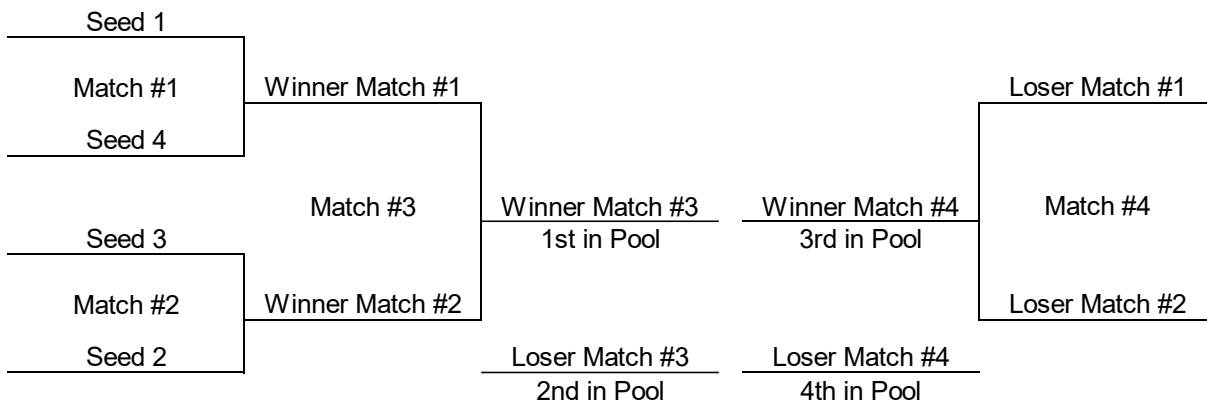
Challenge: 32-Team Qualification to Qualify 8 Teams



Main Draw Tournament

- Consists of 32 teams playing in two phases as following:
- First phase: eight (8) pools of four (4) teams playing modified pool play. The top three (3) teams from each pool will advance to the second phase.
- Second phase: 24-Team Single Elimination playoffs.
- No Country Quota
- 22 Main Draw teams, together with 2 Main Draw wild cards (If applicable) team enter directly to the Main Draw, will be distributed directly into Pool A to Pool F following the serpentine system, according to their seeding points at -1 day before the start of the tournament.
- Main Draw Pool Play Distribution:

Modified Pool Play



| Pool A | Pool B | Pool C | Pool D | Pool E | Pool F | Pool G | Pool H |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Seed 1 | Seed 2 | Seed 3 | Seed 4 | Seed 5 | Seed 6 | Seed 7 | Seed 8 |
| Seed 16 | Seed 15 | Seed 14 | Seed 13 | Seed 12 | Seed 11 | Seed 10 | Seed 9 |
| Seed 17 | Seed 18 | Seed 19 | Seed 20 | Seed 21 | Seed 22 | Seed 23 | Seed 24 |
| Seed 32 | Seed 31 | Seed 30 | Seed 29 | Seed 28 | Seed 27 | Seed 26 | Seed 25 |

- 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 being the 1st ranked team of the pool and the loser being the 2nd ranked team of the pool. The losers of the above two matches will play each other, with the winner being the 3rd ranked team of the pool and the loser being the 4th ranked team of the pool. The Top 3 teams in each pool qualify for a 24-team playoff.
- Seeding of the host country: the best host country team will be Seed 1 in Pool A if the team is among the top 8 seeded teams, otherwise, it will be Seed 8 in Pool H.
- The top eight (8) host country teams (as per their seeding points) shall never be placed in the same pool. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th 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 eight (8) host country teams. Should increasing the seed not work (or not be possible) then the seed is reduced (for example from Seed 32 to Seed 31) until such host country team is in a different pool. However, for 9th, 10th and any other eventual host country team(s), it is possible to be placed in the same pool with the top eight (8) host country teams. The relative seeding of the top 8 host country teams must be respected while this is not applicable for the 9th, 10th and any other eventual host country teams.

Example: as shown in the diagram below, 8 teams already in the Main Draw from the host country (USA) including wild cards, their seeding positions are USA 1 (Seed 1), USA 2 (Seed 2), USA 3 (Seed 5), USA 4 (Seed 8), USA 5 (Seed 9), USA 6 (Seed 115), USA 7 (Seed 16), USA 8 (Seed 21), USA 9 (Seed 25) and USA 10 (Seed 29). See below:

| Pool A | Pool B | Pool C | Pool D | Pool E | Pool F | Pool G | Pool H |
|--------------|--------------|---------|---------------|--------------|---------|---------|--------------|
| USA 1 | USA 2 | Seed 3 | Seed 4 | USA 3 | Seed 6 | Seed 7 | USA 4 |
| USA 7 | USA 6 | Seed 14 | Seed 13 | Seed 12 | Seed 11 | Seed 10 | USA 5 |
| Seed 17 | Seed 18 | Seed 19 | Seed 20 | USA 8 | Seed 22 | Seed 23 | Seed 24 |
| Seed 32 | Seed 31 | Seed 30 | USA 10 | Seed 28 | Seed 27 | Seed 26 | USA 9 |

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

| Pool A | Pool B | Pool C | Pool D | Pool E | Pool F | Pool G | Pool H |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| USA 1 | USA 2 | Seed 3 | Seed 4 | USA 3 | Seed 6 | Seed 7 | USA 4 |
| Seed 16 | Seed 15 | Seed 14 | Seed 13 | Seed 12 | Seed 11 | USA 5 | Seed 9 |
| Seed 17 | Seed 18 | USA 6 | USA 7 | Seed 21 | USA 8 | Seed 23 | Seed 24 |
| Seed 32 | Seed 31 | Seed 30 | USA 10 | Seed 28 | Seed 27 | Seed 26 | USA 9 |

DRAWING OF LOTS AFTER THE FIRST PHASE OF MODIFIED 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 on the above schedule, the teams will be updated onsite.

24-team Single Elimination Playoff from 32-team Modified Pool Play



All ratios determined by match points first, set ratio second, rally point ratio third and tournament seeding fourth

A1 or B1 - Highest ratios Match #41, Lowest ratios Match #48

C1 or D1 - Highest ratios Match #45, Lowest ratios Match #44

Draw 1 = E1 + F1 + G1 + H1

Draw 2 = 4 best ratios for 2nd place teams

Draw 3 = 4 worst ratios 2nd place teams

Draw 4 = 4 best ratios for 3rd place teams

Draw 5 = 4 worst ratios for 3rd place teams

Teams from the same pool can't meet in the first 2 rounds (Round of 24 and Round of 16)

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
2026 BPT - Challenge - XIAMEN, CHINA
13-17 May 2026
Local Time: UTC +8

Main Draw of 32 teams, Qualification of 48 teams

6 competition courts over 5 days.

Pool phase in modified pool play, followed by R24 playoff, R16 playoff, QF, SF, medal. Qualification in single elimination.

Qualification Tournament

| DATE | LOCAL TIME | UTC | COURT 1 | COURT 2 | COURT 3 | COURT 4 | COURT 5 | COURT 6 | PHASES |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------------|
| Day 1 (Wed) 13.05.26 | 07:00 | 23:00 (-1) | W-QT-R48 | W-QT-R48 | W-QT-R48 | W-QT-R48 | W-QT-R48 | W-QT-R48 | Qualification (M & W) |
| | 07:50 | 23:50 (-1) | W-QT-R48 | W-QT-R48 | W-QT-R48 | W-QT-R48 | W-QT-R48 | W-QT-R48 | |
| | 08:40 | 00:40 | W-QT-R48 | W-QT-R48 | W-QT-R48 | W-QT-R48 | M-QT-R48 | M-QT-R48 | |
| | 09:30 | 01:30 | M-QT-R48 | M-QT-R48 | M-QT-R48 | M-QT-R48 | M-QT-R48 | M-QT-R48 | |
| | 10:20 | 02:20 | M-QT-R48 | M-QT-R48 | M-QT-R48 | M-QT-R48 | M-QT-R48 | M-QT-R48 | |
| | 11:10 | 03:10 | M-QT-R48 | M-QT-R48 | W-QT-R32 | W-QT-R32 | W-QT-R32 | W-QT-R32 | |
| | 12:00 | 04:00 | W-QT-R32 | W-QT-R32 | W-QT-R32 | W-QT-R32 | W-QT-R32 | W-QT-R32 | |
| | 12:50 | 04:50 | W-QT-R32 | W-QT-R32 | W-QT-R32 | W-QT-R32 | W-QT-R32 | W-QT-R32 | |
| | 13:40 | 05:40 | M-QT-R32 | M-QT-R32 | M-QT-R32 | M-QT-R32 | M-QT-R32 | M-QT-R32 | |
| | 14:30 | 06:30 | M-QT-R32 | M-QT-R32 | M-QT-R32 | M-QT-R32 | M-QT-R32 | M-QT-R32 | |
| | 15:20 | 07:20 | M-QT-R32 | M-QT-R32 | M-QT-R32 | M-QT-R32 | W-QT-R16 | W-QT-R16 | |
| | 16:10 | 08:10 | W-QT-R16 | W-QT-R16 | W-QT-R16 | W-QT-R16 | W-QT-R16 | W-QT-R16 | |
| 17:00 | 09:00 | M-QT-R16 | M-QT-R16 | M-QT-R16 | M-QT-R16 | M-QT-R16 | M-QT-R16 | | |
| 17:50 | 09:50 | M-QT-R16 | M-QT-R16 | | | | | | |

Main Draw

| DATE | LOCAL TIME | UTC | COURT 1 | COURT 2 | COURT 3 | COURT 4 | COURT 5 | COURT 6 | PHASES |
|----------------------------|------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Day 2 (Thu) 14.05.26 | 09:00 | 01:00 | W-MD-Pool #1 | W-MD-Pool #2 | W-MD-Pool #3 | W-MD-Pool #4 | W-MD-Pool #5 | W-MD-Pool #6 | Main Draw Pool Play (M & W) |
| | 10:00 | 02:00 | W-MD-Pool #7 | W-MD-Pool #8 | W-MD-Pool #9 | W-MD-Pool #10 | W-MD-Pool #11 | W-MD-Pool #12 | |
| | 11:00 | 03:00 | W-MD-Pool #13 | W-MD-Pool #14 | W-MD-Pool #15 | W-MD-Pool #16 | M-MD-Pool #1 | M-MD-Pool #2 | |
| | 12:00 | 04:00 | M-MD-Pool #3 | M-MD-Pool #4 | M-MD-Pool #5 | M-MD-Pool #6 | M-MD-Pool #7 | M-MD-Pool #8 | |
| | 14:00 | 06:00 | M-MD-Pool #9 | M-MD-Pool #10 | M-MD-Pool #11 | M-MD-Pool #12 | M-MD-Pool #13 | M-MD-Pool #14 | |
| | 15:00 | 07:00 | W-MD-Pool #17 | W-MD-Pool #18 | W-MD-Pool #19 | W-MD-Pool #20 | M-MD-Pool #15 | M-MD-Pool #16 | |
| | 16:00 | 08:00 | W-MD-Pool #21 | W-MD-Pool #22 | W-MD-Pool #23 | W-MD-Pool #24 | W-MD-Pool #25 | W-MD-Pool #26 | |
| | 17:00 | 09:00 | W-MD-Pool #27 | W-MD-Pool #28 | W-MD-Pool #29 | W-MD-Pool #30 | W-MD-Pool #31 | W-MD-Pool #32 | |

| DATE | LOCAL TIME | UTC | COURT 1 | COURT 2 | COURT 3 | COURT 4 | COURT 5 | COURT 6 | PHASES |
|----------------------------|------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Day 3 (Fri) 15.05.26 | 09:00 | 01:00 | M-MD-Pool #17 | M-MD-Pool #18 | M-MD-Pool #19 | M-MD-Pool #20 | M-MD-Pool #21 | M-MD-Pool #22 | Main Draw Pool Play (M) |
| | 10:00 | 02:00 | M-MD-Pool #23 | M-MD-Pool #24 | M-MD-Pool #25 | M-MD-Pool #26 | M-MD-Pool #27 | M-MD-Pool #28 | |
| | 11:00 | 03:00 | W-MD-R24 #1 | W-MD-R24 #2 | M-MD-Pool #29 | M-MD-Pool #30 | M-MD-Pool #31 | M-MD-Pool #32 | |
| | 12:00 | 04:00 | W-MD-R24 #3 | W-MD-R24 #4 | W-MD-R24 #5 | W-MD-R24 #6 | W-MD-R24 #7 | W-MD-R24 #8 | |
| | 14:00 | 06:00 | M-MD-R24 #1 | M-MD-R24 #2 | M-MD-R24 #3 | M-MD-R24 #4 | | | Main Draw R24 (M & W) |
| | 15:00 | 07:00 | M-MD-R24 #5 | M-MD-R24 #6 | M-MD-R24 #7 | M-MD-R24 #8 | | | |
| | 16:00 | 08:00 | W-MD-R16 #1 | W-MD-R16 #2 | W-MD-R16 #3 | W-MD-R16 #4 | | | |
| | 17:00 | 09:00 | W-MD-R16 #5 | W-MD-R16 #6 | W-MD-R16 #7 | W-MD-R16 #8 | | | |

| DATE | LOCAL TIME | UTC | COURT 1 | COURT 2 | COURT 3 | COURT 4 | COURT 5 | COURT 6 | PHASES |
|----------------------------|------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| Day 4 (Sat) 16.05.26 | 09:00 | 01:00 | M-MD-R16 #1 | M-MD-R16 #2 | M-MD-R16 #3 | M-MD-R16 #4 | | | Main Draw R16 (M) |
| | 10:00 | 02:00 | M-MD-R16 #5 | M-MD-R16 #6 | M-MD-R16 #7 | M-MD-R16 #8 | | | |
| | 11:00 | 03:00 | W-QF #1 | W-QF #2 | | | | | Main Draw QF (W & M) |
| | 12:00 | 04:00 | W-QF #3 | W-QF #4 | | | | | |
| | 14:00 | 06:00 | M-QF #1 | M-QF #2 | | | | | |
| | 15:00 | 07:00 | M-QF #3 | M-QF #4 | | | | | Semi Finals (W) |
| | 16:00 | 08:00 | W-SF 1 | | | | | | |
| 17:00 | 09:00 | W-SF 2 | | | | | | | |

| DATE | LOCAL TIME | UTC | COURT 1 | COURT 2 | COURT 3 | COURT 4 | COURT 5 | COURT 6 | PHASES |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| Day 5 (Sun) 17.05.26 | 10:00 | 02:00 | M-SF 1 | | | | | | Semi Finals (M) |
| | 11:00 | 03:00 | M-SF 2 | | | | | | |
| | 13:00 | 05:00 | W-Bronze | | | | | | Finals (M & W) |
| | 14:00 | 06:00 | M-Bronze | | | | | | |
| | 15:00 | 07:00 | W-Gold | | | | | | |
| | 16:00 | 08:00 | M-Gold | | | | | | |
| | | Followed by | Awarding | | | | | | |

Preliminary Inquiry-QT (Men/Women)
Time: 15:00-17:00, 12 May
Venue: FIVB Office in Competition Venue

Preliminary Inquiry-MD (Men/Women)
Time: 15:00-17:00, 13 May
Venue: FIVB Office in Competition Venue

WITHDRAWAL REGULATIONS

Information regarding the withdrawal procedure for a Beach Pro Tour Challenge 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 Challenge 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 Challenge 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 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.

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

RANKING POINTS (PER ATHLETE)

| Rank | BPT Elite16 | BPT Challenge | BPT 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 | 170 | 50 |
| 19 th | 190 | N/A | N/A |
| 21 st | N/A | N/A | 30 |
| 25 th | 150 | 110 | N/A |
| 33 rd | N/A | 90 | N/A |
| 41 st | N/A | 50 | N/A |

Note: The FIVB Beach Volleyball ranking points obtained from the Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Futures 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).

PRIZE MONEY

For the Beach Pro Tour Challenge in Xiamen, the following prize money is allocated to each gender tournament and will be paid by the FIVB through **bank transfer**.

| Rank | Prize Money (per team) in USD | Total in USD |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 st | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| 2 nd | 13,000 | 13,000 |
| 3 rd | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| 4 th | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| 5 th x 4 | 5,000 | 20,000 |
| 9 th x 8 | 3,250 | 26,000 |
| 17 th x 8 | 2,250 | 18,000 |
| 25 th x 8 | 1,500 | 12,000 |
| Total Prize Money | | 125,000 |

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 and personal details at the beginning of the contract year through the VIS.** Please double check your profile and consult the FIVB Delegate at the Preliminary Inquiry should there be any questions.*

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.