



VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGER CUP

 **Volleyball World**

Competition Regulations

FIVB Volleyball Challenger Cup 2024

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INTRODUCTION

1.1. Introduction

These Competition Regulations provide the Team Delegations, FIVB and VW Delegations with the obligations and guidelines (as applicable) related to the participation in and the technical staging of the Event (and other associated side events).

The following rules of interpretation apply in these Competition Regulations:

- a) The FIVB reserves the right to update these Competition Regulations at any time prior to the Event. In the event of any variation of these Competition Regulations, the FIVB will promptly notify the stakeholders and share the updated numbered version of these Competition Regulations.
- b) Unless otherwise stated in these Competition Regulations, in the event there is any conflict or ambiguity between any provisions in these Competition Regulations, the [FIVB Event Regulations](#), the precedence of the FIVB Event Regulations shall apply.
- c) Unless the context requires otherwise, a reference to the Event shall mean the FIVB Volleyball Challenger Cup Men and Women 2024 including any and all side events relating to such Event.
- d) A reference to FIVB Event Regulations, Chapter(s) are to a Chapter(s) of the FIVB Event Regulations.
- e) A reference to Appendix(ices) or Annex shall be those of these Competition Regulations.
- f) Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders.

COMPETITION FORMULA

2.1. Concept

The Volleyball Challenger Cup (VCC) 2024 edition will take place in Manila, Philippines, from 4th to 7th July 2024 for women, and Linyi, China, from 4th to 7th July 2024 for men. This year, the eight-team formula will be played again after the implementation in 2022. The tournament will feature teams from all around the world and present one team per gender with the opportunity to compete to join the FIVB Volleyball Nations League in 2025.

WOMEN PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Quota	Qualification Pathway	<u>Women</u>
1	Host Team	Philippines
1	AVC Challenger 2024 Winner	Vietnam
1	CEV Golden League 2024 Winner	Sweden
1	CEV Golden League 2024 Runner-Up	Czechia
1	CAVB & CSV - FIVB World Ranking as of 24 SEP 2023 for women	Kenya
1		Argentina
1	NORCECA International League Final Four 2023 Winner	Puerto Rico
1	Top ranked Team not yet qualified	Belgium

MEN PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Quota	Qualification Pathway	<u>Men</u>
1	Host Team	China
1	AVC Challenger 2024 Winner	Qatar
1	CEV Golden League 2024 Winner	Ukraine
1	CEV Golden League 2024 Runner-Up	Croatia
1	CAVB & CSV - FIVB World Ranking as of 8 OCT 2023 for men	Egypt
1		Chile
1	NORCECA International League Final Four 2023 Winner	Mexico
1	Top ranked Team not yet qualified	Belgium

2.2. Formula

8 teams will play in a direct elimination formula:

- a. The national team of the hosting territory of the event will have a guaranteed berth for the tournament and is placed in 1st position. The remaining 7 teams are placed from 2nd to 8th positions as per the FIVB World Ranking as 17 June 2024 for both genders.

b. Women's Tournament Seeding

A1	PHI
A2	BEL
A3	PUR
A4	CZE
A5	ARG
A6	KEN
A7	SWE
A8	VIE

c. Men's Tournament Seeding

A1	CHN
A2	UKR
A3	BEL
A4	EGY
A5	QAT
A6	CRO
A7	CHI
A8	MEX

- d. The Host Team will play a quarterfinal match against the 8th ranked team, the 2nd ranked team will play a quarterfinal match against the 7th ranked team, the 3rd ranked team will play a quarterfinal match against the 6th ranked team, the 4th ranked team will play a quarterfinal match against the 5th ranked team:

Quarterfinal 1	Host Team vs 8 th Ranked Team
Quarterfinal 2	2 nd Ranked Team vs 7 th Ranked Team
Quarterfinal 3	3 rd Ranked Team vs 6 th Ranked Team
Quarterfinal 4	4 th Ranked Team vs 5 th Ranked Team

* Order of the quarterfinals can be changed based on the request of the Media Rights Holders.

- e. The losers of the quarterfinals will be eliminated and ranked 5th to 8th in the Final Standing of the VCC 2024 as per the Teams Ranking System;
- f. The winner of the quarterfinal 1 will play a semifinal match against the winner of the quarterfinal 4 and the winner of the quarterfinal 2 will play a semifinal match against the winner of the quarterfinal 3:

Semi-final 1	Winner QF1 vs Winner QF4
Semi-final 2	Winner QF2 vs Winner QF3

* Order of the semi-finals can be changed based on the request of the Media Rights Holders.

- g. Winners of the semi-finals will play for the VCC Champion title whilst the losers will play for 3rd place in the competition:

Consolation Final	Loser SF1 vs Loser SF2
Final	Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2

2.3. VCC Promotion Process

The winner of the 2024 edition of the VCC shall be promoted and compete in the 2025 edition of the Volleyball Nations League (VNL).

2.4. Final Standing

At the end of the VCC 2024, all participating teams will be ranked from 8th to 1st place as per the following regulations:

1. After the quarterfinals, eliminated teams will be ranked as per the Teams Ranking System from 8th to 5th place.
2. During the Final Phase, the teams that do not win the semi-finals will compete for 4th and 3rd place and the winners of the semi-finals will compete for 2nd and 1st place.

TEAM ENTRY

Each participating NF shall submit before the deadlines to the FIVB Volleyball department volleyball.teams@fivb.com

	Participating Teams	<u>Teams to qualify through Women's & Men's Top Ranked teams not yet qualified, Women's & Men's CEV Golden League 2024 Winner & Runner-up</u>
National Team Contact List Form	10 June 2024	<u>Latest by 18 June 2024</u>
Long List (O-2 Form)		
Team Travel Information Form		
Team Uniform Form, Graphic Layout, and samples		
Final Short List (O-2bis Form)	03 July 2024	03 July 2024

3.1. Eligibility of Players

- a. A player is eligible to play for the National Team of a National Federation if he / she **has**:
 - 1) the nationality of the country he / she represents, proving this by means of a passport or other valid, government issued document confirming his / her nationality;
 - 2) the National Federation as his / her Federation of Origin;
 - 3) an Anti-Doping Certificate demonstrating that he / she has successfully completed the [FIVB Play Clean program](#) ;
 - 4) an E-Learning Course on Prevention of Competition Manipulation Certificate demonstrating that he / she has successfully completed the [E-Learning Course on the Prevention of Competition Manipulation \(Annex: FIVB PCMC\)](#).
- b. The nationality of a player is justified by means of a passport or other authentic document issued by the authorities of the country of the National Federation. The Federation of Origin is verified using VIS (the FIVB Control Committee shall verify in particular that a player does not have multiple profiles on the VIS).
- c. In accordance with Article 2.2.1 of the FIVB Sports Regulations, only one (1) player having previously played for another national team and who has changed Federation of Origin within the last four (4) years can be part of a team, for a given event. The four-year period shall start from the date that the change of Federation of Origin of the player was approved.
- d. All Players and Team Officials are required to complete the Safeguarding E-Learning Course, available at the [FIVB E-learning platform](#) and which provides everyone participating in FIVB competitions with comprehensive knowledge on their right to safe sporting environments, free from harassment and abuse.
- e. Once the passports or other legal documents have been checked and accepted by the FIVB Technical Delegate, the OC will issue the accreditations for players. Before each match, the accreditations must be presented to the Technical Delegate, and each Team Manager must keep the players' passports ready in the event that the player is subject to doping control.
- f. In the event that a player is subject to a sanction disqualifying her/him from participating in volleyball competitions by the FIVB after her/his registration on the O-2 Form, the concerned player shall not be allowed to be registered on the O-2bis Form for the relevant week(s) covering the sanction or to be replaced on the O-2 Form. In the event that a player is subject to a sanction disqualifying her/him from participating in volleyball competitions by the FIVB after her/his registration on the O-2bis Form, the concerned player shall not be allowed to be replaced on the O-2bis Form for the week in which the sanction is issued. The sanction of the concerned player will be reflected on the score sheet with the player's name and the note "suspended" for the matches covered by the sanction.
- g. Each Team must register a minimum of twelve (12) players for the Event.

3.2. Team Registration

- a. National Federations (NFs) are responsible for registering their Team Delegation through the Volleyball Information System (VIS): <https://app.fivb.com/> . Login details are provided by FIVB to each NF.
- b. Two (2) key milestones apply:

Step 1	Long List* (O-2 Form)	10 June 2024	List of up to 25 players to be submitted latest 4 weeks prior to the start of the event.
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Step 2	Final Roster (O-2bis Form)	03 July 2024	List of 12-14 players confirmed at the Preliminary Inquiry, 1 day prior to the start of the event.
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***NFs of Host Teams, Women’s & Men’s NORCECA League Final Four 2023 Winners, Women’s AVC & Men’s AVC Challenger 2024 Winner, Women’s CAVB & CSV FIVB World Ranking as of 24 Sept 2023, Men’s CAVB & CSV FIVB World Ranking as of 8 Oct 2023, to submit the Long List (O-2 Form) latest on 10 June 2024, and Women’s & Men’s Top Ranked teams not yet qualified, Women’s & Men’s CEV Golden League 2024 Winner & Runner-up, to submit the Long List (O-2 Form) latest on 18 June 2024**

STEP 1 – LONG LIST (O-2 FORM) (-4 WEEKS)

The participating NFs must register their Team Delegation through the [Volleyball Information System \(VIS\)](#), with the FIVB at least four (4) weeks before the start of the competition.

The O-2 Form can consist of up to 25 players and shall indicate the Captain of the Team and the Team Officials. The NFs shall generate the O-2 Form and remit a signed version to the FIVB (volleyball.teams@fivb.com).

After the submission of the signed O-2 Form, the participating NF **cannot** make any changes in the players roster on that Form.

All players and Team Officials registered on O-2 Form must have previously obtained the Anti-Doping and E-Learning Course on Prevention of Competition Manipulation certificates by completing the respective online courses.

For participation in the Event, Annex 1 and Annex 2 (both **only for players**) of the Code of Conduct shall be signed individually by each player registered on O-2 Form and uploaded on the VIS Profile of the concerned player under the documentation tab.

For each **player**, it is mandatory to register / submit **through the VIS** the following:

- a. Photos as per [Team Registration Guideline](#)
- b. Personal data (birth date, weight and height, highest reach at spiking and blocking...)
- c. Valid passport’s copy
- d. Valid personal email address and phone number
- e. Players’ names pronunciation records as per [Team Registration Guideline](#).
- f. Signed CoC Annex 1 & 2

For the **Team**, it is mandatory to upload **through the VIS** the:

- g. Team photo as per [Team Registration Guideline](#)

For the **Team Officials**, it is mandatory to submit **through the VIS** the following:

- h. Photos as per [Team Registration Guideline](#)
- i. Team Officials’ names pronunciation as per [Team Registration Guideline](#).

In case of specific questions related to the team registration process, please contact volleyball.teams@fivb.com

STEP 2 – FINAL SHORT LIST (O-2bis FORM) (-1 DAY BEFORE THE EVENT)

The O-2bis Form shall consist of 12-14 players from the 25 players previously registered on O-2 Form, without changing the individual players' T-shirt numbers and shall indicate the Team Officials going to the event.

The signed O-2bis Form is to be uploaded on the respective team's SharePoint folder one (1) day before the event starts and prior to the Preliminary Inquiry.

By individually signing the O-2bis Form, players and Team Officials agree and accept the terms of the Code of Conduct in its integrity.

3.3. Team Delegation Members

- a. The official Team Delegation is comprised of twelve (12) to fourteen (14) players and six (6) Team Officials.
- b. The following Team Official roles must be fulfilled:
 - Team Manager,
 - Head Coach,
 - One (1) Doctor (FIVB accredited) or one (1) Physiotherapist (FIVB accredited).
- c. Each Team Delegation shall comprise at any time a minimum of one (1) medical staff member as described above & e.g. In the event that the official Team Delegation includes only one (1) medical staff member position out of the two (2) possible, the vacant position can be used to register another Team Official.
- d. The LOC covers the board and lodging for up to fourteen (14) players and six (6) Team Officials.
- e. Extra Team Officials (2nd Assistant Coach, Physical Trainer, Team Statistician, General Manager, Team Interpreter) may be added to a Team Delegation but may be accredited only when their local travel and accommodation and other necessary expenses are paid in advance by the respective NF to the Organizer.

3.4. Medical Replacement

Participating teams have the possibility to exceptionally request the replacement of player(s) due to medical reasons to the extent that the concerned player(s):

- a. presents a medical condition, including injury or any other illness, that prevents his/her participation for the rest of the tournament.

In any of the abovementioned cases, the respective NF shall submit a written medical replacement request to volleyball.teams@fivb.com indicating:

1. the replacement player(s) from the Long List (O-2)
2. the player to be replaced on the Final Short List (O-2bis) and including a medical certificate attesting that the concerned injury or illness prevents the player from participating in the rest of the tournament.
3. The respective NF shall be responsible for making all of the necessary travel arrangements at its own cost to bring the replacement player(s) to the host city of the event and coordinate all local arrangements with the LOC.
4. In the event that the replacement is granted, the Technical Delegate shall proceed with the replacement(s) in the Final Short List (O-2bis) after verifying the signed Annexes to the Code of Conduct, player(s) passport(s) and Health Certificate(s) (M-3).
5. The updated Final Short List (O-2bis) shall be circulated in the Daily Bulletin.
6. The replacement player(s) shall be allowed to compete in matches starting from the day after the Daily Bulletin in which the updated Final Short List (O-2bis) featuring the replacement player(s) was circulated. The replaced player(s) shall not be allowed to compete for the remainder of the tournament.

3.5. Libero

- a. The Head Coach of a Team can change the Libero(s) between each match. The Team Manager/Head Coach must inform the Technical Delegate no later than one (1) hour before a match if a Team wishes to change the Libero(s) from that selected for the previous match.
- b. If a Team has more than 12 players recorded in the score sheet, the Team must designate two (2) Liberos on its Team list.
- c. Possible Team compositions on the Final Roster (O-2bis Form) are the following:

Score sheet Team list	Team Composition
Fourteen (14) players	Twelve (12) regular players + two (2) Liberos
Thirteen (13) players	Eleven (11) regular players + two (2) Liberos
Twelve (12) players	Twelve (12) regular players + zero (0) Liberos
Twelve (12) players	Eleven (11) regular players + one (1) Libero
Twelve (12) players	Ten (10) regular players + two (2) Liberos

3.6. Team Officials on the Bench

- a. The Head Coach and maximum of four (4) Team Officials registered on the Final Roster (O-2bis Form) may be seated on the team bench.
- b. The Team Manager and the Team Journalist are not allowed to sit on the team bench.
- c. Extra Team Officials who are not seated on the team bench, shall be seated in a designated area in the Competition Hall.

3.7. Team Statisticians

- a. Each Team is allowed a maximum of two (2) Team Statisticians to be seated in the allocated area behind the service line during that Team's respective match with one (1) cabled access to the live feed.
- b. Each Team is allowed a maximum of one (1) Team Statistician to be seated in the allocated area behind the service line during other Teams' matches.

3.8. Team Manager

The Team Manager is expected to have experience in team management at international competitions and **must speak English**. His/her main duties are:

- a. Coordination and responsibility of the Team Delegation. This includes flight confirmation and adjustments, visa matters, preparation, and attendance at the Preliminary Inquiry with all required documents, certificates, team equipment and accessories.
- b. Coordination between media and players. This is the responsibility of the Team Manager to make sure that the Captain and Head Coach attend all the Media Activities associated to the Event.
- c. Communication with other National Teams, the LOC and the FIVB Officials and Service Providers.

3.9. Accreditation of Team Journalist

- a. A maximum of one (1) journalist may be accredited by FIVB and may be designated as a Team Journalist for the competition.
- b. To register, please send an email to media.accreditation@volleyball.world.

3.10. Team Videographer

- a. It is recommended that a Team Journalist is assigned as a Team Videographer and carries out the duties of the Team Journalist.

3.11. Team Doctor and Physiotherapist

- a. Only Doctors/Physiotherapists having the FIVB Team Doctor's/Physiotherapist's Accreditation (pdf file) will be authorized to sit on the team bench.
- b. New Doctors/ Physiotherapists with no FIVB registration number must be accredited by the FIVB Medical Department no later than **six (6) weeks prior to the Event**, according to Section H of the [FIVB Medical and Anti-Doping Regulations](#). Please contact medical@fivb.com for more information on the matter.

TEAM UNIFORMS

4.1. Players

- a. The playing uniform must comply with the [FIVB Event Regulations - Article 4.9, Chapter 6 and Annex A](#) (incorporating uniform standards) previously circulated, where the location of the Country and Last (Family) Name and the size of the numbers are clearly indicated.
- b. Each Team must have available three (3) sets of playing uniforms each one of a different color. The players' numbers must be the same on the O-2 and O-2bis Forms and uniforms.
- c. The playing uniforms of the Team Captain and the Libero (if different) must be presented during the Preliminary Inquiry.
- d. Any accessories used by the players during the Event (e.g., knee protectors (knee pads), elbow protectors (elbow pads), player's hand towels, head bands, wrist bands etc.) cannot display any advertising. Any manufacturer's logo displayed on these accessories cannot be greater than 6 cm².
- e. Undergarments must not be visible under the uniform (shorts or jersey) and in any event must be of the same color as the uniform.
- f. Compression pads are approved but are required to be of the same color design as the uniform. No padding is allowed in the forearm compression pads, as it provides advantages to the players' performances. Neutral colors, black or white are acceptable. Teams using compression pads must be uniform in color/design for all players.

4.2. Special Uniforms

A player may request to wear a special uniform to the extent that any religions and cultural norms and/or customs are impacted by the standard uniform options available. National Federation shall submit a written request to the FIVB Volleyball Department prior to the respective event. The FIVB reserves the right to decline an application if there is no evidence that the standard uniform options limit the religions cultural norms and/or customs.

4.3. Team Officials

- a. The maximum five (5) Team Officials on the bench (as approved in the Preliminary Inquiry) must conform to the following dress code options:
 - i. All of the Team Officials must wear the official warm up suit and polo shirt of their Team Delegation, **or**
 - ii. All of the Team Officials must wear the polo shirt and dress trousers of their Team Delegation, **or**
 - iii. All of the Team Officials must wear dress jacket and trousers, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks/sneakers of the same colour and style.
- b. However, any Team Officials wearing dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks will not be allowed on the Playing Court during the official pre-match protocol.

- c. Extra Team Officials (if any) must wear the official warm up suit and polo shirt of their Team Delegation, previously approved by the FIVB.
- d. The penalty for non-compliance of the dress code for Team Officials on the bench will be that the Team Official(s) concerned will not be allowed to sit on the team bench, must leave the Field of Play.

4.4. FIVB Officials and Referees

The 2023 Mizuno uniforms continue to be the official uniforms for 2024 FIVB/VW events, therefore please bring your own uniforms to the competition.

ADVERTISING ON TEAM UNIFORM

5.1. Advertising on Team Uniform

- a. Advertising on uniforms shall be in accordance with the [FIVB Event Regulations, Chapter 6 and Annex A](#); and, subject to prior FIVB approval, should avoid conflict with any FIVB/Volleyball World Commercial Affiliate category for the Event. Samples of team uniforms must be submitted not later than four (4) weeks prior to the Event:
 - the application form for authorization of advertising material ([Advertising on Team Uniform Form](#)) - submission required only once per season, not for each event, except when the Sponsor(s)/Manufacture are different for each event;
 - three (3) sets of Captain's (and Libero's (if different) playing uniforms, each one of a different color (also applicable in the event that there is no advertising on the uniforms) - submission required only once per season, not for each event;
 - Players and Team Officials' uniform graphic layouts with detailed information, such as sizes of logos, letters, advertising, manufacturer, etc.;
 - Uniform samples' photos - in case of new samples, which are different from the submitted ones or upon the FIVB request.
- b. With reference to the [FIVB Financial Regulations, Article 1](#), in case of application of advertising on team uniform/equipment, each Team must pay an Advertisement on Team Uniform Fee to the FIVB. Upon approval of the applied advertisement, FIVB shall issue an invoice addressed to the respective Team NF and or the amount will be deducted from the Team's prize money after the Event.
- c. Upon the uniform approval by the FIVB, an Approval Certificate will be issued, and it must be presented at the Preliminary Inquiry by the Team Manager.

MEDICAL & ANTI-DOPING

6.1. Participating Teams' Medical Obligations

- a. Each Team NF / Team Delegation shall ensure its players and (where appropriate the Team Delegation) comply with the medical eligibility requirements.
- b. FIVB medical accreditations (printed pdf files) for Team Doctors and Physiotherapists are mandatory and must be presented at the Preliminary Inquiry. Team NFs must request validation (if not done prior) from the FIVB Medical Department no later than six (6) weeks before the Event.
- c. With reference to the [FIVB Event Regulations - Chapter 17](#), all Team NFs are obliged to take out their own third-party liability and medical insurance in respect of their Team Delegation.
- d. All Team NFs waive any claims against the LOC, Volleyball World and the FIVB for sport injuries sustained during the Event (as defined in the FIVB Medical & Anti-Doping Regulations).

6.2. Participating Teams' Anti-Doping Obligations

- a. If a player has taken any prohibited substances, he/she must request a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) at least twenty-one (21) days before the Event using the M-8 Form, except in the case of a medical emergency, and it must be granted by the FIVB, through ITA, before the Event. In the event of a medical emergency, the team and player involved may reach out to the FIVB to obtain additional information about the possibility of obtaining a retroactive TUE.
- b. Members of Team Delegations who wish to participate in the Event must acquire an Anti-Doping Certificate first, at the latest, by the deadline for the O-2bis Form. The FIVB Anti-Doping education program can be accessed at [FIVB E-Learning](#).
- c. Each Team Delegation shall ensure that its players are aware of their anti-doping rights and obligations.

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

7.1. Conducting the Competition

- a. The Event is governed by the FIVB and will be conducted by the FIVB Technical Delegate.
- b. FIVB Referees appointed by the FIVB will officiate at the Event.
- c. The Event must be conducted in accordance with:
 - These Competition Regulations;
 - [Official Volleyball Rules](#);
 - [FIVB Event Regulations](#);
 - [FIVB Sports Regulations](#);
 - [Video Challenge System Regulations](#) & [Team Tablet Regulations](#);
 - [General Regulations](#);
 - [Disciplinary Regulations](#);
 - [Medical and Anti-Doping Regulations](#);
 - [FIVB framework for safeguarding players and other participants from harassment and abuse in sport](#).

7.2. FOP Layout & Set Up

To bring the focus on the players, capture the teams' reactions and emotions to create more content engaging the fans worldwide, VCC 2024 edition will see an adapted Field of Play orientation where the team benches and warm up areas are located opposite the main TV camera. A 3rd Referee is located at the scorers' table to fulfil the administrative role and duties of the 2nd Referee.

Please click on the following link to view the [Volleyball Field of Play Layout and Volleyball Venue Layout](#).

7.3. Sport Equipment

With reference to the [FIVB Event Regulations – Chapter 4](#), the Event will be played with the FIVB homologated equipment only:

- Official ball (and rubber-wheeled trolleys): **Mikasa, V200W**.
- Net system (net posts, post pads, net antennas, net side bands, nets and referee chairs): **Senoh**.
- Synthetic flooring: **Gerflor 3-colour Taraflex**.
- Sub-floor: **Connor Sports Quicklock** (recommended).

7.4. Pre-match Protocol

Coming soon.

7.5. VCS Regulations

Please click on the following link to view the [Video Challenge System Regulations](#).

7.6. Team Tablet Regulations

Please click on the following link to view the [Team Tablet Regulations](#).

7.7. Complaints

- a. All official complaints relating to a match must be presented in writing via email to the FIVB Technical Delegate(s) within one hour after the end of the match concerned. The complaints procedure to be followed can be found in the [FIVB Event Regulations - Chapter 2](#).
- b. Once the scoresheet for a match is checked and signed by all relevant participants without protest, no further team protest on technical aspects can be accepted (e.g., substitutions, scorer's error, referee's error, etc).
- c. Complaints about the result of a match must be worded in English and accompanied by a deposit of CHF 300 cash (or the equivalent in local currency) for each such match result complaint.

7.8. Sanctions

All disciplinary matters shall be decided in accordance with the [FIVB Disciplinary Regulations](#) as well as all other relevant FIVB Regulations. Teams are strongly advised to review the FIVB Regulations before the VCC. The FIVB Regulations can be found at the following link: <https://www.fivb.com/en/thefivb/legal>.

The competence to impose sanctions for simple and major offences, except anti-doping rule violations, arising on the occasion of a competition is on the FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee. A member of the DP to be selected at a later date is assigned as Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee Member for the VCC 2024. Sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee are final and limited to period of the VCC 2024. The FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee may refer cases involving potential sanctions beyond the competition to the competent FIVB body.

For purposes of disciplinary offences falling under the [FIVB Disciplinary Regulations](#) or these Specific Competition Regulations, the period of the VCC 2024 shall be deemed to start on the scheduled arrival date of the teams until the end of the awarding ceremony.

The procedure for the proceedings for the FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee is governed by Articles 14.4 and 16 of the [FIVB Disciplinary Regulations](#), except for Article 16.6 governing appeals, as all decisions issued by the FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee are final. The procedure shall be conducted in an expedited manner with short deadlines in order to allow for a timely decision as required for in-competition offences while, at the same time, guaranteeing the rights of the concerned person defined in Article 16.2 of the [FIVB Disciplinary Regulations](#).

Below are relevant provisions and sanctions related to participation, uniforms, misconduct and other disciplinary matters.

Sanctions relating to non-participation/withdrawal

If a National Federation declares the non-participation of its duly qualified team or simply does not send its team to participate in the VCC 2024, it will be sanctioned in accordance with [FIVB Disciplinary Regulations](#) as National Federations have an obligation to participate in competitions in which they have entered a team (Article 12.4.1 of the [FIVB Disciplinary Regulations](#)).

Withdrawal of the team before the tournament will be sanctioned according to the [FIVB Disciplinary Regulations](#) (Art. 12.3) depending on the date of withdrawal. Withdrawal of teams/athletes entered in the Pool Phase is not

allowed except in cases of "force majeure" or player injury. In such cases, a Medical Certificate or a declaration of good faith must be provided. Withdrawal during the course of the tournament or non-appearance at the beginning of the tournament by a National Team except as otherwise provided herein, the National Federation shall be punished by the following in accordance with Article 12.3.6 of the [FIVB Disciplinary Regulations](#):

- a. in all cases, compulsory reimbursement to the Organizing Committee and the FIVB of the expenses made on behalf of the withdrawing delegation and team, plus damages for loss of income and other financial consequences; and
- b. fine of up to CHF 50,000; and/or
- c. suspension from international competitions for up to two (2) years

Sanctions relating to uniforms

Teams not respecting the color of uniforms as determined by the FIVB will be subject to a fine of a minimum of 1,000 CHF.

A failure to provide the FIVB with the required documents and sample of uniforms at the Preliminary Inquiry will be subject to a fine up to 5,000 CHF.

Sanctions relating to misconduct

All athletes shall conduct themselves in accordance with the principles and values of sportsmanship and fair play reflected in the FIVB Regulations and a failure to do so by a member of a team delegation may be subject to sanction in accordance with the [FIVB Disciplinary Regulations](#).

Sanctions relating to media activities

Players failing to comply with the media obligations defined in Article 10.1 of these Competition Regulations will be subject to a fine of a minimum of 1,000 CHF. Multiple offences shall be subject to Article 2.9 of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.

Sanctions relating to other violations of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations

Sanctions may also be imposed for violations of the [FIVB Disciplinary Regulations](#) and other [FIVB Regulations](#) in accordance with the [FIVB Disciplinary Regulations](#).

All sanctions mentioned above may be applied cumulatively.

7.9. Forfeit

- a. If a team is unable to produce six (6) players for a match due to a valid medical reason, the match (s) will be automatically forfeited (3-0).
- b. Forfeit of a team with more than six (6) players shall be subject to sanctions as per the [FIVB Disciplinary Regulations](#).

7.10. Serve Clock

Please click on the following link to view the [Serve Clock Manual](#).

7.11. Technical Timeouts, Team Timeouts, Intervals and Change of Sides

- a. No Technical Timeouts.
- b. Two (2) 30-second Team Timeouts available per team per set.
- c. All Intervals between sets last three 3 minutes*.
- d. Teams change sides between sets and when the leading team reaches 8 points in the tie-break. The court side will be decided at the coin toss before the match.

* Intervals between sets can be extended to 5 minutes based on the request of the Media Rights Holders.

7.12. Other Competition Related Matters

- a. No Line Judges will assist the match, Video Challenge System equipment shall be used instead.
- b. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Referee and a Challenge Referee will assist each match.
- c. Serve Clock will be operated by the assistant scorer.
- d. Four (4) ball retrievers will ensure the flow of each match.
- e. Two (2) to four (4) quick moppers will ensure the flow of each match.

7.13. Towels for Trainings and Matches

- a. Players shall take towels from their hotel room to be used during training sessions.
- b. It is the team's responsibility to return the towels back to the hotel.

7.14. Collection of Starting Lineup

- a. Teams are required to confirm through the Team Tablet the starting six Players + Libero and positions of each match a minimum of -25 minutes before the match start.
- b. In case of a proven valid injury during the official warm up, the starting lineup may be exceptionally changed.

TRAINING & MATCH SCHEDULE

8.1. Match Schedule

Detailed Match Schedule is available [volleyballworld.com VCC Match Schedule](http://volleyballworld.com/VCC_Match_Schedule)

Please consult the link regularly for any updates.

8.2. Pre-match Warm Up

- a. The two competing teams shall warm up on the competition court at least one (1) hour prior to the start of each match.
- b. When the match schedule does not allow enough time for warm up on the competition court, two (2) warm up areas shall be made available for the two competing teams at least one (1) hour prior to the start of each match.
- c. Teams shall be allowed to warm up with balls as soon as they enter the competition court.

8.3. Training Facilities

One (1) training court and one (1) fitness gym shall be made available to the participating Teams.

8.4. Training Schedule Guidelines

- a. On **OFF days**, each Team is guaranteed;
 - 1x 2h volleyball training session and/or fitness training session a day
 - 1x 1h30 of familiarization on Competition court the day before the first match
- b. On **MATCH days**, each Team is guaranteed;
 - 1x 1h volleyball training session
- c. Trainings on match days for the teams playing shall be scheduled in the morning on the competition court if possible. A minimum of 5 hours of interval is given to the Team from the end of the morning training until the start of the match. Length of this training should be based on the fulfilment of above condition (5-hour interval).
- d. Earliest morning training can start at 08:00 and latest evening training can start at 21:00.
- e. All Teams shall have equal conditions and shall be granted the same training opportunities in terms of number of trainings on training court, balance of morning/evening trainings, total training time etc, based on the match schedule.

- f. If additional training is requested, it is at the discretion of the LOC to facilitate this with the prior approval of the FIVB Technical Delegate.
- g. The training times on competition days are defined according to the team matchup sequence.
- h. All training sessions for the teams must be “closed” and shall not be accessible by other participants of the event.

8.5. Training Court Equipment

- a. Gerflor taraflex floor, net, telescopic posts and pads for the training court.
- b. 2 x Mikasa ball carriers and 40 x Mikasa V200W balls for training court.
- c. Adequate lighting (min 500 lux), A/C, ventilation and/or heating (if needed).

8.6. Fitness Training Equipment

- a. Squat racks w/ Olympic barbell at each rack 4x
- b. Weights to accompany squat racks (4x25kg/rack, 4x20kg/rack, 2x10kg/rack, 2x5kg/rack, 2x2.5kg/rack) 2x
- c. Barbell collars (2/rack, 2/platform) 1x
- d. Dumbbells ranging from 2.5kg/5lbs -45kg/90lbs in 2.5kg/5lb increments 1x
- e. Bench press w/ barbell 2x
- f. Adjustable benches 2x
- g. Medicine balls ranging from 3kg-10kg (in 1 kg increments) 1x
- h. Adjustable height cable/pulley system 2x
- i. Lat pulldown machine 2x
- j. Seated row machine 2x
- k. Leg press 2x
- l. Prone leg curl machine 2x
- m. Seated leg extension machine 2x
- n. Spin bike 5x
- o. Treadmills 2x
- p. Elliptical machines 2x
- q. Smith machine 2x
- r. Pull-up bar 2x
- s. Box jump 4x
- t. Floor mats 20x
- u. Swiss ball 4x
- v. Kettlebell ranging from 6kg –20 kg 1x
- w. Pvcor wood stick 1m50cm long 5x
- x. Trap bar 2x

TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION & LOCAL SERVICES

9.1. LOC Key Information

	VCC Men	VCC Women
Contact Person	Ms. CHEN Wenjia	Mrs. Marie Louise Principe (Kyle)
Contact Phone		+63 917 520 5953
Contact Email	chenwenjia@volleyballchina.com	ml.kyle.principe@gmail.com
Host City, Country	Linyi, China	Manila, Philippines
Venue	Linyi Olympic Sports Park Gymnasium	Ninoy Aquino Stadium
Official Airport	1. Linyi Qiyang International Airport	Manila International Airport MNL (also known as Ninoy Aquino International Airport)

	2. The 2nd choice is Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport (IATA: TAO), which is in the city of Qingdao and 300km from the hotel. 3. Lianyungang Huaguoshan Airport	
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9.2. Team Delegation Information

To facilitate the logistics and accommodation plan, each participating NF shall communicate to the respective LOC as soon as possible:

- Earlier arrival and later departure.
- Early check-in and late check-out (additional costs to be borne by the team delegation).
- Exact number of Team Delegation members.
- Rooming list.
- Training needs during off days.

9.3. Team Traveling Regulations

1. Each respective National Federation is responsible for the individual tickets purchase. Teams are required to arrive on **02 July 2024** (2 days before the event). The official departure date is **24 hours after the team is eliminated** and for teams that advance to semi-finals is **08 July 2024**.
2. Teams may arrive earlier and/or depart later than official arrival/departure dates but must bear their own living and accommodation costs for any extra nights. If a team decides to stay for any extra nights at the official team hotel, an agreement must be settled with the Organizer, and the rate card must be paid in advance.
3. The FIVB provides a travel allowance to each respective National Federation, except the host team National Federation. Individual details of travel allowances will be communicated via email upon team's qualification to the event.
4. The travel allowance is established based on an average estimated cost of the international travel expenses of each team for up to 20 delegation members (14 athletes (Economy Class) + 6 team officials (Economy Class) with 1 check-in luggage of 20 kg per person) from/to the official airport.
5. Each respective National Federation must cover any cost above the amount of the travel allowance, as well as any additional cost related to the Team Delegation's international travel (including but not limited to extra members, extra luggage, class upgrade, dates change, airport change, passenger change, food, and beverage).
6. The LOC is responsible for local transportation to/from the official airport and during the stay, airport departure taxes.
7. Host NF/LOC is to supply official invitation letter and extend entry visa assistance where possible for the Team Delegation. The arrangement of the physical visa required for team delegation members is the full responsibility of the participating NFs and are responsible for any costs associated to the passport or Entry Visa administration process.

9.4. Local Transportation

The LOC shall provide dedicated bus transportation from:

- a. Airport/ Train Station to Hotel to Airport/ Train Station.
- b. Hotel to Venue to Hotel.
- c. Hotel to Training Court and/or Fitness Gym to Hotel.
- d. Venue to Training Court and/or Fitness Gym to Venue.
- e. Venue/ Hotel to Hospital to Venue/ Hotel in case of medical emergency.
- f. Any of the above transportation must provide water in the vehicles.

9.5. Accommodation

- a. The LOC shall arrange for and bear all of the living and accommodation costs for all the Team Delegations from 2 days prior to the start of the VCC to 1 day after the Team is eliminated. Teams eliminated at quarterfinals can decide to stay longer but must cover their own living and accommodation costs for any extra nights.
- b. Players to be accommodated in double occupancy rooms with twin beds (2 separate beds). All other rooms are single occupancy.
- c. The LOC's responsibility to accommodate event participants starts on the day of arrival at standard hotel check in time (around 14:00) with lunch, and ends on the day of departure at standard hotel check out time (around 11:00) with breakfast. Any early check in or late check out costs have to be borne by the team delegation and such request has to be made (in written) prior to the event.

9.6. Catering

- a. Team Delegations catering shall include three (3) buffet style meals and one snack for each Team Delegation member per day.
- b. Catering will be provided in the hotel and in the venue based on the schedule of each Team Delegation.

9.7. Local Services

- a. Hotel laundry service within 24 hours.
- b. Event will need daily access to a laundry (wash and fold) service for each Team Delegation and FIVB/VW Officials, Staff and Representatives as follows:
 - For each Team Delegation per day/per person including Players and Team Staff: 6 sports equipment/items on training and match days.
 - FIVB/VW Officials, Staff and Representatives: 4 items per day/per person
- c. Any personal laundry can be included but will be paid for by individual.
- d. Minimum 30 kg of ice per day/ per team available
- e. Large amount of water will be available both at hotel and venue.

9.8. Rate Card

The LOC shall provide a Rate Card including full board accommodation (daily 3 meals and snack, daily laundry, ground transportation, access to the competition and training venues) in case the participating teams have extra members in their delegation or arrive earlier/depart later than the designated arrival/departure day.

9.9. Playbook

A playbook with all necessary local information will be sent by the LOC to all participating Teams, Officials and Service Providers two (2) weeks prior to the event. The following information will be provided:

- a. Pool Composition & Match Schedule
- b. LOC Chart & Contacts
- c. Team Liaison Contacts
- d. FIVB/VW Chart & Contacts
- e. Pre-match Protocol
- f. Training Principles & Schedule
- g. Preliminary Inquiry Requirements & Schedule
- h. Event Practical Info
- i. Competition Venue
- j. Venue Zoning Map & Flows
- k. Team Seating
- l. Team Video Area
- m. Mixed Zone and Press Conferences
- n. Venue Transport

- o. Training Venue
- p. Fitness Gym
- q. Accommodation
- r. Catering
- s. Meeting Rooms
- t. Laundry
- u. Rate Card
- v. Medical Services and procedures to be followed
- w. During Competition & Training
- x. Out of Competition & Training
- y. Event Schedule for Officials and Service Providers

TEAMS PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES OBLIGATIONS

10.1. Mixed Zone, Flash Interviews, Media Conferences

- a. All players departing the FoP must exit through the Mixed Zone, allowing brief interactions with the media.
- b. Team Delegations shall be notified in due time regarding selected or all member mandatory attendance at Media Conferences or any official Event Media Activities, including schedule and required attire.
- c. During the Preliminary Inquiry, each Team has to identify players that are comfortable doing flash interviews conducted at the end of each match. The selected players must be fluent in English or notify in advance of a need for a translator.

EVENT SCHEDULE

11.1. Event Schedule

-4 days	Arrival of the FIVB Technical Delegate & FIVB staff
-2 days	Arrival of the participating Teams and FIVB Officials and Referees
-1 day	Preliminary Inquiry
Departure	1 day after the last match disputed by each team

***Teams eliminated at quarterfinals can decide to stay longer but must agree with the organizers in advance and bear the cost of living and accommodation for any additional nights.**

A detailed Event Schedule will be available in the Playbook provided by the LOC two (2) weeks prior to the event.

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

Preliminary Inquiry shall take place the day before the start of the event at the Team's hotel or competition venue. Location and date shall be confirmed in the Event Schedule.

12.1. Compulsory Attendance

FIVB

- Technical Delegate
- FIVB Staff

TEAMS

- Team Manager
- Doctor and / or Physiotherapist

LOC

- LOC representative (local team services)

12.2. Team Requirements

- Signed O-2bis Form to be uploaded on the respective team's SharePoint folder
- Passports of all athletes
- Health certificate of each athlete (M-3 Form)
- Doctor's and/or Physiotherapist's FIVB ID-cards
- Team Journalist's accreditation
- Samples of Captain's, Libero's uniforms (if different) (3 colors) and team officials uniforms
- Any "injury prevention devices" that the athletes will be using
- Advertising on Team Uniform Approval Certificate
- Annexes 1 and 2 signed by all players to be uploaded on the respective player's VIS Profile.

12.3. Organizing Requirements

- Meeting area for 10 people at teams' hotel or competition venue
- Stationery – ruler, folders, paper, hole punch, stapler
- Printer / Photocopier

12.4. Daily Bulletin

1st Daily Bulletin – Distributed after the Preliminary Inquiries

- Official communication (if any)
- Rosters (O-2bis)
- Match Schedule
- Choice of Uniform Colors (O-1)
- Training Schedule

Daily Bulletins – Distributed at the end of each match day

- Official communication (if any)
- Competition Standing (P-4)
- Match Result (P-2)

Final Bulletin – Distributed after the gold medal match

- Official communication (if any)
- Competition Standing (P-4)
- Match Result (P-2)
- Players Ranking (P-5)
- Teams Ranking (P-6)