

## SPECIFIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS (Torquay Elite16)

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### 2. COMPETITION SPECIFIC

#### 2.1 Competition Format

##### ➤ Qualification Tournament

- Consists of 16 teams playing in single elimination format to qualify 4 teams to the main draw tournament. Qualification tournament of both genders will be played on 29 November 2022.
- 14 Qualification teams enter directly with maximum two wild cards allocation to complete the 16-team roster.
- No country quota.

##### ➤ Main Draw Tournament

- Consists of 16 teams playing in two phases as following:
  - First phase: 16-team pool play in standard round robin format (4 pools of 4 teams following serpentine system) with top two (2) teams from each pool will advance to the second phase of quarterfinals.
  - The 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team of each pool will rank 9<sup>th</sup> place, and the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team of each pool will rank 13<sup>th</sup> place.
  - Second phase: knock-out bracket (quarter finals) in single elimination format.
- 11 Main Draw teams, together with 1 Main Draw wild card team (if applicable) enter directly to the Main Draw, plus 4 teams qualified from the Qualification tournament.
- No country quota.
- Seeding of the host country: if the best ranked host team is among top 4 teams, then the team will be seed #1 in Pool A, if the best ranked host team is among 5 to 11 teams, then the team will be seed #4 in Pool D. Otherwise, such team will be seed #12 in Pool D. Other host country teams will be seeded naturally as per their seeding capacity.
- Host country teams shall not be placed in the same pool, while this is possible for foreign teams. 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 Elite16 tournament, the 2nd, 3rd, and

4th (whenever applicable) host country team(s) will have their seed increased (for example from Seed #6 to Seed #7) 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 #12 to Seed #11) 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, 6 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 #10), USA6 (Seed #15). See below:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
USA 1	USA 2	Seed #3	Seed #4
USA 4	USA 3	Seed #6	Seed #5
Seed #9	USA 5	Seed #11	Seed #12
Qualifier 4	Qualifier 3 (USA) 6	Qualifier 2	Qualifier 1

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

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
USA 1	USA 2	Seed #3	Seed #4
Seed #11	Seed #9	Seed #6	Seed #5
Seed #12	USA 5	USA 3	USA 4
Qualifier 4	Qualifier 3 (USA) 6	Qualifier 2	Qualifier 1

- Main Draw pool play distribution

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Seed 1	Seed 2	Seed 3	Seed 4
Seed 8	Seed 7	Seed 6	Seed 5
Seed 9	Seed 10	Seed 11	Seed 12
Seed 16	Seed 15	Seed 14	Seed 13

- 11 Main Draw teams, together with 1 Main Draw wild card team (if applicable) enter directly to the Main Draw, will be distributed directly into Pool A to D following serpentine system, according to their ranking points calculated at -28 days before the start of the tournament.

The 4 teams qualified from the qualification tournament will automatically go to Pool D to A, following ranking points calculated the day before the start of the tournament, with best ranked team advanced from the Qualification tournament goes to Pool D as seed #13, 2<sup>nd</sup> best ranked team advanced from the Qualification tournament goes to Pool C as seed #14, 3<sup>rd</sup> best goes to Pool B as seed #15 and 4<sup>th</sup> best goes to Pool A as seed #16.

- Main Draw playoff bracket (8 teams)



Note: Draw is conducted between 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams from Pool A, B, C and D. Teams from the same pool shall not meet in the quarterfinals.

## 2.2 Entry and Seeding Points

### ➤ Confirmed Entry List

- For the Beach Pro Tour Elite16 event, confirmed list is issued 28 days prior to the start of the tournament. For the Beach Pro Tour Elite 16 event in Torquay the entry list is issued on 1 November 2022.
- 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 2022 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 tournament of Challenge or Futures, if no team registered from that country qualifies in such tournament. The

vacancy only applies to the same season as indicated below:

- NFs organizing Elite16 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 the qualification seeding points will be established one day prior to the qualification tournament and after completion of the preliminary inquiry.

For the main draw tournament, seeding points will be established on 28 days before start of the event and when confirmed entry list is published for the 12 teams (including any eventual wild card team) directly in the Main Draw, while the seeding for the 4 teams advanced from the Qualification tournament will follow point 2.1 described above.

## 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. Draw will be done among four second ranked teams of pools A, B, C and D.

- For men's and women's tournaments, it will be no later than 30 minutes after the last pool play match scheduled on Thursday 1 December 2022.
- Should there be any change on the above schedule, the teams will be updated onsite.

## 2.4 Match schedule

The first version of match schedule to featured eventual match-ups will be established and published on the event webpage, no later than 21 days before the start of the tournament, taking into consideration of media rights holders request, as well as requirement for ticketing and promotional merits, to allow the public to follow already the 12 teams already known for Main Draw.

Should there be any change due to the withdrawal of teams in the Main Draw, the match schedule will be adjusted accordingly and published on the event webpage. The final version will be confirmed by the Technical Delegate after all teams confirmed at the Main Draw Preliminary Inquiry and the official 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.

Below is the tentative competition schedule for your planning before the first version of match-ups are available by -21 days prior to the start of the tournament:

Detailed match schedule for the preliminary round will be available at [Torquay, Australia - Elite 16 - elite16 - Beach Pro Tour 2022 - Schedule & Results | volleyballworld.com](https://www.volleyballworld.com/Torquay_Australia_Elite16_Beach_Pro_Tour_2022_Schedule_Results)

Date	time	Center Court	court 2	Warmup 1	Warmup 2	
<b>Qualification Tournament</b>						
Day 1 (Tues)	10:00	M QT R16	M QT R16			
	11:00	M QT R16	M QT R16			
	12:00	M QT R16	M QT R16			
	13:00	M QT R16	M QT R16			
	14:00	W QT R16	W QT R16			
	15:00	W QT R16	W QT R16			
	16:00	W QT R16	W QT R16			
	17:00	W QT R16	W QT R16			
	18:00	M QT R8	M QT R8			
	19:00	M QT R8	M QT R8			
20:00	W QT R8	W QT R8				
21:00	W QT R8	W QT R8				
<b>Main Draw Tournament</b>						
Day 2 (Wed)	09:00	M Pool A #1	M Pool A #2			
	10:00	M Pool B #1	M Pool B #2			
	11:00	W Pool A #1	W Pool A #2			
	12:00	W Pool B #1	W Pool B #2			
	13:00	M Pool C #1	M Pool C #2			
	14:00	M Pool D #1	M Pool D #2			
	15:00	W Pool C #1	W Pool C #2			
	16:00	W Pool D #1	W Pool D #2			
	<b>BREAK</b>					
	18:00	M Pool A #3	M Pool A #4			
	19:00	M Pool B #3	M Pool B #4			
	20:00	W Pool A #3	W Pool A #4			
	21:00	W Pool B #3	W Pool B #4			
	Day 3 (Thurs)	10:00	M Pool C #3	M Pool C #4		
11:00		M Pool D #3	M Pool D #4			
12:00		W Pool C #3	W Pool C #4			
13:00		W Pool D #3	W Pool D #4			
14:00		M Pool A #5	M Pool A #6			
15:00		M Pool B #5	M Pool B #6			
<b>BREAK</b>						
17:00		W Pool C #5	W Pool C #6			
18:00		W Pool D #5	W Pool D #6			
19:00		M Pool C #5	M Pool C #6			
20:00		M Pool D #5	M Pool D #6			
21:00		W Pool A #5	W Pool A #6			
22:00	W Pool B #5	W Pool B #6				
Day 4 (Fri)	12:00	MQF1	MQF2			
	13:00	MQF3	MQF4			
	14:00	WQF1	WQF2			
	15:00	WQF3	WQF4			
	<b>BREAK</b>					
	18:00	MSF1				
	19:00	MSF2				
20:00	WSF1					
21:00	WSF2					
Day 5 (Sat)	17:00	M - Bronze				
	18:00	M - Gold				
	19:00	Awarding & Entertainment				
	20:00	W - Bronze				
	21:00	W - Gold				
	22:00	Awarding & Entertainment				

## Withdrawal Regulations

Information regarding the withdrawal procedure for the Beach Pro Tour Elite16 event in Torquay 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 (1 November 2022)
- From the publish of the confirmed Entry List until 16:00 CET of Wednesday 3 weeks before the start of the Beach Pro Tour Elite16 in Torquay (9 November 2022) National Federations can withdraw a team or change a player with a medical certificate. Proof of travel booking is not required. It is recommended to inform us ([beachvolleyball@fivb.com](mailto: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 Elite16 in Torquay until 16:00 CET of Friday the week before the start of the event (25 November 2022) 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 Elite16 in Torquay 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 Elite16 tournament	USD 1500 per athlete
Qualification Tournament of Elite16 tournament	USD 500 per athlete

- If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team among the 12 teams directly in 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.
  - Following the withdrawal request, the next highest ranked eligible team in the Qualification tournament list as per ranking points calculated at the date of confirmed entry list, will be picked up to replace the pool position of the withdrawal team and the match schedule will be updated accordingly.
  - If there are multiple withdrawal requests, the principle is to have the highest ranked team in the Qualification tournament list to be picked up and replace the pool position of highest seeded team withdrawn from the tournament, 2<sup>nd</sup> highest ranked team in the Qualification tournament to replace the pool position of 2<sup>nd</sup> highest seeded team withdrawn from the tournament. Accordingly, the match schedule will be updated accordingly.  
See below examples:

*Example 1:*

Men/Women: 1 <sup>st</sup> phase			
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
USA 1	BRA 1	USA 2	CAN 1
CAN 2	SUI 1	BRA2	USA 3
SUI 2	GER 1	GER 2	BRA 3
Qualifier 4	Qualifier 3	Qualifier 2	Qualifier 1

- GER2 (seed 11) withdrew on -24 days
- CAN2 (seed 8) withdrew on -15 days
- In the reserve list: POL (seed 17), AUS (seed 18)
- POL will go to Pool A to replace CAN2
- AUS will go to Pool C to replace GER2

*Example 2:*

Men/Women: 1 <sup>st</sup> phase			
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
USA 1	BRA 1	USA 2	CAN 1
CAN 2	SUI 1	BRA2	USA 3
SUI 2	GER 1	GER 2	BRA 3
Qualifier 4	Qualifier 3	Qualifier 2	Qualifier 1

- CAN2 (seed 8) withdrew on -24 days
- GER2 (seed 11) withdrew on -15 days
- In the reserve list: POL (seed 17), AUS (seed 18)
- POL will go to Pool A to replace CAN2
- AUS will go to Pool C to replace GER2

- In case of the withdrawal(s) of team(s), from the 12 teams directly in the Main Draw tournament of Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Elite16, 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.

Furthermore, in the above case when the lucky loser draw is implemented, the same principle described above shall be respected to have the highest ranked team advanced from the Qualification tournament to fill the pool position of highest seeded team withdrawn from the Main Draw tournament, and then 2<sup>nd</sup> highest ranked team advanced from the Qualification tournament to fill the pool position of the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest seeded team withdrawn from the Main Draw tournament, while having the lucky losers always placed at the bottom for the seed #16, and if necessary seed #15, seed #14, etc.

- 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 (in all case, including scenario due to further withdrawal of 12 teams directly from Main Draw) 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 Elite16 in Torquay following prize money is allocated to each gender tournament:

<b>Rank</b>	<b># teams</b>	<b>Prize Money/team</b>	<b>Prize Money/rank place</b>
1st	1	\$30.000,00	\$30.000,00
2nd	1	\$20.000,00	\$20.000,00
3rd	1	\$14.000,00	\$14.000,00
4th	1	\$10.000,00	\$10.000,00
5th	4	\$8.000,00	\$32.000,00
9th	4	\$6.000,00	\$24.000,00
13th	4	\$5.000,00	\$20.000,00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$150.000,00</b>

The Prize Money of the Beach Pro Tour Elite16 in Torquay will be paid by the FIVB to the athletes (via bank transfer) by 19 December 2022.

**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.

#### 5. OTHER

For any eventual sporting details, please refer to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Operations Manual for clarification. ([Link](#)).

Key points:

- Entries: Chapter 1
- Withdrawal/change of player: Chapter 2
- Tournament Format: Chapter 7
- Sanction: Chapter 10