

SPECIFIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS (Gstaad Elite16)

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2. COMPETITION SPECIFIC

2.1 Competition Format

➤ Qualification Tournament

- Not applicable

➤ Main Draw Tournament

- Consists of 32 teams (30 teams based on their entry points calculated 28 days prior to the tournament; 2 Main Draw wild cards) playing in two phases as following:
 - First phase: 32-team pool play in modified pool play format (8 pools of 4 teams following serpentine system). Top three (3) teams from each pool will advance to the second phase.
 - Second phase: 24 teams play off in single a elimination bracket (round of 24, round of 16, quarterfinals, semifinals, finals for bronze and gold)
 - No country quota.
- Seeding of the host country: if the best ranked host team is among top 8 teams, then the team will be seed #1 in Pool A, if the best ranked host team is among 9 to 30 teams, then the team will be seed #8 in Pool H. Otherwise, such team will be seed #32 in Pool H. Other host country teams will be seeded naturally as per their seeding capacity.
- 30 Main Draw teams, together with 2 Main Draw wild card teams (if applicable) enter directly to the Main Draw, will be distributed directly into Pool A to H following serpentine system, according to their ranking points calculated at -28 days before the start of the tournament.
- 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 the Elite16 tournament in Gstaad, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th (whenever applicable) host country team(s) will have their seed increased (for example from Seed #15 to Seed #16) 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 #32 to Seed #31) until the host country is in a different pool.

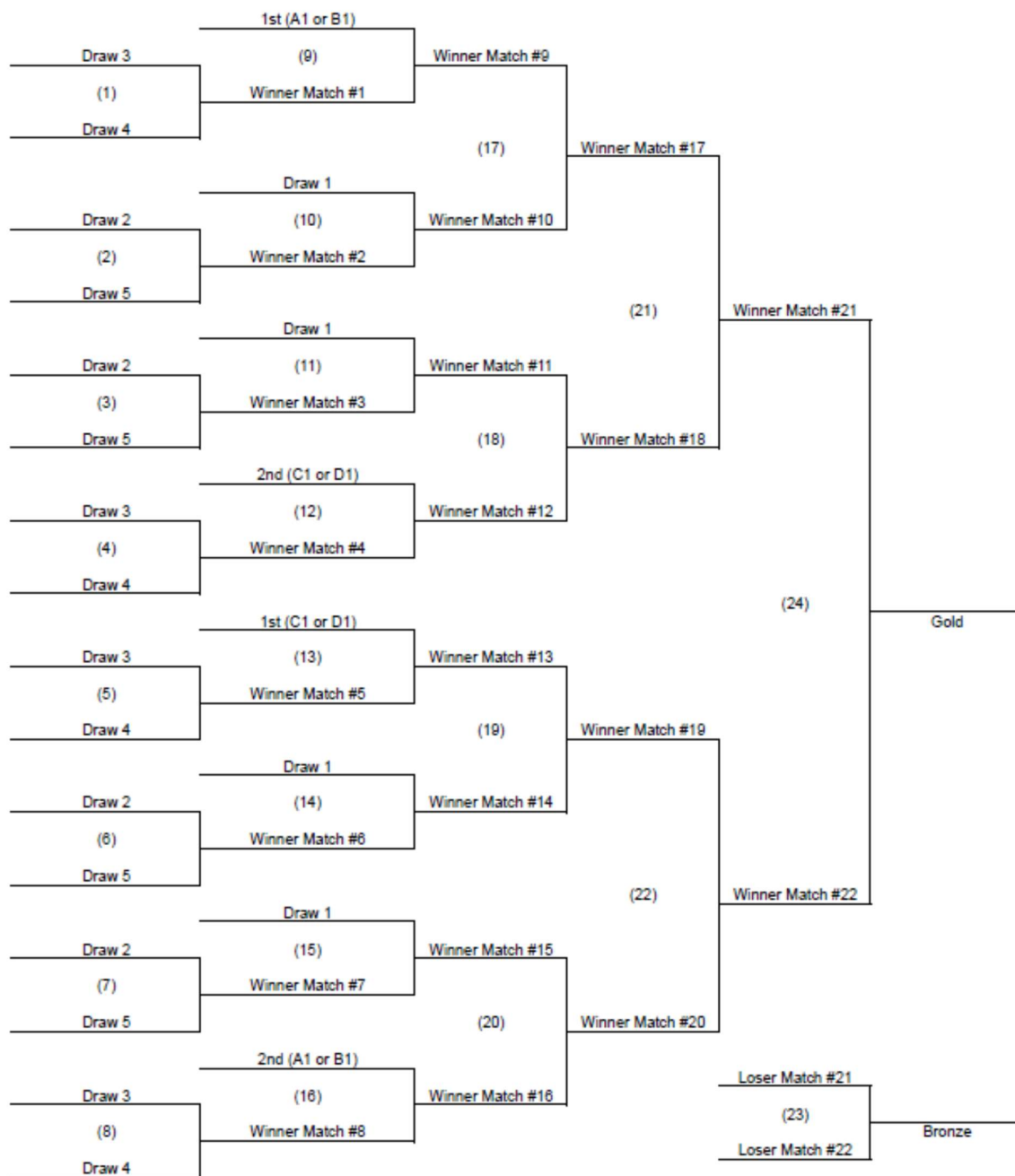
- The relative seeding of the best eight (8) host country teams must be respected and preserved after the host country teams have been placed in separate pools.
- Main Draw pool play distribution

Women's Teams and Men's Teams							
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

- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked teams of each pool after the completion of the 1st phase advance to the 2nd phase of 24-teams bracket in single elimination format.
- A drawing of lots shall be organised after the completion of the last pool play match of each gender (possibly within 30 minutes) to establish the 24-teams bracket:
 - A1 or B1 are decided by set ratio first then rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool, with the highest ratio seeded #1 playing match #9 and lowest ratio seeded #2 playing match #16.
 - C1 or D1 are decided by set ratio first and then rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool, with the highest ratio seeded #3 playing match #13 and lowest ratio seeded #4 playing match #12.
 - Draw 1:
 - All other 1st place teams (E1, F1, G1 and H1) will be drawn for seed #5 to seed #8.
 - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name drawing becoming seed #8 playing match #10.
 - The second name drawing becomes seed #5 playing match #11.
 - The third name drawing becomes seed #6 playing match #14.
 - The fourth name drawing becomes seed #7 playing match #15.
 - Draw 2:
 - Four (4) best 2nd ranked teams (as per set ratio first then rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) will be drawn for seed #9 to seed #12.
 - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name drawing becoming seed #9 playing match #2.
 - The second name drawing becomes seed #12 playing match #3.
 - The third name drawing becomes seed #11 playing match #6.
 - The fourth name drawing becomes seed #10 playing match #7.
 - Draw 3:
 - Four (4) worst 2nd ranked teams (as per set ratio first then rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) will be drawn for seed #13 to seed #16.
 - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name drawing becoming seed #16 playing match #1.
 - The second name drawing becomes seed #13 playing match #4.
 - The third name drawing becomes seed #14 playing match #5.
 - The fourth name drawing becomes seed #15 playing match #8.
 - Draw 4:

- Four (4) best 3rd ranked teams (as per set ratio first then rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) will be drawn for seed #17 to seed #20.
 - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name drawing becoming seed #17 playing match #1.
 - The second name drawing becomes seed #20 playing match #4.
 - The third name drawing becomes seed #19 playing match #5.
 - The fourth name drawing becomes seed #18 playing match #8.
- Draw 5:
- Four (4) worst 3rd ranked teams (as per set ratio first then rally points ratio of all matches played in the pool) will be drawn for seed #21 to seed #24.
 - The four (4) teams' names will be placed in a container, with the first name drawing becoming seed #24 playing match #2.
 - The second name drawing becomes seed #21 playing match #3.
 - The third name drawing becomes seed #22 playing match #6.
 - The fourth name drawing becomes seed #23 playing match #7.
- If teams are tied among the other teams in the same ranking after the Pool Play Phase (decided by rally point ratio), a drawing of lots will be carried out between the teams that are tied to establish their place in the respective Draws (ex: Draw 4 - The Four (4) Best 3rd place ranked teams).
- Teams from the same pool shall not meet in the first two rounds, i.e. round of 24 and round of 16. However, teams from same NF will be able to play in the first two rounds.

- Main Draw playoff bracket (24 teams):



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 in Gstaad Elite event the entry list is issued on 8 June 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.

➤ Seeding points

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.

2.3 Drawing of lots after the 1st phase

A drawing of lots will be held after the completion of the Pool Phase to decide the bracket of the 2nd phase following the procedures described in section 2.1 of this document. This drawing of lots will be conducted and approved by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned.

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.

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.

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 competition schedule will be available soon.

Wednesday, 06 July 2022						
Main Draw Women & Men						
Round	Time	TV	CC 1	C2	C3	C4
	09:00		M Pool A R1	M Pool A R1	M Pool B R1	M Pool B R1
	10:00		M Pool C R1	M Pool C R1	M Pool D R1	M Pool D R1
	11:00		M Pool E R1	M Pool E R1	M Pool F R1	M Pool F R1
	12:00		M Pool G R1	M Pool G R1	M Pool H R1	M Pool H R1
	13:00		W Pool A R1	W Pool A R1	W Pool B R1	W Pool B R1
	14:00		W Pool C R1	W Pool C R1	W Pool D R1	W Pool D R1
	15:00		W Pool E R1	W Pool E R1	W Pool F R1	W Pool F R1
	16:00		W Pool G R1	W Pool G R1	W Pool H R1	W Pool H R1
	17:00		M Pool A W	M Pool B W	M Pool C W	M Pool D W
	18:00		M Pool E W	M Pool F W	M Pool H W	
	19:00		M Pool G W			
matches/court			11	10	10	9
Refs assigned			4	4	4	4

Thursday, 07 July 2022						
Main Draw Women & Men						
Round	Time	TV	CC 1	C2	C3	C4
	08:00					
	09:00		M Pool A L	M Pool B L	M Pool C L	M Pool D L
	10:00		M Pool E L	M Pool F L	M Pool G L	M Pool H L
	11:00		W Pool A W	W Pool B W	W Pool C W	W Pool D W
	12:00		W Pool E W	W Pool F W	W Pool G W	W Pool H W
	13:00		W Pool A L	W Pool B L	W Pool C L	W Pool D L
	14:00		W Pool E L	W Pool H L		
	15:00		MR24 (1)	MR24 (2)	MR24 (5)	MR24 (6)
	16:00		MR24 (3)	MR24 (4)	MR24 (8)	
	17:00		W Pool F L			
	18:00		W Pool G L			
	19:00		MR24 (7)			
	20:00					
matches/court			11	8	7	6
Refs assigned			4	4	3	3

Friday, 08 July 2022						
Main Draw Women & Men						
Round	Time	TV	CC 1	C2	C3	C4
	09:00					
	10:00		WR24 (1)	WR24 (2)	WR24 (3)	WR24 (4)
	11:00		WR24 (5)	WR24 (6)	WR24 (7)	WR24 (8)
	12:00		MR 16 (9)	MR 16 (10)	MR 16 (11)	MR 16 (15)
	13:00		MR 16 (13)	MR 16 (14)	MR 16 (12)	MR 16 (16)
	14:00		WR16 (9)	WR16 (10)	WR16 (11)	WR16 (12)
	15:00		WR16 (13)	WR16 (14)		
	16:00		WR16 (15)	MQF (17)		
	17:00		WR16 (16)	MQF (18)		
	18:00		MQF (19)			
	19:00		MQF (20)			
matches/court			10	8	5	5
Refs assigned			4	4	3	3

Saturday, 09 July 2022						
Main Draw Women & Men						
Round	Time	TV	CC 1			
	09:00					
	09:30		WQF (17)	10:00 Mixed	Mixed	
	10:30		WQF (18)	11:00 Mixed	Mixed	
	13:00		M SF 1 (21)			
	14:00		M SF 2 (22)			
	15:30		WQF (19)			
	16:30		WQF (20)	16:00 Mixed		
	18:00		M Bronze (23)	17:00 Mixed		
	19:00		M Gold (24)			
			Award Cerem. M			
matches/court			8	0	2	0
Refs assigned			4			

Sunday, 10 July 2022						
Main Draw Women						
Round	Time	TV	CC 1			
	09:00		Mixed Bronze			
	10:00		W SF 1 (21)			
	11:00		W SF 2 (22)			
	12:00		Mixed Gold			
	13:30		W Bronze (23)			
	15:00		W Gold (24)			
			Award Cerem. W			
matches/court			5	0	0	0
Refs assigned			4			

2.5 Withdrawal Regulations

Information regarding the withdrawal procedure for the Beach Pro Tour Elite event in Gstaad 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 (8 June 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 Gstaad (15 June 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) 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 Elite in Gstaad (15 June 2022) until 16:00 CET of Friday the week before the start of the event (1 July 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 Elite in Gstaad 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 a 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team among the 32 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 reserve list.
 - Following a withdrawal request, the next highest ranked eligible team in the reserve 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 reserve list to be picked up and replace the pool position of highest seeded team withdrawn from the tournament, 2nd highest ranked team in the reserve list to replace the pool position of 2nd highest seeded team withdrawn from the tournament. Accordingly, the match schedule will be updated accordingly.

3. Ranking Points (per Athlete)

Rank	Beach Pro Tour – Gstaad Elite
1st	600
2nd	550
3rd	500
4th	450
5th	380
9th	265
17th	200
25th	170

4. PRIZE MONEY

For the Beach Pro Tour Elite16 in Gstaad following prize money is allocated to each gender tournament:

Rank	Number of teams	Prize Money Per team	Prize Money per Rank Place
1st	1	20'000	20'000
2nd	1	16'000	16'000
3rd	1	10'000	10'000
4th	1	8'000	8'000
5th	4	6'000	24'000
9th	8	4'000	32'000
17th	8	3'000	24'000
25th	8	2'000	16'000
TOTAL			150000

The Prize Money of the Beach Pro Tour Elite16 in Gstaad will be paid by the FIVB to the athletes (via bank transfer) by 25 July 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.