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#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The men's and women's editions of the FIVB Volleyball World Championships are staged every four years and are the most prestigious events in international volleyball.

The first FIVB Volleyball World Championships were organised in 1949 for men and 1952 for women, and have remained the biggest competitions in volleyball alongside the Olympic Games.

The last edition of this prestigious event saw the Poland men's national team once again beat Brazil in the final to take their second consecutive FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship title in 2018. For the first time in the history of the event, the 2018 edition was co-hosted by two strong volleyball nations, Italy and Bulgaria.

The world's 24 top national teams are set to compete in the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship Russia 2022, which will take place next year from 26 August to 11 September.



## **QUALIFICATION PROCESS**

The winners and runners-up of the five Continental Confederations (Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC), African Volleyball Confederation (CAVB), European Volleyball Confederation (CEV), South American Volleyball Confederation (CSV) and North & Central American and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation (NORCECA)) have received their tickets to next year's World Championship.

These national teams will join hosts, VFR, and current World Champions, Poland. The remaining 12 teams qualified as the top ranked teams not yet qualified for the event, as per the FIVB Senior World Rankings.

#### **DRAWING OF LOTS VENUE**

The Drawing of Lots Ceremony will take place at the Irina Viner-Usmanova Gymnastics Palace in Moscow on 30 September 2021. The ceremony will start at 18:00 local time.



QUALIFIED TEAMS (World Ranking)	QUALIFICATION PATHWAY		
VFR (#3)	Host		
POLAND (#2)	Current World Champion		
IRAN (#10)	AVC Continental Championships 2021 Winner		
JAPAN (#11)	AVC Continental Championships 2021 Runner-up		
TUNISIA (#14)	CAVB Continental Championships 2021 Winner		
CAMEROON (#25)	CAVB Continental Championships 2021 Runner-up		
ITALY (#5)	CEV Continental Championships 2021 Winner		
SLOVENIA (#8)	CEV Continental Championships 2021 Runner-up		
BRAZIL (#1)	CSV Continental Championships 2021 Winner		
ARGENTINA (#6)	CSV Continental Championships 2021 Runner-up		
PUERTO RICO (#24)	NORCECA Continental Championships 2021 Winner		
CANADA (#12)	NORCECA Continental Championships 2021 Runner-up		
FRANCE (#4)	FIVB Senior World Ranking		
USA (#7)	FIVB Senior World Ranking		
SERBIA (#9)	FIVB Senior World Ranking		
CUBA (#13)	FIVB Senior World Ranking		
NETHERLANDS (#15)	FIVB Senior World Ranking		
GERMANY (#16)	FIVB Senior World Ranking		
MEXICO (#17)	FIVB Senior World Ranking		
TURKEY (#18)	FIVB Senior World Ranking		
<b>EGYPT</b> (#19)	FIVB Senior World Ranking		
QATAR (#20)	FIVB Senior World Ranking		
BULGARIA (#21)	FIVB Senior World Ranking		
CHINA (#22)	FIVB Senior World Ranking		



#### **DRAWING OF LOTS:**

The Drawing of Lots for the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship Russia 2022 will determine the makeup of the pools in the first round of next year's tournament.

The twenty-four (24) qualified Teams will be distributed among six pools of four Teams each based on their position in the FIVB Volleyball World Ranking for Senior National Teams at the end of the National Team Season the year before the Event.

Team distribution among the pools will be based on a serpentine system combined with draws among the eligible seeded Teams for positions 2 to 4 in each pool.



VFR, the hosts of the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship, Poland as defending champions, and 22 teams which have qualified, through the Continental Championships and World Ranking.

The hosts are seeded directly in Pool A (VFR).

The top five Teams are seeded directly in the following pools:

Top-ranked Team seeded #2 in Position 1 of Pool B (Brazil),

Second-ranked Team seeded #3 in Position 1 of in Pool C (Poland)

Third-ranked Team seeded #4 in Position 1 of Pool D (France)

Fourth-ranked Team seeded #5 in Position 1 of Pool E (Italy)

Fifth-ranked Team seeded #6 in Position 1 of Pool F (Argentina)



The remaining 18 Teams' name tags are placed in 6 DoL balls (one name per ball) and are divided into three transparent bowls (six Teams in each) based on their teams seeding position:

**1ST BOWL: TEAMS RANKED** 

#7 to #12: USA, SLO, SRB, IRI, JPN, CAN

2ND BOWL: TEAMS RANKED

#13 to #18: CUB, TUN, NED, GER, MEX, TUR

3RD BOWL: TEAMS RANKED

#19 to #24: EGY, QAT, BUL, CHN, PUR, CMR



First draw defines the Teams seeded in position 2 of each pool among the Teams ranked #7 to #12, and are drawn as follows:

First drawn Team is seeded #7 in Position 2 of Pool F

Second drawn Team is seeded #8 in Position 2 of Pool E

Third drawn Team is seeded #9 in Position 2 of Pool D

Fourth drawn Team is seeded #10 in Position 2 of Pool C

Fifth drawn Team is seeded #11 in Position 2 of Pool B

Sixth and last ball in the bowl is seeded #12 in Position 2 of Pool A



Second draw defines the Teams seeded in position 3 of each pool among the Teams ranked #13 to #18, and are drawn as follows:

First drawn Team is seeded #13 in Position 3 of Pool A

Second drawn Team is seeded #14 in Position 3 of Pool B

Third drawn Team is seeded #15 in Position 3 of Pool C

Fourth drawn Team is seeded #16 in Position 3 of Pool D

Fifth drawn Team is seeded #17 in Position 3 of Pool E

Sixth and last ball in the bowl represents a Team seeded #18 in Position 3 of Pool F



Third draw defines the Teams seeded in position 4 of each pool among the Teams ranked #19 to #24, and are drawn as follows:

First drawn Team is seeded #19 in Position 4 of Pool F

Second drawn Team is seeded #20 in Position 4 of Pool E

Third drawn Team is seeded #21 in Position 4 of Pool D

Fourth drawn Team is seeded #22 in Position 4 of Pool C

Fifth drawn Team is seeded #23 in Position 4 of Pool B

Sixth and last ball in the bowl represents a Team seeded #24 in Position 4 of Pool A



#### **HOST CITY DRAW**

Moscow is automatically assigned as the Host City of the Pool A featuring VFR (as Host Country Team).

The remaining Host Cities (Krasnoyarsk, Novosibirsk, Kemerovo, Ufa and Ekaterinburg) are paired with the pools based on a draw. Host Cities' name tags are placed in five DoL balls (1 name per ball) and are shuffled into a transparent bowl:

- 1. First DoL ball drawn appoints [Host City #2] to Pool B
- 2. Second DoL ball drawn appoints [Host City #3] to Pool C
- 3. Third DoL ball drawn appoints [Host City #4] to Pool D
- 4. Fourth DoL ball drawn appoints [Host City #5] to Pool E
- 5. The last DoL ball in the bowl appoints [Host City #6] to Pool F



## **HOST CITY DRAW**

Here is a table showing where the relevant Teams and cities will be drawn following the procedure above.

Host City Draw		Moscow	Host City #2	Host City #3	Host City #4	Host City #5	Host City #6		
	Pos.	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F		
Seeding	1	Host Country Team (VFR)	WR1 BRA	WR2 POL	WR4 FRA	WR5 ITA	WR6 ARG		
1st Draw	2	Draw for Seed #7 to Seed #12 and placed starting from Pool F to Pool A							
2nd Draw	3	Draw for Seed #13 to Seed #18 and placed starting from Pool A to Pool F							
3rd Draw	4	Draw for Seed #19 to Seed #24 and placed starting from Pool F to Pool A							



#### **HOST CITIES - KALININGRAD**

The FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship will be hosted across 10 cities in Russia.

Kaliningrad is the centre of the region of the same name, an exclave with no land borders with other regions of Russia. The city, on the shores of the Baltic Sea is full of legends, known for its sunny amber and its volleyball. Dedicated fans support the local women's team of Lokomotiv and happily attend Champions League matches and international volleyball tournaments





#### **HOST CITIES - KAZAN**

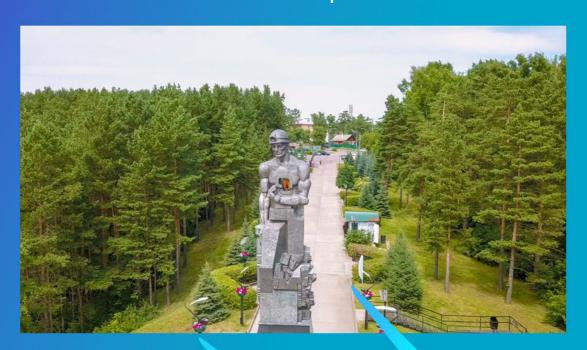
Kazan is a multi-ethnic and multicultural city, the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan. The city has absorbed the influence of the Golden Horde khans, the Bulgar emirs and the Russian tsars, while holding on to Russian and Tatar traditions. The modern city is proud of its cultural and sporting diversity. The world volleyball community knows Kazan for the Zenit Kazan club, which boasts a twenty-year history and holds a large number of prestigious titles in elite volleyball.





## **HOST CITIES - KEMEROVO**

**Kemerovo** is one of the largest industrial centres of Russia, the capital of the Kuzbass region. The Siberian region is the main coal basin of the country, famous for its nature reserves and ski resorts, and for its volleyball community. The local volleyball club Kuzbass features in domestic and international competitions.





#### **HOST CITIES - KRASNOYARSK**

Krasnoyarsk is a Siberian city on the banks of the Yenisey river, founded on the site of a medieval Turkic settlement. It is an attractive place for visitors thanks to its unique mountain landscapes and mighty Siberian forests. There are four professional sports teams in this Siberian city, and they are part of the structure of the volleyball club of Yenisey, including men's and women's sides, as well as two youth teams. The senior teams are among the elite of Russian volleyball and play in the Parimatch Superleague.





### **HOST CITIES - MOSCOW**

Moscow is the capital of Russia, a huge metropolis and one of the largest cities by population in Europe. It is located in the centre of the European region of Russia. Moscow hosted the second edition of the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship in 1952, as well as the 5th edition ten years later (alongside the women's events). It was also the location of the 1978 FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championship. The city has hosted the 1980 Olympic Games and the 2018 football World Cup.





#### **HOST CITIES - NOVOSIBIRSK**

Novosibirsk is the capital of Siberia, a city on the banks of Ob, the longest river in Russia. The fastest growing Russian city has a population of 1.6 million. The famous Trans-Siberian Railway passes through Novosibirsk, where science and culture are developed through the world-famous Akademgorodok and State Theatre of Opera and Ballet.





#### **HOST CITIES - ST. PETERSBURG**

St. Petersburg, situated on the shores of the Gulf of Finland and the banks of the Neva River, is the second largest city in Russia and a place of attraction for tourists from all over the world. Traveling to St. Petersburg is like moving in time, only in this case you are simultaneously in the past, present and future. Volleyball fans of St. Petersburg support their favourite team Zenit, and more recently watched from the stands the competition for an Olympic ticket to Tokyo 2020.





#### **HOST CITIES - UFA**

**Ufa** is the capital of the Republic of Bashkortostan, a multinational city with a population of one million, combining the features of different cultures and religions. The city is located in the valley of the Belaya River under the supervision of the country's tallest equestrian statue. Ufa is well known to international volleyball fans as a venue for FIVB Volleyball Nations League matches.





## **HOST CITIES - YAROSLAVL**

Yaroslavl is a city with a thousand-year history, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and part of the famous "Golden Ring of Russia" tourist route. The volleyball club of Yaroslavich is based in the city and plays in the Russian championship. The club was founded in 1988. The Yaroslavl volleyball school has produced many eminent players, world and European champions as well as Olympic champions such as Sergey Grankin, Maxim Mikhaylov, Alexander Sokolov and Yuri Berezhko.





#### **HOST CITIES - YEKATERINBURG**

Yekaterinburg is the largest industrial centre in the Urals, connecting Europe and Asia. A city with numerous great original monuments, amazing architecture, history, and volleyball heritage. The history of volleyball in the Urals is the history of amateur sports enthusiasts and includes legendary coach Nikolay Karpol and the famous women's team Uralochka. All this makes volleyball the most significant team sport in the region.





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