BVB/06 - 28 DAYS

SPECIFIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS
(Futures Bujumbura – BDI)

1. IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Beach Pro Tour Event website: Futures - Bujumbura, BDI - 2024 - Beach Pro Tour 2024 season (volleyballworld.com)

2. GENERAL MATTERS

2.1 Competition Venue

Address: **EDEN GARDEN RESORT** / Chauseé D'uvira Gatumba, Bujumbura, Burundi
Google link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/pDr1jan9SoqJ4Gqx5

2.2 Arrival and Departure

The official airport confirmed by the organizer is as follows:

Name of the airport: Ndadaye Melchior International Airport
Distance from the airport to venue: 4km

The organizer will provide airport transfers for the athletes and officials, as well as local transportation between the hotels and the venue. Additionally, taxis are available at all times.

2.3 Board and Lodging

The organizers will not provide hotel accommodation for athletes or any accompanying persons.

Suggestions of the hotels are:

- Hôtel Club du Lac Tanganyika: http://www.hotelclubdulac.com
- Roca Golf Hotel : http://rocagolfhotel.bi
- Tigers Hotel: http://www.tigerapartmenthotel.bi

- Hôtel Méridien Source du Nil : http://hotel-source-du-nil-bujumbura.hotel
- City Hill Bujumbura : http://cityhillhotel.com

2.4 VISA

All delegations having an official invitation will get their visas free of charge on arrival.
After a confirmed entry list by FIVB, the national federation will send an official invitation letter to facilitate all visitors to enter Burundi.

For any enquiry regarding your visa and invitation letter, please contact:

Contact Name: Alexis SABUKIZA
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2.5 Insurance

Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurance.

2.6 Medical Controls

Further to the Hygiene requirement, the FIVB reserves the right to perform random medical controls on the participating athletes and alcohol tests on the officials, as per FIVB rules and regulations.

2.7 Accreditation

Organizers will provide all Organizing Committee members, FIVB Officials, referees, athletes, VIPs, journalists, technical staff, court personnel, volunteers, etc. with an official accreditation card and will ensure that only people with appropriate accreditation will access the designated venue areas.

The appropriate forms (for coaches and physiotherapists) are available at the following link: https://www.fivb.com/en/beachvolleyball/tools/forms and shall be addressed to the organizer at the following contact:

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3. ENTRIES

3.1 Country Quota

. The details of country quota regulations implemented at Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Futures is as follows:

- Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Future: maximum four (4) teams excluding any eventual wild cards from the same NF in the confirmed entry list.

  Notes:

  - For Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Future tournaments, a maximum of three (3) teams from the host country, excluding wild cards, may enter the Main Draw tournament directly despite insufficient ranking points calculated at their entry to the tournament. The fourth (4th) team from the host country may enter the Qualification Tournament if it has enough ranking points calculated at its entry to the tournament. Otherwise, the teams will be placed in the reserve list.

  - For Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Future tournaments, two (2) more host teams will be registered outside the limit of country quota and will be listed as the host reserve teams to fill the roster of the Qualification Tournament in case of contingency case such as 'force majeure' (including any Covid-19 related cases) which may cause last minute withdrawals prior to the start of the Qualification Tournament. They will be picked-up in sequence as per their ranking points calculated at their entry to the tournament. If teams are tied in ranking points, the host NF shall confirm in writing latest by -28 days which teams will be picked-up in priority.

  - For Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Future tournaments, a maximum of two (2) teams from the foreign country, excluding wild cards, may enter the Main Draw tournament directly should the teams have sufficient ranking points calculated at their entry to the tournament. The remaining teams from the foreign country may enter the Qualification Tournament if it has enough ranking points calculated at its entry to the tournament. Otherwise, the teams will be placed in the reserve list.

  - All other foreign teams and host teams outside the above-mentioned country quota will be placed at the bottom of the reserve list and will be the last to be picked up in priority after teams within country quota in the Reserve list followed by two (2) teams in the host reserve list. Once the Confirmed Entry List is issued (for clarify that after the double-entry teams is removed from the respective tournament scheduled in the same week, the update Confirmed Entry List is issued respecting the country quota of 4), the status of such teams outside the country quota will not change, even if further withdrawal may occur from any of teams from its National Federation within the country quota of 4.

  - However, should the Qualification tournament roster not be full, and no other teams (respecting the country quota of 4 in total) in the reserve team list, the 5th and eventually the 6th host teams who are placed in the host reserve list will be picked up to fill the roster of Qualification tournament. Should the above efforts be explored, and the Qualification tournament is still not full, then any eventual teams (over the total country quota respectively for foreign teams and host teams, excluding wild cards) will be picked up to fill the roster, respecting the priority of the teams' entry points.

3.2 Continental Quota

- Respecting the principle of Universality in the participation of Futures tournament, to allow the participation teams (with insufficient entry points to directly enter the tournament) from all five (5) continents, with one (1) quota place per continent that is awarded to the team from such continent with highest entry points.

- Any team benefit from such regulation of Continental quota will have maximum 24 hours, after the publish of the Confirmed entry list, to confirm to the Continental Confederation managing the Future tournament, with a copy to FIVB at beachvolleyball@fivb.com to confirm the use of such continental quota place, and that the team confirms to participate in this tournament. Failure to confirm this in writing will result in losing such Continental Quota, and automatically the quota goes to the next highest team for this continent (if any).

4. COMPETITION SPECIFIC

4.1 Competition Format

➢ Qualification Tournament

- Consists of 16 teams playing in single elimination format to qualify 4 teams to the main draw.
- 14 Qualification teams enter directly, together with 2 Qualification wild cards teams (if applicable).
- Country quota: maximum 4 teams per NF excluding wild cards in the tournament of Main Draw and Qualification tournament, with maximum 3 teams directly in the Main Draw for the host teams and maximum 2 teams directly in the Main Draw for the foreign teams. Should the Qualification tournament roster not be full, and no other teams (respecting the country quota of 4 in total) in the reserve team list, the 5th and eventually the 6th host teams placed in the host reserve list will be picked up to fill the roster of Qualification tournament.
- Seeding based on the day before the start of the tournament (**-1 day**).

Futures: 16-Team Qualification to Qualify 4 Teams

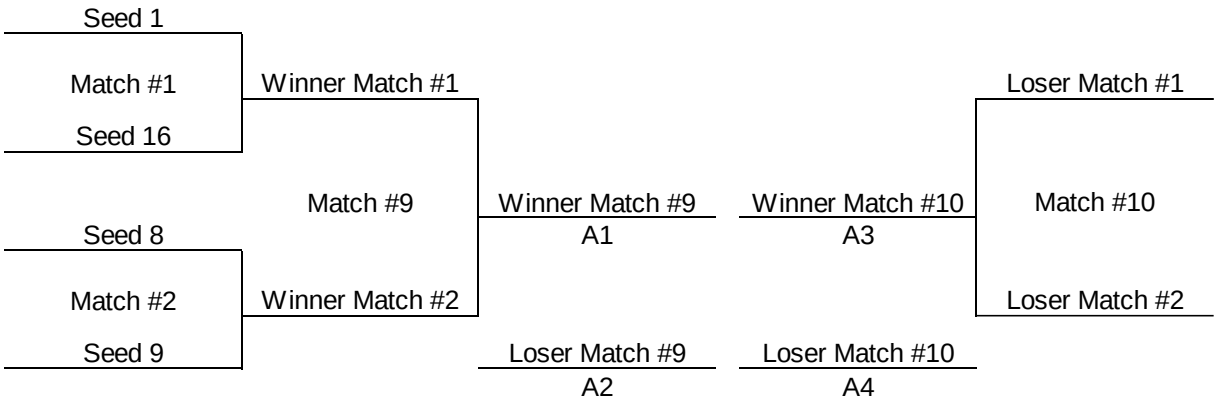
➢ Main Draw Tournament

- Consists of 16 teams playing in two phases as following:
  - First phase: four (4) pools of four (4) teams playing modified pool play. The top three (3) teams from each pool will advance to the second phase.
  - Second phase: 12-Team Single Elimination playoffs.
- 10 Main Draw teams, together with 2 Main Draw wild cards (If applicable) team enter directly to the Main Draw, will be distributed directly into Pool A to Pool D following the serpentine system, according to their ranking points at **-1 day** before the start of the tournament.
- 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

- For the Pool Phase, matches will be played in the competition format of a modified pool play, i.e. the highest seeded team will play the lowest seeded team in the same pool, while the 2nd highest seeded team will play the 3rd highest seeded team in the same pool. The winners of the above two matches will play each other, with the winner being the 1st ranked team of the pool and the loser being the 2nd ranked team of the pool. The losers of the above two matches will play each other, with the winner being the 3rd ranked team of the pool and the loser being the 4th ranked team of the pool. The Top 3 teams in each pool qualify for a 12-team playoff.

Pool A - Modified Pool Play



- Seeding of the host country: the best host country team will be Seed 1 in Pool A if the team is among the top 4 seeded teams, otherwise, it will be Seed 4 in Pool D.
- The top four (4) host country teams (as per their seeding points) shall never be placed in the same pool. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th host country team(s) will have their seed increased (for example from Seed 5 to Seed 6) until they are in a different pool than the other top four (4) host country teams. Should increasing the seed not work (or not be possible) then the seed is reduced (for example from Seed 16 to Seed 15) until such host country team is in a different pool. However, for 5th, 6th and any other eventual host country team(s), it is possible to be placed in the same pool with the top four (4) host country teams. The relative seeding of the top 4 host country teams must be respected while this is not applicable for the 5th, 6th and any other eventual host country teams.

Example: As shown in the diagram below, 8 teams already in the Main Draw from the host country (AUS) including wild cards, their seeding positions are AUS 1 (Seed 1), AUS 2 (Seed 3), AUS 3 (Seed 6), AUS 4 (Seed 8), AUS 5 (Seed 10), AUS 6 (Seed 13), AUS 7 (Seed 14) and AUS 8 (Seed 15): See below:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
AUS 1	Seed 2	**AUS 2**	Seed 4
AUS 4	Seed 7	**AUS 3**	Seed 5
Seed 9	**AUS 5**	Seed 11	Seed 12
Seed 16	**AUS 8**	**AUS 7**	**AUS 6**

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

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
AUS 1	Seed 2	**AUS 2**	Seed 4
Seed 9	**AUS 3**	Seed 7	Seed 5
AUS 5	Seed 11	Seed 12	**AUS 4**
Seed 16	**AUS 8**	**AUS 7**	**AUS 6**

➢ Rules for Matches Played

- The match winner earns 2 match points, and the match loser earns 1 match point.

Match won	2 points
Match lost	1 point

- For all matches the final team ranking will be determined in accordance with the results of the matches (won or lost). For each match won the winning team will earn 2 match points, for each match lost the losing team will earn 1 match point and for each forfeited match the winning team will earn 2 match points while the forfeited team will have 0 points.
- All discontinued matches or matches not commenced are to be assessed by the Technical Delegate to determine if the losing team is “DSQ” or “INJ/DSQ” and whether they will receive any match points.
- If a team withdraws due to an injury before or during a match or gets disqualified during a match it will earn 1 match point and will keep the sets and points earned up to that moment, but the sets and points against will be the maximum. For example, if a team wins the first set 21:19 and is injured and forfeits the match when they are losing the second set 4:6, this injured team would earn 1 match point with sets of 1:2 and rally points of 21:19, 4:21 and 0:15. In this example, the winning team would get 2 match points with sets of 2:1 and rally points of 19:21, 6:4, 0:0. In addition, its match result will be marked with “INJ/DSQ”.
- If the injury occurs before the match begins, the match will be marked “INJ/DSQ” and the losing team will be awarded 1 match point with sets of 0:2 and rally points of 0:21, 0:21. In this case, the winning team will be awarded 2 match points with sets of 2:0 and rally points of 0:0, 0:0.
- If a team withdraws without a valid reason before a match (e.g. no show) or during a match (e.g. refusal to continue) they will lose by forfeit 0-2 (0:21, 0:21) and will earn 0 match points. In addition, this match result will be marked with “DSQ”. The winning team will receive 2 match points with sets of 2:0 and rally points of 0:0, 0:0.
- If a team is disqualified during the pool play due to a positive doping test, it will lose all the matches in the pool (played or to be played) by forfeit (see above). It will receive no rank. All of the team’s matches in the Pool will be recorded as a forfeit for ranking purposes. (e.g. All winning teams receive - Sets 2:0 - Rally Points 0:0, 0:0).

- If a team is disqualified after the pool play (after the Drawing of Lots for single elimination phase) of the tournament due to a positive doping test, it will lose the last pool matches played by forfeit (see above). If the single elimination phase has already started and if they have not played yet they forfeit their match, and the opponent will be then moved to the next round. The final pool ranking will be maintained. If the team already played its match and won the match, the match result will not be changed, and this team will forfeit the next round. However, if a team is disqualified from the tournament due to a positive doping test after the conclusion of the drawing of lots (for the seeding of the single elimination phase) but before the commencement of the first match of the single elimination phase, they will be replaced in the draw directly by the next eligible team(s) eliminated from the tournament to be decided by FIVB/organizer. And the final pool ranking will be maintained. The disqualified team will receive no final ranking. It should be shown on the bottom of the final standing without rank and "DSQ."

Futures: 12-Team Single Elimination Playoff

- Seed 1 and Seed 2: Between A1 and B1. A1 or B1 are decided by first by match points, then set ratio followed by rally point ratio, with the higher one seed 1 and lower one seed 2.
- Seed 3 and Seed 4: Between C1 and D1. C1 or D1 are decided by first by match points, then set ratio followed by rally point ratio, with the higher one seeded #3 and lower one seeded #4.
- Draw 1: A2, B2, C2 and D2
- Draw 2: A3, B3, C3 and D3
- Teams from the same pool shall not meet in the first two rounds, i.e. Round of 12 and Quarterfinals. However, teams from the same National Federation can meet in the first two rounds.

4.2 Entry and Seeding Points

➢ Confirmed Entry List

- For the Beach Pro Tour Futures event, the confirmed list is issued 28 days prior to the start of the tournament. For BPT Futures Bujumbura, the Entry List has been issued on **14 August 2024**. For further information regarding the Entry List, including the Organizer's Vacancy, please refer to the Sport Operations Manual at Tools (fivb.com) or beachvolleyball@fivb.com.

➢ Seeding points

For both qualification and main draw tournaments, a seeding list will be established one day prior to the start of each tournament (-1 day) and will be announced after completion of the preliminary inquiry.

➢ Calculation of Entry/Seeding points due to maternity leave

Please refer to the Sport Operations Manual at Tools (fivb.com)

➢ Calculation of Entry/Seeding points due to serious injury

Please refer to the Sport Operations Manual at Tools (fivb.com)

4.3 Drawing of lots after the first phase of modified pool play

A drawing of lots will be conducted after the first phase of modified pool play to place teams in the single elimination bracket.

- For the men's tournament, it will be 30 minutes after the last modified pool play match scheduled.
- For women's tournament, it will be 30 minutes after the last modified pool play match scheduled.
- Should there be any change to the above schedule, the teams will be updated onsite.

4.4 Provisional Match schedule

The detailed match schedule will be published immediately on the Volleyball World website once approved by the FIVB Technical Delegate onsite. It will be no later than 1 hour after the end of the 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:

Phase	Women's Event (approx.)	Men's Event (approx.)
Qualification	Not Applicable	Wednesday, 11 September from 08:00am to 2:50pm (The start time maybe adjusted to start later in the day)
Main Draw – Pool phase	Thursday, 12 September from 10:30am to 5:20pm (The start time maybe adjusted to start later in the day)	Thursday, 12 September from 08:00am to 1450 2:50pm
Round of 12 Playoff	Friday, 13 September from 9:00am to 10:50am (The start time maybe adjusted to start later in the day)	Friday, 13 September from 10:40am to 12:30pm
Quarterfinals	Friday, 13 September from 1:00pm to 3:00pm	Friday, 13 September from 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Semi-finals	Saturday, 14 September from 9:00am to 11:00am	Saturday, 14 September from 11:00am to 1:00pm
Bronze and gold matches	Saturday 14 September from 1:30 to 3:30pm	Saturday, 14 September from 3:50pm to 4:30pm

4.5 Withdrawal Regulations

Information regarding the withdrawal procedure for a Beach Pro Tour Futures event is as follows:

- As already communicated, National Federations can withdraw a team or change the players up to 28 days before start of the tournament.
- From the publication of the confirmed Entry List until 16:00 CET of Wednesday 3 weeks before the start of the Beach Pro Tour Futures event National Federations can withdraw a team or change a player with a medical certificate. Proof of travel is not mandatory within this deadline. It is recommended to inform us (beachvolleyball@fivb.com) as soon as possible such withdrawal to ensure that playing opportunities are available for teams in the reserve list.
- From 16:00 CET on Wednesday 3 weeks before the start of the Beach Pro Tour Futures until 16:00 CET of Friday the week before the start of the event all withdrawals must be accompanied with a medical certificate and travel proof. Otherwise, a withdrawal fine will apply.
- From 16:00 CET of Friday the week before the start of Beach Pro Tour Futures 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 Futures tournament	USD 200 per athlete
Qualification Tournament of Futures tournament	USD 100 per athlete

- If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the Main Draw, the new team shall have enough ranking points to maintain their Main Draw position, otherwise, the team shall be placed in the Qualification Tournament. Should the team not have enough ranking points for the Qualification Tournament, the team will be placed accordingly in the reserve list.
- In case of the withdrawal(s) of team(s), in the Main Draw tournament of Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Futures, after the completion of Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament when the Qualification match schedule has been developed and published, the regulations of the lucky loser draw shall be implemented to determine the extra team(s) qualifying to the Main Draw. The lucky loser draw regulation is as follows:
    - The lucky loser draw is conducted by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned after the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry of Main Draw.
    - The lucky loser draw is implemented among the teams losing the last round of the Qualification Tournament, provided they attend and sign in at the Preliminary Inquiry of Main Draw tournament as eligible 'lucky losers'.
    - The first draw is between the two highest seeded teams among the eligible 'lucky losers'.
    - For each additional available spot to the Main Draw, the next highest seeded team must be drawn against the loser of the previous draw.
    - This procedure continues until all additional open spots of the Main Draw are filled.
- If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the Qualification Tournament, the team shall have enough ranking points to maintain their Qualification Tournament position, otherwise, the team shall be placed in the reserve team list. However, if the team has enough ranking points to enter the Main Draw, the team will still remain in the Qualification Tournament and be seeded per the ranking points of the new team.

For further information regarding the withdraw procedures, please refer to the FIVB BVB Sport Operations Manual at Tools (fivb.com) .

4.6 Preliminary Inquiry

Mandatory attendance is required for both players of the team for the Preliminary Inquiry & Technical Meeting (if any). The detailed schedule is as follows:

Preliminary Inquiry	Women's Event	Men's Event
Qualification	Not Applicable	From 4:00pm to 6:00pm on 10 September 2024 at Eden Garden Resort
Main Draw	From 4:00pm to 6:00pm on 11 September 2024 at Eden Garden Resort	From 4:00pm to 6:00pm on 11 September 2024 at Eden Garden Resort

4.7 Training sessions

Address of the training court	**EDEN GARDEN RESORT**
Availability Date	From 9th of September 2024
Number of courts	2
Contact person for booking	Name: Charles Niyongabo Email address: niyocharles72@gmail.com Mobile number: + 257 71 77 17 24 Location to book the training courts: Secretariat at the court

Please note that reservation of training can be made one day in advance for the next day only and each team is entitled to make one reservation per day. Additional training session may be available only if the courts will be available.

4.8 Uniform and Accessories

The playing tops/tanks will be provided by the organizer for all Main Draw and Qualification players. Shorts/bottoms and accessories must be provided by the players and/or by their sponsors.
If required by the FIVB Technical Delegate, other uniforms and accessories will be checked during the Preliminary Inquiry. Athletes of the same team must wear the same colour and style of shorts.

4.9 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
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
33rd	N/A	70	N/A

Note: The FIVB Beach Volleyball ranking points obtained from the Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Future tournaments for the host country teams, will only be calculated for entry and seeding purpose if they will be beneficial for the teams (i.e. improve the teams' entry points and seeding).

4.10 Prize Money

For the Beach Pro Tour Futures in location, the following prize money is allocated to each gender tournament and will be paid onsite by the organizer.

Rank	Prize Money (per team)	Total
1st	1.000	1.000
2nd	700	700
3rd	500	500
4th	400	400
5th x4	300	1.200
9th x4	200	800
13th x4	100	400
	Total Prize Money	5.000

Note: The tax at source might be implemented as per the fiscal regulations/laws in the countries where the tournament is held.

The athlete is responsible for paying the relevant taxes for his/her earnings in his/her own country and he/she must update both his/her bank account 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.

4.11 Hygiene Advice

Following WHO recommendations, the below advice is suggested by the FIVB Medical Commission in preventing Mpox since it has been reported there have been increased cases of Mpox in Africa. WHO recommends that Mpox can be prevented by avoiding physical contact with someone who has mpox. Vaccination can help prevent infection for people at risk.

To minimize any risk of exposure, the following precautions are recommended by the FIVB Medical Commission:

- **Avoid Close Contact:** Refrain from close contact with anyone showing signs of skin infection.
- **Avoid Visiting Medical Facilities:** Please avoid visiting hospitals or external medical centers unless absolutely necessary.
- **Wear Masks:** If you find yourself in a situation where you are in contact with a large number of people, we advise wearing a mask.

Additional Recommendations:

Some countries are recommending or requiring vaccination for travelers returning from regions with reported cases of infection. We suggest that you contact your local health authorities to inquire about vaccination options prior to travel.
We are confident that by following these precautions and the additional measures in place, we can ensure a safe and successful condition for all.
If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at medical@fivb.com with a copy to beachvolleyball@fivb.com.