

# SPECIFIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Beach Pro Tour Elite24

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## VOLLEYBALL WORLD PLAYBOOK

Preliminary Inquiry sessions as well as any practical and logistical information is available in the event Playbook at: [Elite16 - João Pessoa, BRA - 2026 - Beach Pro Tour 2026 season](#)

## INSURANCE AND MEDICAL

Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurance.

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.

## ENTRY LIST & SEEDING POINTS

### Confirmed Entry List

For the Beach Pro Tour Elite event, the confirmed list is issued **28 days prior to the start of the tournament**.

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 requirements.

Organizer's Vacancy Regulations will remain in the current season. For further details, please refer to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Operations Manual and any clarification, please contact [beachvolleyball@fivb.com](mailto:beachvolleyball@fivb.com).

### Seeding points

For the qualification tournament of Elite24, a seeding list will be established at -1 day prior to the start of Elite24 tournament and will be announced after completion of the preliminary inquiry.

For the Main Draw tournament of Elite24, a seeding list will be established at -14 days prior to the start of the tournament and will be used to schedule the provisional match-up schedule of the Main Draw.



## COMPETITION SPECIFIC



### COMPETITION FORMAT

#### Qualification Tournament

- Consists of 16 teams playing in single elimination format to qualify 8 teams to the main draw.
- 14 Qualification teams enter directly, together with 2 Qualification wild cards teams (if applicable).
- No Country Quota.
- Seeding based on the day before the start of the tournament (-1 day).

#### Elite 24: 16-Team Qualification to Qualify 8 Teams



## Main Draw Tournament

- Main Draw: 24-team pool play (6 pools of 4 teams following serpentine system)
- Seeding Points at -14 days (for teams directly in the Main Draw) and day of the preliminary inquiry (in principle the day before, for teams in the Qualification tournament): best 3 of last 4 events in 365 days
- 15 Main Draw teams, together with one (1) Main Draw wild card team (if applicable) enter directly into the Main Draw, plus 8 teams qualified from the Qualification tournament
- No country quota
- Six (6) pools of four (4) teams will play (Round Robin system) in the Preliminary Round to determine 16 teams advancing to Single Elimination Playoffs.
- For the first phase of round robin pool play, 24 teams per gender will be placed into six (6) pools with four (4) teams each based on Seeding Points and will be placed per the serpentine principle. 15 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 F following serpentine system, according to their ranking points calculated at -14 days before the start of the tournament.

First phase of Pool Play					
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
Seed #1	Seed #2	Seed #3	Seed #4	Seed #5	Seed #6
Seed #12	Seed #11	Seed #10	Seed #9	Seed #8	Seed #7
Seed #13	Seed #14	Seed #15	Seed #16	Seed #17	Seed #18
Seed #24	Seed #23	Seed #22	Seed #21	Seed #20	Seed #19

- Seeding of the host country teams:
  - Seeding of the host country: the best host country team (Seeding points at -14 days) will be Seed 1 in Pool A if this host country team is naturally seeded among the top 6 teams, if the best host country team (Seeding points at -14 days) is naturally seeded among Seed 7 to Seed 15, then this host country team will be Seed 6 in Pool F. Otherwise, the best seeded host country team will be Seed 16 in Pool D. Other host country teams will be seeded naturally as per their Seeding points at -14 days.
  - The remaining host country teams will be seeded naturally as per their seeding Points.
  - 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 Elite tournament, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> (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 #24 to Seed #23) 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 diagram below, 8 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 #11), USA6 (Seed #12), USA7 (Seed #14), USA8 (Seed #17) See below:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
USA 1	USA 2	Seed #3	Seed #4	USA 3	Seed #6
USA 6	USA 5	Seed #10	Seed #9	USA 4	Seed #7
Seed #13	USA 7	Seed #15	Seed #16	USA 8	Seed #18
Seed #24	Seed #23	Seed #22	Seed #21	Seed #20	Seed #19

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

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
USA 1	USA 2	Seed #3	Seed #4	USA 3	Seed #6
Seed #15	Seed #13	Seed #10	USA 4	Seed #9	Seed #7
Seed #16	USA 7	USA 5	Seed #18	USA 8	USA 6
Seed #24	Seed #23	Seed #22	Seed #21	Seed #20	Seed #19

- The first two ranked teams from each pool, and the best two teams that rank third in their respective pools (first by match points, then by set ratio followed by rally point ratio and lastly by tournament seeding), will advance automatically to the Playoffs. The four remaining third-ranked teams in each pool will play a two-match lucky loser round (3<sup>rd</sup> ranked vs. 6<sup>th</sup> ranked, while 4<sup>th</sup> ranked vs. 5<sup>th</sup> ranked); the two winning teams in the lucky loser round will also qualify for the Playoffs, making a total of 16 teams.
- The 4th ranked team of each pool will be ranked 19th place.
- Second phase: knock-out bracket (R16, QFs, SFs) in single elimination format

- The 8 teams qualified from the qualification tournament will automatically go to seed #17 to seed #24, following seeding points calculated the day before the start of the tournament, with best ranked team advanced from the Qualification tournament goes to Pool E as seed #17, 2<sup>nd</sup> best ranked team advanced from the Qualification tournament goes to Pool F as seed #18, 3<sup>rd</sup> best goes to Pool F as seed #19, 4<sup>th</sup> best goes to Pool E as seed #20, 5<sup>th</sup> best goes to Pool D seed #21, 6<sup>th</sup> best goes to Pool C seed #22, 7<sup>th</sup> best goes to Pool B seed #23 and 8<sup>th</sup> best goes to Pool A seed #24.

#### Rules for Matches Played

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

<b>Match won</b>	<b>2 points</b>
<b>Match lost</b>	<b>1 point</b>

- 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 TD 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”

- Four teams will play a standard round robin system in the first phase. Every team will play the three other teams in their pool. The ranking of teams within their pools will be determined by the total number of match points.
- In the case of a tie in the pools (match points) during the round robin, the following rules will apply:

Between two teams in the same pool:

- The team with the highest rally points ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher.
- If a tie still exists by rally points ratio, then the teams have the same position in ranking.

Between three teams in the same pool:

- If three teams have a tie in the main points, then the teams are ranked by the rally points ratio in the matches between the three tied teams.
- If a tie still exists then the tied teams are ranked by the rally points ratio between all teams in the pool.
- If a tie still exists then the teams have the same position in the ranking.

Between four teams in the same pool:

- The ranking is determined by the rally points ratio between all teams in the pool.
- If a tie still exists then the teams have the same position in the ranking.

- In the case of a tie in the pools (match points) at the end of the round robin, the following rules will apply:

Between two teams in the same pool:

- The team with higher rally points ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher.
- If a tie still exists, then the winner of head-to-head match is ranked higher.

Between three teams in the same pool:

- Teams are ranked by the rally points ratios in the matches between the three tied teams.
- If a tie still exists then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally points ratio between all teams in the pool.
- If a tie still exists then the teams still tied are determined by the tournament seeding established at the tournament (the better seed of the tied teams ranked higher, i.e. Seed 12 is ranked higher than Seed 13).

## Single elimination phase – (Round of 16)

After the preliminary phase teams will be placed in the Round of 16 as follows:

### #1 - 1st place pool A

#16 - Draw b/w lucky loser match winners (not A)

#9 - A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2

#8 - A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2

### #5 - 1st place pool E

#12 - A2, B2, C2, D2, F2

#13 - Draw b/w top two 3<sup>rd</sup>-ranked teams in pools (not D)

### #4 - 1st place pool D

### #3 - 1st place pool C

#14 - Draw b/w top two 3<sup>rd</sup>-ranked teams in pools (not C)

#11 - A2, B2, C2, D2, E2

### #6 - 1st place pool F

#7 - A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2

#10 - A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2

#15 - Draw b/w lucky loser match winners (not B)

### #2 - 1st Place Pool B

Bronze medal  
match

Gold medal  
match

## Note:

Teams from the same pool cannot meet in the Round of 16. However, teams from same NF will be able to meet in the first round of 16.



## 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 last match of day or 1 hour after the seeding list is established after Preliminary Inquiry.



**Competition Schedule**  
**2025 BPT - Elite - João Pessoa, Brazil**  
**11 - 15 MARCH**  
**Local time: UTC +X**

**Main Draw of 24 teams, Qualification of 16 teams**  
 3 competition courts over 5 days.

6 Pools of 4 teams in round robin - 1st & 2nd placed teams plus the two best 3rd placed teams advance to R16. The four remaining 3rd placed teams play in the Lucky Loser round - the two winners of Lucky Loser advance to R16, followed by QF, SF and Finals.

### Qualification Tournament

DATE	LOCAL TIME	UTC	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3	PHASES
Day 1 (Wed) 11.03.26	09:00	12:00	W-QT	W-QT	W-QT	Qualification (M & W)
	10:00	13:00	W-QT	W-QT	W-QT	
	11:00	14:00	W-QT	W-QT	M-QT	
	12:00	15:00	M-QT	M-QT	M-QT	
	13:00	16:00	M-QT	M-QT		
	14:00	17:00	M-QT	M-QT		Main Draw Pool Play (W)
	15:00	18:00	W-MD-Pool R1	W-MD-Pool R1	W-MD-Pool R1	
	16:00	19:00	W-MD-Pool R1	W-MD-Pool R1	W-MD-Pool R1	
	17:00	20:00	W-MD-Pool R1	W-MD-Pool R1	W-MD-Pool R1	
	18:00	21:00	W-MD-Pool R1	W-MD-Pool R1	W-MD-Pool R1	

### Main Draw

DATE	LOCAL TIME	UTC	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3	PHASES
Day 2 (Thu) 12.03.26	09:00	12:00	M-MD-Pool R1	M-MD-Pool R1	M-MD-Pool R1	Main Draw Pool Play (M&W)
	10:00	13:00	M-MD-Pool R1	M-MD-Pool R1	M-MD-Pool R1	
	11:00	14:00	M-MD-Pool R1	M-MD-Pool R1	M-MD-Pool R1	
	12:00	15:00	M-MD-Pool R1	M-MD-Pool R1	M-MD-Pool R1	
	13:00	16:00	W-MD-Pool R2	W-MD-Pool R2	W-MD-Pool R2	
	14:00	17:00	W-MD-Pool R2	W-MD-Pool R2	W-MD-Pool R2	
	15:00	18:00	W-MD-Pool R2	W-MD-Pool R2	W-MD-Pool R2	
	16:00	19:00	W-MD-Pool R2	W-MD-Pool R2	W-MD-Pool R2	
	17:00	20:00	M-MD-Pool R2	M-MD-Pool R2	M-MD-Pool R2	
	18:00	21:00	M-MD-Pool R2	M-MD-Pool R2	M-MD-Pool R2	
	19:00	22:00	M-MD-Pool R2	M-MD-Pool R2	M-MD-Pool R2	
	20:00	23:00	M-MD-Pool R2	M-MD-Pool R2	M-MD-Pool R2	

DATE	LOCAL TIME	UTC	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3	PHASES
Day 3 (Fri) 13.03.26	09:00	12:00	W-MD-Pool R3	W-MD-Pool R3	W-MD-Pool R3	Main Draw Pool Play (M&W)
	10:00	13:00	W-MD-Pool R3	W-MD-Pool R3	W-MD-Pool R3	
	11:00	14:00	W-MD-Pool R3	W-MD-Pool R3	W-MD-Pool R3	
	12:00	15:00	W-MD-Pool R3	W-MD-Pool R3	W-MD-Pool R3	
	13:00	16:00	M-MD-Pool R3	M-MD-Pool R3	M-MD-Pool R3	
	14:00	17:00	M-MD-Pool R3	M-MD-Pool R3	M-MD-Pool R3	Main Draw Pool Play (M)
	15:00	18:00	W-MD-LL-1	W-MD-LL-2		
	16:00	19:00	M-MD-Pool R3	M-MD-Pool R3	M-MD-Pool R3	
	17:00	20:00	M-MD-Pool R3	M-MD-Pool R3	M-MD-Pool R3	
	18:00	21:00	W-MD-R16	W-MD-R16	W-MD-R16	
	19:00	22:00	W-MD-R16	W-MD-R16	W-MD-R16	Round of 16 (W)
	20:00	23:00	W-MD-R16	W-MD-R16		

DATE	LOCAL TIME	UTC	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3	PHASES
Day 4 (Sat) 14.03.26	10:00	13:00	M-MD-LL-1	M-MD-LL-2		Lucky Loser (M)
	11:00	14:00	M-MD-R16	M-MD-R16	M-MD-R16	Round of 16 (M)
	12:00	15:00	M-MD-R16	M-MD-R16	M-MD-R16	
	13:00	16:00	M-MD-R16	M-MD-R16		
	16:00	19:00	W-MD-QF			Quarterfinals (M & W)
	17:00	20:00	W-MD-QF			
	18:00	21:00	W-MD-QF	W-MD-QF		
	19:00	22:00	M-MD-QF	M-MD-QF		
	20:00	23:00	M-MD-QF	M-MD-QF		

DATE	LOCAL TIME	UTC	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3	PHASES
Day 5 (Sun) 15.03.26	08:00	11:00	W-MD-SF			Semifinals (M&W)
	09:00	12:00	W-MD-SF			
	10:00	13:00	M-MD-SF			
	11:00	14:00	M-MD-SF			
	14:00	17:00	W-Bronze			Finals (M & W)
	15:00	18:00	M-Bronze			
	16:00	19:00	W-Gold			
	17:00	20:00	M-Gold			
			Followed by	Awarding		

## WITHDRAWAL REGULATIONS

Information regarding the withdrawal procedure for a Beach Pro Tour Elite16 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 publish of the confirmed Entry List until 16:00 CET of Wednesday 3 weeks before the start of the Beach Pro Tour Elite 24 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](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 Elite 24 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 Elite 24 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 Elite24 tournament	<b>USD 1500 per athlete</b>
Qualification Tournament of Elite16 tournament	<b>USD 500 per athlete</b>

- 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 Elite 24, 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 of highest seeded position (The seeding of the late withdraw team), and then 2nd highest ranked team advanced from the Qualification tournament to fill the pool of the 2nd highest seeded position, 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 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 and Forms – FIVB](#).**

## **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.

## RANKING POINTS (PER ATHLETE)

Rank	BPT Elite24	BPT Challenge	BPT Futures
1 <sup>st</sup>	600	400	200
2 <sup>nd</sup>	550	380	180
3 <sup>rd</sup>	500	360	160
4 <sup>th</sup>	450	340	140
5 <sup>th</sup>	380	300	120
9 <sup>th</sup>	300	230	90
13 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	70
17 <sup>th</sup>	230	170	50
19 <sup>th</sup>	190	N/A	N/A
21 <sup>st</sup>	N/A	N/A	30
25 <sup>th</sup>	150	110	N/A
33 <sup>rd</sup>	N/A	90	N/A
41 <sup>st</sup>	N/A	50	N/A

*Note: The FIVB Beach Volleyball ranking points obtained from the Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Futures 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).*

## PRIZE MONEY

For the Beach Pro Tour Elite in **João Pessoa**, the following prize money is allocated to each gender tournament and will be paid by the FIVB through **bank transfer**.

Rank	Prize Money (per team) in USD	Total in USD
1 <sup>st</sup>	40,000	40,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	23,000	23,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	17,000	17,000
4 <sup>th</sup>	12,000	12,000
5 <sup>th</sup> x 4	9,000	36,000
9 <sup>th</sup> x 8	6,200	49,600
17 <sup>th</sup> x 2	3,700	7,400
19 <sup>th</sup> x 6	2,500	15,000
<b>Total Prize Money</b>		<b>200,000</b>

*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 and personal details at the beginning of the contract year through the VIS.** Please double check your profile and consult the FIVB Delegate at the Preliminary Inquiry should there be any questions.*