

SPECIFIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Beach Pro Tour Elite
Gstaad – SUI

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-28 DAYS



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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: [Event Playbook - Gstaad](#)

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.

Seeding points

For the qualification tournament of Elite24, a seeding list will be established 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).

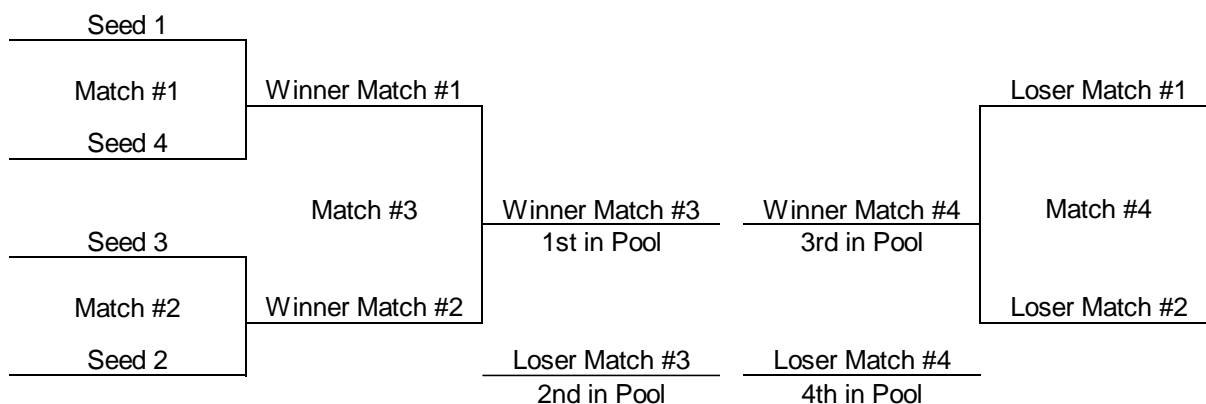
Elite 24: 16-Team Qualification to Qualify 8 Teams



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
- For the Pool Phase, matches will be played in the modified pool play competition format, 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 in the pool and the loser as 2nd ranked team in the pool. The losers of the above two matches will play each other, with the winner being the 3rd ranked team in the pool and the loser being the 4th ranked team in the pool and eliminated from the Pool Phase.

Modified Pool Play



- For the first phase of modified 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 Modified 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 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th (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.
 - Top 3 teams in each pool qualify for the 18-team playoffs
 - The 4th ranked team of each pool will be ranked 19th place.
 - Second phase: knock-out bracket (R18, R12, QFs) in single elimination format

Example: As shown in the below diagram, 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:

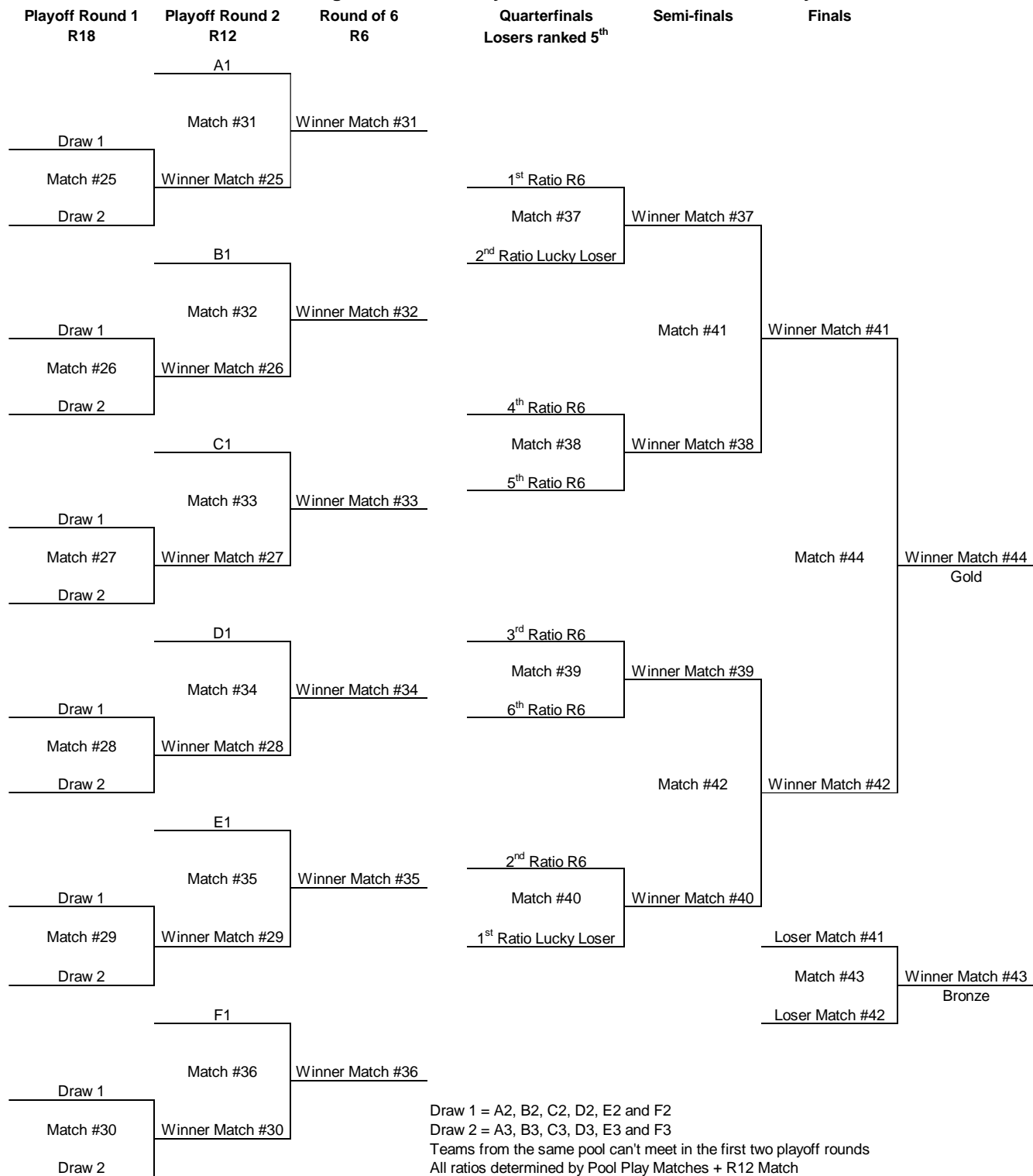
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
USA 1	USA 2	Seed #3	Seed #4	USA 3	Seed #6
USA 6	USA 5	Seed #10	Seed #9	USA 4	Seed #7
Seed #13	USA 7	Seed #15	Seed #16	USA 8	Seed #18
Seed #24	Seed #23	Seed #22	Seed #21	Seed #20	Seed #19

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 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, 2nd best ranked team advanced from the Qualification tournament goes to Pool F as seed #18, 3rd best goes to Pool F as seed #19, 4th best goes to Pool E as seed #20, 5th best goes to Pool D seed #21, 6th best goes to Pool C seed #22, 7th best goes to Pool B seed #23 and 8th best goes to Pool A seed #24.
- Main Draw playoff bracket (18 teams)

18-team Single Elimination Playoff from 24-team Modified Pool Play



Draw 1 = A2, B2, C2, D2, E2 and F2

Draw 2 = A3, B3, C3, D3, E3 and F3

Teams from the same pool can't meet in the first two playoff rounds

All ratios determined by Pool Play Matches + R12 Match


Rally Point Ratio first, Set Ratio second, Tournament Seeding third

Quarterfinals: R6 Teams + 2 Lucky Losers with best ratios

Teams from the same R12 match can't meet in the Quarterfinals

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 - Gstaad, Switzerland					
	02 July - 06 July					
	Local time: UTC - 2					

Qualification Tournament

SESSION	DATE	LOCAL TIME	UTC	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3	PHASES
1	Day 1 (Wed)	9:00	7:00	M-QT-R16	M-QT-R16	M-QT-R16	Qualification (M&W)
		10:00	8:00	M-QT-R16	M-QT-R16	M-QT-R16	
		11:00	9:00	W-QT-R16	M-QT-R16	M-QT-R16	
		12:00	10:00	W-QT-R16	W-QT-R16	W-QT-R16	
		13:00	11:00	W-QT-R16	W-QT-R16		
		14:00	12:00	W-QT-R16	W-QT-R16		
		15:00	13:00	M-MD-Pool #1	M-MD-Pool #2	M-MD-Pool #3	Main Draw Pool Play (W)
		16:00	14:00	M-MD-Pool #4	M-MD-Pool #5	M-MD-Pool #6	
		17:00	15:00	M-MD-Pool #7	M-MD-Pool #8	M-MD-Pool #9	
		18:00	16:00	M-MD-Pool #10	M-MD-Pool #11	M-MD-Pool #12	

Main Draw

SESSION	DATE	LOCAL TIME	UTC	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3	PHASES
2	Day 2 (Thu)	9:00	7:00	W-MD-Pool #1	W-MD-Pool #2	W-MD-Pool #3	Main Draw Pool Play (M&W)
		10:00	8:00	W-MD-Pool #4	W-MD-Pool #5	W-MD-Pool #6	
		11:00	9:00	W-MD-Pool #7	W-MD-Pool #8	W-MD-Pool #9	
		12:00	10:00	W-MD-Pool #10	W-MD-Pool #11	W-MD-Pool #12	
		13:00	11:00	M-MD-Pool #13	M-MD-Pool #14	M-MD-Pool #15	
		14:00	12:00	M-MD-Pool #16	M-MD-Pool #17	M-MD-Pool #18	
3	Day 2 (Thu)	15:00	13:00	M-MD-Pool #19	M-MD-Pool #20	M-MD-Pool #21	Main Draw Pool Play - Winner round (W)
		16:00	14:00	M-MD-Pool #22	M-MD-Pool #23	M-MD-Pool #24	
		17:00	15:00	W-MD-Pool #13	W-MD-Pool #14	W-MD-Pool #15	
		18:00	16:00	W-MD-Pool #16	W-MD-Pool #17	W-MD-Pool #18	

SESSION	DATE	LOCAL TIME	UTC	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3	PHASES
3	Day 3 (Fri)	9:00	7:00	W-MD-Pool #19	W-MD-Pool #20	W-MD-Pool #21	Main Draw Pool Play
		10:00	8:00	W-MD-Pool #22	W-MD-Pool #23	W-MD-Pool #24	Loser Round (W)
		11:00	9:00	M-MD-R18 #1	M-MD-R18 #2		Main Draw R18 (W & M)
		12:00	10:00	M-MD-R18 #3	M-MD-R18 #4		
		13:00	11:00	M-MD-R18 #5	M-MD-R18 #6		
		14:00	12:00	W-MD-R18 #1	W-MD-R18 #2		
4	Day 3 (Fri)	15:00	13:00	W-MD-R18 #3	W-MD-R18 #4		Main Draw R12 (M)
		16:00	14:00	W-MD-R18 #5	W-MD-R18 #6		
		17:00	15:00	M-MD-R12 #1	M-MD-R12 #2		
		18:00	16:00	M-MD-R12 #3	M-MD-R12 #4		
		19:00	17:00	M-MD-R12 #5	M-MD-R12 #6		

SESSION	DATE	LOCAL TIME	UTC	COURT 1	COURT 2	PHASES
5	Day 4 (Sat)	10:00	8:00	W-MD-R12 #1	W-MD-R12 #2	Main Draw R12 (W)
		11:00	9:00	W-MD-R12 #3	W-MD-R12 #4	
		12:00	10:00	W-MD-R12 #5	W-MD-R12 #6	
		13:00	11:00	M-QF #1	M-QF #2	Quarter Finals (M & W)
		14:00	12:00	M-QF #3		
6	Day 4 (Sat)	15:00	13:00	M-QF #4		
		16:00	14:00	W-QF #1	W-QF #2	Semi Finals (M)
		17:00	15:00	W-QF #3	W-QF #4	
		18:00	16:00	M-SF #1		
		19:00	17:00	M-SF #2		

SESSION	DATE	LOCAL TIME	UTC	COURT 1	COURT 2	PHASES
7	Day 5 (Sun)	10:00	8:00	W-SF #1		Semi Finals (W)
		11:00	9:00	W-SF #2		
		13:00	11:00	M-Bronze		Bronze Finals (M & W)
		14:00	12:00	W-Bronze		
8	Day 5 (Sun)	15:00	13:00	M-Gold		Finals (M & W)
		16:00	14:00	W-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 16 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 of Wednesday 3 weeks before the start of the Beach Pro Tour Elite 16 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 16 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 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 16, 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 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](#).

RANKING POINTS (PER ATHLETE)

Rank	BPT Elite16	BPT Challenge	BPT Futures
1 st	600	400	200
2 nd	550	380	180
3 rd	500	360	160
4 th	450	340	140
5 th	380	300	120
9 th	300	230	90
13 th	230	N/A	70
17 th	200	170	50
19 th	190	N/A	N/A
21 st	N/A	N/A	30
25 th	150	110	N/A
33 rd	N/A	90	N/A
41 st	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 Gstaad, 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 st	40,000	40,000
2 nd	23,000	23,000
3 rd	17,000	17,000
4 th	12,000	12,000
5 th x 4	9,000	36,000
9 th x 4	7,500	30,000
13 th x 6	4,500	27,000
19 th x 6	2,500	15,000
Total Prize Money		200,000

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 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.

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.