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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Introduction

These Competition Regulations provide the Team Delegations, FIVB and VW Delegations with the obligations and guidelines (as applicable) related to the participation and the technical staging of the Event (and other associated side events).

The following rules of interpretation apply in these Competition Regulations:

a. The FIVB reserves the right to update these Competition Regulations at any time prior to the Event. In the event of any variation of these Competition Regulations, the FIVB will promptly notify the stakeholders and share the updated numbered version of these Competition Regulations.

b. Unless otherwise stated in these Competition Regulations, in the event there is any conflict or ambiguity between any provisions in these Competition Regulations and the FIVB Event Regulations, the latter shall prevail.

c. Unless the context requires otherwise, a reference to the Event shall mean the FIVB Volleyball Club World Championship, including any and all side events relating to such Event.

d. A reference to FIVB Event Regulations, Chapter(s) are to a Chapter(s) of the FIVB Event Regulations.

e. A reference to Appendix(ices) or Annex shall be those of these Competition Regulations.

f. Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders.

1.2. Concept

The FIVB Volleyball Club World Championship (the Event) is an international volleyball competition contested by senior volleyball club teams of National Volleyball Federations that are affiliated to the FIVB and respect their obligations and financial responsibilities with regard to the FIVB and their respective National Federation (hereafter “Team NF(s)”). The Event is governed by the FIVB and Volleyball World (VW) and is the flagship competition held every year.

The 2026 edition of the FIVB Volleyball Club World Championship will see eight of the best volleyball club teams in the world, per gender, competing for the title of Club World Champions.

The Event will take place:

For women: 8-13 December 2026 in Sao Paulo, BRAZIL
For men: 15-20 December 2026 in Katowice & Sosnowiec (Pool Phase), and in Częstochowa (Semi-Finals & Finals), POLAND

In total, 16 matches will be played per gender during the Event.

2. COMPETITION



3. QUALIFICATION & POOLS DISTRIBUTION

3.1. Qualification Pathway & Teams

WOMEN		
	CLUB	**QUALIFIED AS**
1	**VakifBank SK (TUR)**	2025-26 CEV Champions League - Winner
2	**Eczacıbaşı Peron Istanbul (TUR)**	2025-26 CEV Champions League - Runner-up
3	**SESI Volei Bauru (BRA)**	2025-26 CSV Club Championship - Winner

4	**Club Alianza Lima (PER)**	2025-26 CSV Club Championship - 3rd Place*****
5	**NEC Red Rockets Kawasaki (JPN)**	2026 AVC Women Champions League - Winner
6	**Zhetysu VC (KAZ)**	**REPLACEMENT** - 2026 AVC Women Champions League - Runner-up******
7	**Al Ahly SC (EGY)**	2025-26 CAVB Club Championship - Winner
8	**Osasco São Cristóvão Saúde (BRA)**	Host Club

**The Osasco São Cristóvão Saúde (BRA), 2025-26 CSV Club Championship – Runner-up, was granted a Host Club spot. Therefore, the 3rd place team from the 2025-26 CSV Club Championship - Club Alianza Lima (PER) has qualified as the next eligible team through the Continental Club Championship qualification pathway in accordance with the FIVB Event Regulations.*

***The Nakhonratchasima 3M Films (THA) originally qualified as 2026 AVC Women Champions League Runners-up, was unable to confirm their participation. Therefore, in line with Article 4.8.1 of the FIVB Event Regulations, the FIVB invited the next classified club within the respective qualification pathway – Zhetysu VC (KAZ), to fill the respective qualified place.*

MEN		
	CLUB	**QUALIFIED AS**
1	**Sir Sicoma Monini Perugia (ITA)**	2025-26 CEV Champions League - Winner
2	**Ziraat Bankkart (TUR)**	2025-26 CEV Champions League - 3rd Place*****
3	**Vôlei Renata (BRA)**	2025-26 CSV Club Championship - Winner
4	**Sada Cruzeiro (BRA)**	2025-26 CSV Club Championship - Runner-up
5	**Jakarta Bhayangkara Presisi (INA)**	2026 AVC Men Champions League - Winner
6	**Foolad Sirjan Iranian (IRI)**	2026 AVC Men Champions League - Runner-up
7	**Al Ahly SC (EGY)**	2025-26 CAVB Club Championship - Winner
8	**Aluron CMC Warta Zawiercie (POL)**	Host Club

**The Aluron CMC Warta Zawiercie (POL), 2025-26 CEV Club Championship – Runner-up, was granted a Host Club spot. Therefore, the 3rd place team from the 2025-26 CEV Club Championship - Ziraat Bankkart (TUR) has qualified as the next eligible team through the Continental Club Championship qualification pathway in accordance with the FIVB Event Regulations.*

3.2. Pools Distribution

The 8 teams are distributed in the two Pools A and B as per the below regulations:

a. Host Club is placed at the head of Pool A as A1.
b. Remaining 7 teams are placed based on:

1. The Confederation ranking from the previous FIVB Volleyball Men's / Women's Club World Championship edition (2025);
2. Teams' standing in the respective Continental Club Championship, upon qualification.

c. Teams are placed as per the Serpentine system.

d. Two (2) teams from the same Confederation (except the Host) cannot be placed in the same Pool. Therefore, if Team A falls into a Pool where a team from the same Confederation is already placed, Team A is swapped with the team in the same position of the other Pool.

e. Two (2) teams from the same country cannot be placed in the same Pool. Therefore, if Team A falls into a Pool where a team from the same country is already placed, Team A is swapped with the team in the same position of the other Pool (where possible).

CONFEDERATIONS RANKING FROM 2025 CWCHS:	
WOMEN (LINK HERE)	**1. CEV 2. CSV 3. AVC 4. CAVB**
MEN (LINK HERE)	**1. CEV 2. AVC 3. CSV 4. CAVB**

WOMEN					
POOL A			POOL B		
A1	**Osasco São Cristóvão Saúde (BRA)**	Host	**B1**	**VakifBank SK (TUR)**	CEV #1
A2	**NEC Red Rockets Kawasaki (JPN)**	AVC #1	**B2**	**SESI Volei Bauru (BRA)**	CSV #1
A3	**Eczacıbaşı Peron Istanbul (TUR) ***	CEV #2	**B3**	**Al Ahly SC (EGY)**	CAVB #1
A4	**Club Alianza Lima (PER) ****	CSV #2	**B4**	**Zhetysu VC (KAZ) ****	AVC #2

** The pools of Eczacıbaşı Peron Istanbul (TUR) (CEV 2) & Al Ahly SC (EGY) (CAVB 1) clubs were swapped to align with the conditions (d) in the abovesaid pools distribution regulations and to prevent two (2) teams from the same Confederation (CEV) being placed in the same Pool (B).*

*** The pools of Zhetysu VC (KAZ) (AVC 2) & Club Alianza Lima (PER) (CSV 2) clubs were swapped to align with the condition (d) in the abovesaid pools distribution regulations and to prevent two (2) teams from the same Confederation (CSV and AVC) being placed in the same Pool (B and A respectively).*

MEN					
POOL A			POOL B		
A1	Aluron CMC Warta Zawiercie (POL)	Host	B1	Sir Sicoma Monini Perugia (ITA)	CEV #1
A2	Vôlei Renata (BRA)	CSV #1	B2	Jakarta Bhayangkara Presisi (INA)	AVC #1
A3	Ziraat Bankkart (TUR) *	CEV #2	B3	Al Ahly SC (EGY)	CAVB #1
A4	Foolad Sirjan Iranian (IRI) **	AVC #2	B4	Sada Cruzeiro (BRA) **	CSV #2

** The pools of Ziraat Bankkart (TUR) (CEV 2) & Swehly Al Ahly SC (EGY) (CAVB 1) clubs were swapped to align with the condition (d) in the abovesaid pools distribution regulations and to prevent two (2) teams from the same Confederation (CEV) being placed in the same Pool (B).*

*** The pools of Foolad Sirjan Iranian (IRI) (AVC 2) & Sada Cruzeiro (BRA) (CSV 2) clubs were swapped to align with the condition (d) in the abovesaid pools distribution regulations and to prevent two (2) teams from the same Confederation (AVC and CSV) being placed in the same Pool (B and A respectively).*

4. TEAMS RANKING SYSTEM

4.1. Teams Combined Ranking System Regulations (for eliminated teams after the Pool Phase)

To establish the Final Standing of the four (4) eliminated teams after the Pool Phase, the following criteria shall apply:

a. Position of the team in the Pool (3rd, 4th).
b. Total number of victories (matches won, matches lost)
c. In the event of a tie, the following first tiebreaker will apply:

- Most points gained = the team will be ranked by the most points gained per match as follows:

Match won 3-0; 3-1	3 points
Match won 3-2	2 points
Match lost 2-3	1 point
Match lost 0-3; 1-3	0 points
Match forfeited	0 points (25-0, 25-0, 25-0)

- If teams are still tied after examining the number of victories and points gained, then the FIVB will examine the results in order to break the tie in the following order:

    - Set quotient = If two or more teams have gained the same number of points, they will be ranked by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost.
    - Points quotient = If the tie persists based on the set quotient, the teams will be ranked by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of points lost during all sets.
    - If the tie continues to persist based on the point quotient, the tie will be broken based on the team that won the last match played between the tied teams. When the tie in point quotient is between three or more teams, these teams will be ranked taking into consideration only the matches involving the teams in question.
    - If the two teams did not play against each other, the tie will remain, and the two teams will be ranked exceptionally both at the same position.

4.2. Final Standing

At the end of the Event, all participating Teams will be ranked from 8th to 1st place as per the following regulations:

a. After the Pool Phase, eliminated Teams will be ranked as per the Teams Combined Ranking System from 8th to 5th place, unless two (2) teams, which did not play against each other, have to be ranked exceptionally both at the same position due to ongoing tie. This includes all 3 matches per team played so far in Pool Phase.
b. During the Finals, the losing Teams of the Semi-Finals will compete for 4th and 3rd places and the winning teams of the Semi-Finals will compete for 2nd and 1st places.

5. TEAM ENTRY

5.1. Substitution of Teams

a. If a Club declares the non-participation of its duly qualified team or simply does not send its Club's entry before the deadline previously communicated by the FIVB, the team will be replaced only by the one directly following it in the classification of the competition in which the defaulting team obtained its qualification except when the FIVB Board of Administration decides otherwise (Section I, Chapter 2, Art. 4.8.1 FIVB Event Regulations).

b. If a Club withdraws its team from the competition after having entered it within the deadline, previously communicated by the FIVB, the team will be replaced by one designated by the FIVB after consultation with the Organiser (Section I, Chapter 2, Art. 4.8.2 FIVB Event Regulations). The Club will be sanctioned accordingly.

5.2. Players Eligibility

a. All players listed on the O-2 Form who do not have the same Federation of Origin as their team must possess an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) duly approved by all parties concerned and the FIVB, no later than by the O-2 Form submission deadline (see below).

b. The nationality of a player is justified by means of a passport or other authentic document issued by the authorities of the country of the National Federation of the concerned player. The Federation of Origin is verified using VIS (the FIVB shall verify the player's Federation of Origin by conducting an eligibility check upon receipt of the O-2 Form of the relevant team).

c. All players listed on the O-2 Form and registered in the women's category must confirm their sex eligibility by submitting a valid SRY screening result from an FIVB-approved laboratory, in accordance with Article 3.2.3 of the FIVB Sports Regulations.

d. All players and Team Officials listed on the O-2 Form must obtain:

- an Anti-Doping Certificate demonstrating that he/she has successfully completed the FIVB Play Clean program; and
- a Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions Certificate demonstrating that he/she has successfully completed the FIVB E-Learning Course on the Prevention of Competition Manipulation ; and
- a Safeguarding Certificate demonstrating that she/he has successfully completed the FIVB Safeguarding Course.

e. In the event that a player is subject to a sanction disqualifying her/him from participating in volleyball competitions by the FIVB after her/his registration on the O-2 Form, the concerned player shall not be allowed to be registered on the O-2bis Form or to be replaced on the O-2 Form. In the event that a player is subject to a sanction disqualifying her/him from participating in volleyball competitions by the FIVB after her/his registration on the O-2bis Form, the concerned player shall not be allowed to be replaced on the O-2bis Form. The sanction of the concerned player will be reflected on the score sheet with the player's name and the note "suspended" for the matches covered by the sanction.

f. All players listed on the O-2 form must comply with the requirements defined in Article 3.2 of the FIVB Sports Regulations in order to be eligible to compete in the Club World Championships. Each club is responsible for making themselves aware of the applicable regulations.

g. Each Team must have a **minimum of twelve (12) players** for the Event.

5.3. Accreditation

a. Once the passports and/or other legal documents have been checked and accepted by the FIVB Technical Delegate during the Preliminary Inquiry, the OC will issue the accreditations for the team delegation registered on final O-2bis Form. One (1) hour before each match, the accreditations must be presented to the Technical Delegate, and each Team Manager must keep the players' passports ready in the event that the player is subject to doping control.

5.4. Visa

a. The arrangement of the physical visa required for the Team Delegation members for the Event is the full responsibility of each Club.

b. The Clubs are responsible for any costs associated with the passport or entry visa administration process for the Event regarding their Team Delegation.

c. The relevant Organiser shall send the appropriate invitation letters to the Clubs, once the participating Teams upon request and in case of need.

5.5. Insurance

a. **The insurance expenses that shall be covered by the Organiser:**
The Organiser shall takeout and maintain insurance to cover the Organiser's civil liability as well as the risks associated with the organisation of the Event, including without limitation: loss and any damages which any of the parties may incur at the result of cancelation, abandonment or curtailment of the Event or failure of the transmission of the Event for reasons beyond the control of the parties: death, Injuries or damages to the properties of any third parties (including, without limitation, players, Team Officials, FIVB/Volleyball World SA Delegation members and other participants and spectators) takes place at, in or around a site of the Event.

b. **The insurances expenses that shall be covered by each participating Club:**
All necessary insurance covering risks as a participating Team Delegation reasonably requires including travel, medical (including injuries and epidemic or pandemic-related illnesses), accident and liability insurance, based on independent professional advice from a reputable insurance company.

c. **The insurance expenses that shall be covered by the FIVB / Volleyball World:**
Insurance coverage for FIVB/ Volleyball World Delegation members including travel, illness and accident insurance.

5.6. Team Registration

a. Clubs are responsible to register their Team Delegation through the Volleyball Information System (VIS): **https://app.fivb.com/login** . Login details are provided by the FIVB to each Club. The guideline for the team registration process is available online: **HERE**

b. The following milestones apply regarding the team registration, subject to disciplinary sanctions in the event of late registration or submission of requested documentation as per Article 9 of this Competition Regulations:

Event Milestone	Event Deadline		
		WOMEN (8-13 DEC 2026)	**MEN** (15-20 DEC 2026)
a. Entry Form b. Contact Details Form		**14 August 2026**	**17 August 2026**
a. Team Travel Info Form & Rooming List		**5 October 2026**	
b. O-2 Form - 25 players + Team Officials in VIS c. ITCs (for applicable player(s)) in VIS d. SRY Testing Results to be uploaded to VIS (*for women's event only*) e. Club Bank Account Details Form f. FIVB E-learning Courses' Certificates in VIS g. M-3 Forms (for players) in VIS h. Signed CoC Annexes 1 & 2 (for players) in VIS i. Finalize FIVB Medical IDs j. Additional files as per requirements below	-6 weeks	**27 October 2026**	**3 November 2026**
a. Uniform Submission in VIS	-4 weeks	**10 November 2026**	**17 November 2026**
a. O-2bis Form - 12-14 players + Team Officials in VIS	-1 day	**7 December 2026 at the Preliminary Inquiry**	**14 December 2026 at the Preliminary Inquiry**

5.7. O-2 Form – 6 weeks prior

a. No later than **six (6) weeks** before the opening of the Event, the club's team, having previously confirm its participation, shall generate and sign electronically in VIS, its O-2 Form of Team Delegation members. This should comprise of a **maximum of twenty-five (25) players**, including all Team Officials (Team Staff, Team Media, Team Delegate) and indicating the team Captain.

b. After the submission of the signed O-2 Form, the participating club **cannot** make any changes in the players roster on that Form.

c. All players and Team Officials registered on O-2 Form must have previously obtained the Anti-Doping, E-Learning Course on Prevention of Competition Manipulation and Safeguarding certificates by completing the respective online courses on the FIVB E-Learning platform.

d. Each player registered on the O-2 Form must individually sign Annexes 1 and 2 of the Code of Conduct (players only) electronically in their VIS player profile in order to participate in the Event.

e. For participation in the Event, the FIVB Health Certificate (M-3 Form) shall be signed individually by each player registered on O-2 Form and by the medical doctor trained in sports medicine, and be uploaded on the VIS profile of the concerned player under the documentation tab.

f. Together with the O-2 Form, each club must submit the following:

For each player:

- Photos as per Team Registration Guideline
- Personal data (birth date, weight and height, highest reach at spiking and blocking, etc.)
- Valid passport's copy
- Valid personal email address and phone number
- Players' names pronunciation as per Team Registration Guideline
- M-3 Form

For the Team:

- Team photo as per Team Registration Guideline
- Club's logo in PNG format, without any background and in high-resolution quality, plus share the User Guide (if any)
- Club's Font (if any)

For each Team Official:

- Photos as per Team Registration Guideline
- Team Officials' names pronunciation as per Team Registration Guideline

For the step-by-step registration procedure, please refer to the Team Registration Guideline . In case of any questions related to the team registration process, please contact volleyball.teams@fivb.com .

5.8. O-2bis Form

a. The O-2bis Form shall consist of 12-14 players from the 25 players previously registered on the O-2 Form, without changing the individual players' t-shirt numbers and names, and shall indicate the Team Officials going to the Event. The O-2bis Form shall be signed electronically in VIS by all members registered on it, as well as by the Club and submitted through VIS before the Preliminary Inquiry meeting.

b. By individually signing the O-2bis Form, players and Team Officials agree and accept the terms of the Code of Conduct in its integrity.

5.9. Medical Replacements on O-2bis Form

After the Preliminary Inquiry and throughout the Event, a team can replace an injured player on the O-2bis Form, due to medical reasons, with players listed on the O-2 Form provided that a Medical Certificate is filed with the FIVB. The replacement will be subject to FIVB approval.

The respective Club must submit a written request for a replacement to the Technical Delegate and volleyball.teams@fivb.com **one (1) day prior to the match in which the replacement should take place** and **before the publication of the Daily Bulletin**, indicating:

1. the replacement player(s) registered on the O-2 Form for the Event.
2. the injured player(s) to be replaced on the O-2bis Form.
3. in the event that the replacement is granted, the Technical Delegate shall proceed with the replacement(s) in the O-2bis Form in VIS. The Club must sign the updated Form electronically in VIS.
4. the updated O-2bis Form shall be circulated in the Daily Bulletin.
5. the replacement player(s) shall be allowed to compete as of the following match starting from the day after the publication of the Daily Bulletin in which the updated O-2bis Form featuring the replacement player(s) was circulated.
6. Once replacement has been registered, the replaced player will **not** be permitted to participate in the matches for the rest of the Event.

Any expenses (e.g. international travel, ground transportation, lodging, etc.) incurred as a result of the replacement (if any) must be covered by the respective team Club. For avoidance of doubt, local services will be provided by the Event's Organizer only to 20 Team Delegation members (12-14 players + 6 Team Officials) registered on the O-2bis Form.

5.10. Team Composition

5.10.1. Libero

a. The Head Coach of a team can change the Libero(s) between each match. The Team Manager/Head Coach must inform the FIVB Technical Delegate **no later than one (1) hour before the match** if a Team wishes to change the Libero(s) from that selected for the previous match.
b. For further details regarding libero nomination, please refer to point **8.2. Rule Tests (d) - Team Roster**.

5.10.2. Team Delegation Members

a. The official Team Delegation is comprised of twelve (12) to fourteen (14) players and six (6) Team Officials.
b. For accreditation purposes, all **Team Officials** are divided into **three categories**:

- **Team Staff** (operational roles: Head Coach, Assistant Coach(es), Team Manager, Doctor, Physiotherapist, Statistician, Physical Trainer, etc.)
- **Team Media** (Journalist, Photographer, Videographer)
- **Team Delegate** (General Manager and other non-operational Club representatives)

c. The following Team Officials' roles must be fulfilled:

- One (1) Team Manager,
- One (1) Head Coach,
- One (1) Doctor (FIVB accredited) or one (1) Physiotherapist (FIVB accredited).

d. Team Delegates may access the team bench / technical area / FoP only from ten (10) minutes after the end of the match. Immediate post-match access to team bench / technical area may be granted only if escorted by FIVB or VW staff upon request.

e. Each Team Delegation shall be comprised of a minimum of one (1) medical staff member as described above.

f. In the event that the official Team Delegation includes only one (1) medical staff member position out of the two (2) possible, the vacant position can be used to register another Team Official.

g. The Organizer covers the board and lodging for up to fourteen (14) players and the six (6) Team Officials.

h. Extra Team Officials (2nd Assistant Coach, Physical Trainer, Statistician, General Manager, Team Interpreter) may be added to a Team Delegation but may be accredited only when their local travel and accommodation and other necessary expenses are paid in advance by the Team's respective Club to the Organizer.

5.10.3. Team Staff on the Bench

a. The Head Coach and maximum of four (4) Team Staff (i.e. five (5) persons in total) registered on the O-2bis Form may be seated on the team bench.

b. The Team Manager, Team Media and Team Delegates are not allowed to sit on the team bench.

a. Extra Team Officials who are not seated on the team bench shall be seated in a designated area in the Competition Hall.

b. As per their relevant role in the medical emergency protocol, at least one accredited medical personnel of the Club is strongly recommended to be on the team bench.

5.10.4. Team Doctor and Physiotherapist

a. Only Doctors/Physiotherapists having the FIVB Team Doctor's/Physiotherapist's Accreditation (pdf file) will be authorized to sit on the team bench.

b. New Doctors/ Physiotherapists with no FIVB registration number must be accredited by the FIVB Medical Department by no later than **six (6) weeks prior to the Event**, according to Section H of the FIVB Medical and Anti-Doping Regulations. Please contact medical@fivb.com for more information on the matter.

5.10.5. Team Manager

The Team Manager is expected to have experience in team management at international competitions and **must speak English**. His/her main duties are:

a. Coordination and responsibility of the Team Delegation. This includes flight confirmation and adjustments, visa matters, preparation and attendance at the Preliminary Inquiry with all required documents, certificates, team equipment and accessories.
b. Coordination between media and players. This is the responsibility of the Team Manager to make sure that the Captain and Head Coach attend all the Media Activities associated to the Event.
c. Communication with other Teams, the OC and FIVB Officials and Service Providers.

5.10.6. Team Statisticians

a. Dedicated access to the technical video service with two (2) camera angles (one (1) camera behind each service line) will be provided to all participating teams (exclusive access for matches analysis purposes only and not to be shared). The technical videos of all matches will be available live and/or for download:

- At the competition hall, two (2) cabled access to the live feed will be available to Team Statisticians (one (1) cable per team) in the allocated area behind the respective team's service line.
- A low-latency livestreaming access will be available to all Team Statisticians connected to the internet. Teams will receive an RTMP link to access the camera. Two (2) spare SDI ports (per camera) for non-playing Team Statisticians. Team Statisticians can use their devices to connect locally to the cameras.
- Access to matches storage on Google Drive.

b. Each team is allowed to have a maximum of two (2) Team Statisticians seated in the allocated area behind the service line during that team's respective match with one (1) cabled access to the live feed.

c. Each team is allowed a maximum of one (1) Team Statistician to be seated in the allocated area behind the service line during other teams' matches.

5.10.7. Team Media

a. A maximum of three (3) Team Media members(one (1) per role: Team Journalist, Team Videographer, Team Photographer) may be accredited for the Event, provided that they:
   - Are registered on the O-2 and O-2bis Forms;
   - Have applied for and obtained Volleyball World (VW) Media Accreditation via the official platform: WOMEN's EVENT & MEN's EVENT .
b. Team Media members are subject to VW Media Guidelines and must comply with all applicable access rules, including the use of the appropriate bibs (photo/video) to access designated working areas.

6. MEDICAL & ANTI-DOPING

6.1. Participating Teams' Medical Obligations

a. Each Team Delegation shall ensure its players and (where appropriate the Team Delegation) comply with the medical eligibility requirements.

b. FIVB medical accreditations (printed pdf files) for Team Doctors and Physiotherapists are mandatory and must be presented at the Preliminary Inquiry. The participating Club must request validation (if not done prior) from the FIVB Medical Department by **no later than six (6) weeks before** the Event.

c. With reference to the FIVB Event Regulations - Chapter 17, Article 95.2, all participating Clubs are required to take out their own third-party liability and medical insurance in respect of their Team Delegation for all national team activities and off days during the Event.

d. All Clubs waive any claims against the Organizers, Volleyball World and the FIVB for sport injuries sustained during the Event (as defined in the FIVB Medical & Anti-Doping Regulations).

6.2. Participating Teams' Anti-Doping Obligations

a. Doping controls will be conducted under the supervision of the dedicated FIVB Technical Officials with the cooperation of the FIVB Medical Delegate and ITA (International Testing Agency) in accordance with the FIVB Medical and Anti-Doping Regulations.

b. If a player wishes to request a Therapeutic Use Exemption because she/he has been prescribed a substance for a medical condition that contains a prohibited substance, she/he must request the Therapeutic Use Exemption as soon as the need arises and, in any event, (save for in emergency or exceptional situations) **at least thirty (30) days before the Event** using the appropriate form to be submitted to tue@ita.sport and antidoping@fivb.com .

c. Members of Team Delegations who wish to participate in the Event must acquire the FIVB Anti-Doping Certificate first, at the latest, by the deadline for the O-2 Form. The FIVB Play Clean Program can be accessed at FIVB E-Learning.

d. Each Team Delegation shall ensure that its players are aware of their anti-doping rights and obligations.

7. UNIFORM REGULATIONS

7.1. Players' Uniform

a. The playing uniform must comply with the FIVB Event Regulations – Article 4.9, Chapter 6 and Annex A (incorporating uniform standards) previously circulated, where the location of the country/club and family name and the size of the numbers are clearly indicated.

b. Each team must have **three (3) sets** of playing uniforms available, each one of a different contrasting colour. The players' numbers must be the same on each of the O-2 and O-2bis Forms and uniforms.

c. The playing uniforms of the Team Captain and the Libero (if different) must be presented during the Preliminary Inquiry.

* Shirt Name: Teams shall differentiate the player's registered jersey name by adding the first letter of the first name of the athlete in the event that the players' registered jersey name is the same for two players.

d. Team may choose to have the country flag and country name **or** club's emblem of min 36 cm2 and max 40 cm2 on the front upper left side. Only the country name or the official country code (3 letters) must be at the bottom of the flag. The size of the three (3) letter country code or the country name must be clearly visible and sized to the length of the country flag.

e. Only team uniforms which have been previously approved by the FIVB may be used.

f. Any accessories used by the players during the Event (e.g., knee protectors (knee pads), elbow protectors (elbow pads), player's hand towels, head bands, wrist bands etc.) cannot display any advertising. Any manufacturer's logo displayed on these accessories cannot be greater than 6 cm2.

g. Undergarments shall not be visible under the uniform (shorts or jersey). If visible, the undergarments must be same color and design for all players and must be of the same color as the uniform, white or black. Libero(s) can wear a different color, matching their uniform color.

h. Compression pads are approved but are required to be of the same colour design as the uniform. No padding is allowed in the forearm compression pads, as it provides advantages to the players' performances. Neutral colours, black or white are acceptable. Teams using compression pads must be uniform in colour /design for all players.

i. Per the decision of the FIVB Board of Administration (May 2026), the FIVB Event Regulations - Annex A, Article A.3.1.2 Uniform Shorts article is expanded to allow varied length uniform bottoms for female athletes, which may vary from athlete to athlete on the same team. For the avoidance of doubt, manufacturer, sponsor and player number application remains the same. Equally, the same colour of the bottoms applies, while dark colors (black or navy) are recommended.

7.2. Special Uniforms

A player may request to wear a special uniform to the extent that any religions and cultural norms and/ or customs are impacted by the standard uniform options available. National Federations shall submit a written request to the FIVB Volleyball Department prior to the respective event. The FIVB reserves the right to decline

an application if there is no evidence that the standard uniform options limit the religions cultural norms and/or customs.

7.3. Team Officials' Uniform

a. The Team Staff on the bench (as approved in the Preliminary Inquiry) must conform to the following dress code options:

I. All of the Team Officials must wear the official warm up suit and polo shirt of their Team Delegation, **or**
II. All of the Team Officials must wear the polo shirt and dress trousers of their Team Delegation, **or**
III. All of the Team Officials must wear dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks of the same colour and style.

b. Each Team Staff on the bench may choose, based on individual preference, between wearing a warm-up jacket or polo shirt / between wearing a dress jacket or collared dress shirt, as long as the items are part of the team's uniform apparel previously approved by the FIVB.

c. However, any Team Staff wearing dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks will not be allowed on the Playing Court during the official pre-match protocol.

d. Extra Team Officials (if any) must wear the official warm up suit and polo shirt of their Team Delegation, previously approved by the FIVB.

e. Team may choose to have the club's name instead of the country name on the back of the warm up jacket and polo.

f. The penalty for non-compliance of the dress code for Team Officials on the bench will be that the Team Staff concerned will not be allowed to sit on the team bench, must leave the Field of Play.

7.4. Advertising on Team Uniform

a. Advertising on uniforms shall be in accordance with the FIVB Event Regulations – Chapter 6 and Annex A, and subject to prior FIVB approval to avoid conflict with any FIVB/VW Commercial Affiliate category for the Event. Team Delegation (players & officials) uniforms must be submitted **no later than four (4) weeks before** the Event:

I. Players and Team Officials' uniform graphic layouts with detailed information, such as sizes of logos, letters, advertising, manufacturer, etc., and the Advertisement Form (if applicable) in VIS. Detailed process is described in the guideline: **HERE**
II. Three (3) sets of Captain's (and Libero's (**if** different) playing uniforms, each one of a different color (also applicable in the event that there is no advertisement on the uniforms) – submission required only once per season, not for each event.
III. Uniform samples' photos - in case of new samples, which are different from the submitted ones or upon the FIVB request.

b. With reference to the FIVB Financial Regulations, in case of application of advertising on team uniform/equipment, each team must pay an Advertisement on Team Uniform Fee to the FIVB. Upon approval of the applied advertisement, FIVB shall issue an invoice addressed to the respective Club or the amount will be deducted from the team's prize money after the Event.

a. Upon uniform approval by the FIVB, an Approval Certificate will be issued automatically in VIS, under team's profile, and it must be presented at the Preliminary Inquiry by the Team Manager.

b. Each NF/team is responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable national laws on publicity and advertising, both in their home country and in the host country, particularly in relation to betting and gambling. In case of any conflict, national laws shall take precedence.

7.5. FIVB Officials and Referees

Mizuno is the official supplier for FIVB Officials and Referees for the 2026 volleyball season.

New uniforms (if not yet received previously in 2025/26) will be provided to all FIVB Officials & Referees upon their arrival onsite for the Pool Phase of the Event you are assigned to. It is required to keep and bring this uniform to all subsequent assignments.

Please inform volleyball@fivb.com urgently, if you are missing any of the uniform items/full set.

8. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

8.1. Conducting the Competition

a. The Event is governed by the FIVB and will be conducted by the FIVB Control Committee.

b. FIVB Referees appointed by the FIVB will officiate at the Event.

c. The Event must be conducted in accordance with:

I. These Competition Regulations;
II. Official Volleyball Rules;
III. FIVB Event Regulations;
IV. FIVB Sports Regulations;
V. Video Challenge System Regulations & Team Tablet Regulations;
VI. General Regulations;
VII. Disciplinary Regulations, which includes the FIVB framework for safeguarding players and other participants from harassment and abuse in sport;
VIII. Medical and Anti-Doping Regulations.

8.2. Rule Tests

The FIVB and Volleyball World (VW) are continuously looking to improve the game of volleyball. And will affect official volleyball rule tests during the Event to speed up the game and foster fan engagement in the game. A description of the tests shall be provided prior to the Event.

NOTE: THIS SECTION WILL BE UPDATED FOLLOWING THE FIVB CONGRESS ON 20–21 NOVEMBER 2026. THE CHANGES ARE EXPECTED TO APPLY.

The rule tests for 2026 season are outlined below. A detailed description, including video examples, is available in the PPT at the following link: Rule Test Team Rosters 2026

a. **Double Contact Interpretation**
   To continue interpretation adopted for 2025 in all Volleyball Competitions in 2026 (to allow double contact during the setting action (second contact) providing the ball stays on the same side of the court).
b. **Out of Rotation Error** - free positioning receiving team rule test MODIFICATION
   The receiving team must be in-rotation order at the whistle but the players may move from the correct rotation/lineup position **the moment the servers motion begins** (serving action is initiated) - such as a step, movement of the arms and legs etc. in the first motion to serve.
   It aims to prevent athletes from faking the serve.
c. **Substitutions**
   FIVB Volleyball Rules, 15.1 NUMBER OF REGULAR GAME INTERRUPTIONS
   Each team may request a maximum of two time-outs and **EIGHT (8)** substitutions per set.
d. **Team Roster**
   In FIVB World and Official competitions, a team may register up to 14 players and minimum 12 players. A team roster must have listed a minimum of one (1) Libero.
   Any team may choose to use two (2) Liberos from within the team roster informing this 1 hour before the match.
   Teams are permitted to reduce the number of Liberos once declared (from 2 to 1) up to 1 hour before the match.
e. **Ball Contacting the Ceiling**
   If the first or second ball contacts/ touches the venue infrastructure (i.e. cube/ jumbotron/ rafters/ ceiling joists/ rigging) and remains available for continuation of the rally allowing a second or third contact for the same team, the rally is legal, and the play is permitted to continue.
   In the case where the ball touches/ contacts the ceiling (i.e. cube/ jumbotron/ rafters/ ceiling joists/ rigging) and rebounds into the opponent's court this is ruled a "fault".
   Spider cam/ crane cam inside the FoP is still considered as a replay.
f. **"Push - Carry - Catch - Throw" Attack**
   Strictly apply the current **VB rule 9.2.2** to prevent allowing the catch at all and sanctioning the fault strictly.
   VB RULE 9.2.2 The ball must not be caught and/or thrown. It can rebound in any direction.
   - ✓ **NO** PUSH/ **NO** LIFT/ **NO** CARRY
   - ✓ The tip must be executed with **ONE HAND**
   - ✓ The tip must be executed with a **SHORT CONTACT**
   - ✓ The tip must be directed in a **STRAIGHT LINE**
g. **Reduce Breaks**
   Included in challenge regulations:
   After the result of the Challenge has been transmitted, the match continues, with the score adjusted as necessary. **THE TEAM THAT REQUESTED THE CHALLENGE MAY NOT** request time out after the challenge before the next completed rally.

Applies to both end-rally and mid-rally challenges.

h. **Use of Referees' Whistle**

The use of the referee's whistle at the end of each rally is not always necessary. To avoid this, the referee should blow his/her whistle only to interrupt the action when a fault is committed, thus preventing the game from continuing after the fault.

Proposal starting to apply immediately NO WHISTLE for:

- ball IN/OUT (ball landing in/out directly)
- serve ball not passing the net
- Clear/ obvious block touch (i.e. out of FoP)

i. **Coach to Speak to R1**

Head coach can approach and talk to the first referee, asking for clarifying or confirming the type of challenge requested, or for quick questions on confusion situations.

Complaints and protest are not permitted and are subject to sanctions.

j. **Warm-Up Protocol**

Separate warm up for serve:

90sec per team – the opponent team to remain outside the court

-10:00	Warm up at the net
-3:00	Team A service warm up
-1:30	Team B service warm up
-0:00	End of warm up – Teams go to bench

k. **Mid-Rally Challenge Bookmark**

To expedite the review process, the team can mark **ANY ACTION** that could potentially be challenged at the end of the rally. These "bookmarks" will help to locate quickly the specific action during the video review. At the end of the rally, if the team loses the rally, they may choose **ONLY ONE** challenge to pursue.

Tablet must be used for bookmark. A challenge of the mid-rally action **cannot be requested without a bookmark.**

Possible cases:

- Regardless of how many bookmarks are recorded, only ONE challenge must be permitted in a single interruption for mid-rally actions (team choice)
- If BOTH teams bookmark in the same rally for actions which happened during the rally, the sequence in the timeline will be reviewed and the first fault observed, if any, will prevail.
- VolleyStation should link the bookmarking to the start rally button, that way video rewind and review in the timeline can be much quicker (e.g. 4.6 secs and 7.24 secs)

l. **Touches In Defense**

To include touches in defense & serve receive in the challenge regulations

Possible cases:

Ball rotation can be modified after a touch in defense, suggesting a contact. However, WE MUST SHOW a clear and visible contact.

In the case where there is no video evidence available, the original decision stands.

8.3. Field of Play Layout & Set Up

The Volleyball Field of Play and Volleyball Venue layouts applicable during the Event, are available online: https://www.fivb.com/volleyball/regulations-and-forms/

8.4. Sport Equipment

a. With reference to the FIVB Event Regulations, the Event will be played with the FIVB homologated equipment only:

   I. Official ball (and rubber-wheeled trolleys): **Mikasa, V200W**.
   II. Net system (net posts, post pads, net antennas, net side bands, nets and referee chairs): **Senoh**.
   III. Synthetic flooring**: Gerflor 3-colour Taraflex**.
   IV. Sub-floor: **Connor Sports Quicklock** (recommended).

8.5. Pre-match Protocol

Official Pre-Match Protocol (applicable for all matches) **- WILL BE IN THE PLAYBOOK**

Note: Pre-Match Protocol might be adjusted upon the request of the LOC for promotional reasons.

8.6. VCS Regulations

Available by the following link: **Video Challenge System Regulations 2026 (NEW VERSION)**

8.7. Team Tablet Regulations

Available by the following link: **Team Tablet Regulations**

8.8. Serve Clock

Available by the following link: **Serve Clock Manual**

8.9. Technical Timeouts, Team Timeouts, Intervals and Change of Sides

a. For all matches, **no** Technical Timeout applies.
b. For all matches, two (2) 30-seconds Team Timeouts are available per team per set.
c. All Intervals between sets last three (3) minutes, except for the interval between sets 2 and 3 which shall last five (5) minutes.
d. Teams change sides between sets 2 and 3 only. The court side will be decided at the coin toss before the match, according to the timing provided in the Pre-Match Protocol.

8.10. Other Competition Related Matters

a. No Line Judges will assist the match, Video Challenge System equipment shall be used instead.
b. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Referee, and a Challenge Referee will assist each match.

c. Serve Clock will be operated by the Scorer.
d. Four (4) ball retrievers will ensure the flow of each match.
e. Two (2) to four (4) quick moppers will ensure the flow of each match.
f. The right to request a mid-rally Challenge is removed. Instead, teams can request a Challenge at the end of a rally to review the referee's decision regarding any action during that rally, including the service.

8.11. Towels for Trainings and Matches

a. Players shall take towels from their hotel room to be used during training sessions
b. It is the team's responsibility to return the towels back to the hotel

8.12. Collection of Starting Line-up

Teams are required to enter the set 1 starting line-up and libero through the Team Tablet **no later than 25 minutes prior** to the start of the match.

In case of a proven valid injury during the official warm up, the starting lineup be exceptionally changed.

8.13. Competition Progression Regulations

Where possible the place of a team unable to compete will be filled by the next eligible team provided the replacement team has not yet departed after elimination from the competition.

8.13.1. Semi-Finals

After the Pool Phase, the top two (2) teams from each Pool will advance to the Semi-Finals. In the event that any of the four (4) qualified teams is declared INCOMPLETE and marked as DNS, the highest ranked team as per the Combined Team Ranking System (not yet qualified to the Semi-Finals) shall advance to the Semi-Finals, directly replacing the team declared INCOMPLETE.

8.13.2. Finals

In the event a team or teams qualified to the Gold Medal match are announced INCOMPLETE and marked as DNS, Bronze Medal match will be cancelled, and the following medal awarding scenarios would apply:

a. If one of the two teams is announced INCOMPLETE and marked as DNS and is replaced by its opponent team from the Semi-Final match, the winner is awarded Gold Medal while the losing team and the qualified team marked as DNS are awarded Silver Medals.

b. If both teams are announced INCOMPLETE and marked as DNS and are replaced by their opponent teams from the Semi-Final matches, the winner is awarded Gold Medal while the losing team and the two qualified teams marked as DNS are awarded Silver Medals.

c. If one of the teams qualified to the Gold Medal match and the two teams qualified to the Bronze Medal match are announced INCOMPLETE and marked as DNS, the Bronze medal and the Gold medal matches will be cancelled, and the team that is not marked as DNS shall be awarded a Gold Medal, the team that qualified for the Gold Medal match but marked as DNS shall be awarded a Silver Medal while the two teams qualified to the Bronze Medal match marked as DNS shall be awarded with a Bronze Medal.

d. If the two teams qualified to the Gold Medal match and the two teams qualified to the Bronze Medal match are announced INCOMPLETE and marked as DNS, the Bronze medal and the Gold medal matches are cancelled, and the two teams qualified to the Gold Medal match marked as DNS shall be awarded with a Gold Medal while the two teams qualified to the Bronze Medal match marked as DNS shall be awarded with a Bronze Medal.

8.13.3. Final Standing

The Final Standing shall protect the minimum result of the team, considering the phase of competition at which they could not compete and will consider the results of the last matches completed, including the last match for which the team was marked as DNS.

9. LEGAL MATTERS

9.1. Complaints

a. All official complaints relating to a match must be presented in writing via email to the FIVB Technical Delegate(s) within one (1) hour after the end of the match concerned. The complaints procedure to be followed can be found in the FIVB Event Regulations - Chapter 2 and Rules of the Game.

b. Once the scoresheet for a match is checked and signed by all relevant participants without protest, no further team protest on technical aspects can be accepted (e.g., substitutions, scorer's error, referee's error, etc).

c. Complaints about the result of a match must be submitted in writing in English within one (1) hour after the end of the concerned match and accompanied by a deposit of CHF 300 (or the equivalent in local currency). The deposit shall be refunded immediately, if the complaint is valid.

9.2. Sanctions

a. All disciplinary matters shall be decided in accordance with the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations as well as all other relevant FIVB Regulations. Teams are strongly advised to review the FIVB Regulations before this Event. The FIVB Regulations can be found at the following link https://www.fivb.com/document-category/constitution-and-regulations/

b. The competence to impose sanctions for disciplinary offences arising on the occasion of the competition, except anti-doping rule violations, lies with the FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee. The FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee may refer cases involving potential sanctions beyond the competition to the competent FIVB body.

c. For purposes of disciplinary offences falling under the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations or these Competition Regulations for the FIVB Volleyball Club World Championship 2026, the period of the FIVB

Volleyball Club World Championship shall be deemed to start upon teams' arrival at the team hotel to the end of the awarding ceremony for the FIVB Volleyball Club World Championship 2026.

d. The procedure of the FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee is governed by Article 14.4 of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations, except for Article 14.4.3 governing appeals as all decisions issued by the FIVB Disciplinary Panel Sub-Committee are final. The procedure shall be conducted in an expedited manner with short deadlines in order to allow for a timely decision as required for in-competition offences while, at the same time, guaranteeing the rights of the concerned person defined in Article 16.2 of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.

e. Below are relevant provisions and sanctions related to participation, control of the athletes' list, failure to arrive with the mandatory number of athletes, uniforms, non-participation in mandatory team activities and other disciplinary matters.

9.3. Sanctions relating to non-participation/withdrawal

a. If a Club declares the non-participation or withdrawal of its duly qualified team or simply does not send its team to participate in the Event, it will be sanctioned in accordance with the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.

b. Withdrawal during the course of the Event or non-appearance at the beginning of the Event by a Club, the Club will be sanctioned according to the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.

c. Withdrawal of the team before the tournament will be sanctioned according to the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations (Article 12.3) depending on the date of withdrawal. Particularly, withdrawal during the course of the Competition or non-appearance at the beginning of the Competition by a Club, the Club shall be sanctioned as follows in accordance with Article 12.3.6 of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations:

   I. a fine of up to CHF 50'000.-; and/or
   II. suspension from international competitions for up to two (2) years; and
   III. compulsory reimbursement to the Organising Committee and the FIVB/VW for the expenses borne on behalf of the withdrawing delegation and team, plus damages for loss of income and financial consequences; and

d. All matches will be declared forfeited 0-3 (0-25, 0-25, 0-25).

9.4. Sanctions relating to obstruction to the control of the players' entry list

a. The Club will incur a CHF 1'000.- fine (or the equivalent in local currency) in accordance with the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations, in the case of non/or incomplete remittance of team players' and Team Officials' entry list and required documentation (including, but not restricted to the O-2 Form, uniforms, team, etc.) within the set deadline.

b. The Club will incur a CHF 5'000 fine (or the equivalent in local currency) if it fails to deliver to the FIVB during the Preliminary Inquiry its final list of twelve (12) to fourteen (14) players (O-2bis Form) duly signed in accordance with Article 12.8.2 of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.

c. A minimum of twelve (12) players are compulsory for all FIVB competitions. The following sanctions will apply if a team arrives with only ten (10) or eleven (11) players: the Club will receive a fine of CHF 1'000.- per player payable to the FIVB. If a team arrives with less than ten (10) players, the Club's case will be a subject to sanctions in accordance with the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations and any Prize Money provided by the FIVB for the competition will be withdrawn.

d. Players not complying with the Eligibility Rules defined by the respective provisions of the present Competition Regulations, FIVB Event Regulations and the FIVB Sports Regulations or who do not present the Health Certificate (M-3 Form) as required in the FIVB Event Regulations and refusing to undergo a medical examination **will not be** allowed to compete. The participation of non-eligible players under the FIVB Regulations shall be sanctioned in accordance with Article 12.2 of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.

9.5. Sanctions relating to uniforms

a. Teams not presenting the samples of their uniforms during the Preliminary Inquiry as required in the FIVB Event Regulations for International Competitions will have to present uniforms or obtain new uniforms within 24 (twenty-four) hours and the Club will incur a fine of CHF 5'000.- (or the equivalent in local currency).

b. The Club will be subject to a fine of CHF 5'000.- (or the equivalent in local currency) where its Team presents uniforms that do not comply with the official FIVB uniform standards as per FIVB Event Regulations the Uniform Regulations section of current Competition Regulations (above).

c. Where teams do not respect the colour of uniforms as indicated in the O-1 Form as distributed following the Preliminary Inquiry and after each phase of the competition, their respective Club will be subject to a fine of CHF 1'000.- (or the equivalent in local currency).

9.6. Sanctions relating to non-participation in mandatory team activities

a. In each case, the Club will incur a fine of CHF 1'000.- (or the equivalent in local currency) where Team Managers, Head Coaches or Doctors/Physiotherapists fail to attend official meetings including the Preliminary Inquiry, Team briefings etc. and in the case of the Head Coaches and players - the mixed zone and press conferences.

b. Breach of the pre-match protocol may be subject to fines and suspension during the competition or for future activities as determined by the FIVB.

9.7. Sanctions relating to media activities

a. Players and Head Coaches failing to comply with the media obligations defined in this Competition Regulations (above) will be subject to a fine of a minimum of CHF 1'000.- Multiple offences shall be subject to Article 2.9 of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.

9.8. Sanctions relating to misconduct

a. All players shall conduct themselves in accordance with the principles and values of sportsmanship and fair play reflected in the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations. Any rude, offensive or aggressive misconduct conducted by an athlete, a coach or a duly accredited member of a team delegation shall be subject to sanction in accordance with Articles 4.1 of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.

9.9. Sanctions relating to other violations of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations

a. Sanctions may also be imposed for violations of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations and other FIVB Regulations in accordance with the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.
b. All sanctions mentioned above may be applied cumulatively.

9.10. Forfeit

a. If a team is unable to produce six (6) players for a match, the match(es) will be automatically forfeited (3-0).

b. Forfeit of a team with more than six (6) players may also be subject to sanctions as per the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations.

10.TRAINING & MATCH SCHEDULES

10.1. Match Schedule Regulations

The final Match Schedule is available online on the volleyballworld.com and has been set in accordance with the principles stipulated in the FIVB Event Regulations:

Women's CWCH: HERE
Men's CWCH: HERE – HERE

NOTE: "Show local match time" feature is available. Please consult the link regularly for any updates.

a. The pairing of the matches in Pool Phase is assigned in accordance with the Berger system designed for a Round Robin competition system once the composition of the Pool(s) is known.
b. The order of the matches in a pool can be altered based on the request of the Media Rights Holders.
c. The OC, FIVB/VW and the HTVB to work together on the schedule based on the scheduling regulations described in the FIVB Event Regulations .
d. A match schedule once approved by the FIVB, is made available on the Event's official website.
e. Any changes to the match schedule before the start of the Event are subject to the approval of the FIVB.
f. After the start of the Event, changes to the match times are possible only in contingency situations upon exceptional approval of the FIVB Technical Delegate in the event of previous match delays or over-run.

10.2. Pre-Match Warm-up

The two competing teams shall warm up on the competition court at least one (1) hour prior to the start of each match.

10.3. Training Facilities

The OC shall make available Training Courts and fitness gym in each Host City to accommodate the teams' needs, as well as provide transportation and water.

10.4. Training & Fitness Schedule Regulations

a. On **OFF-DAYS**, each team must be guaranteed:

- 3 hours of total training time, which can be distributed between volleyball training and fitness gym as preferred.
- No single training type (volleyball or fitness) can exceed 2 hours in duration.
- If the volleyball training court and fitness gym are in different facilities, teams must schedule their sessions separately (e.g., 2h volleyball + 1h fitness).
- If both facilities are within the same venue, teams must use the 3-hour allocation as a single training block, choosing how to divide the time (e.g., 1h30 volleyball + 1h30 fitness, 2h volleyball + 1h fitness, etc.).

b. On **FAMILIARIZATION TRAINING DAY**, each team must be guaranteed:

- 1x 1.5h familiarization session on the competition court minimum 1 day before their first match on that court.
- Teams may also request 1 x 1-hour fitness session.

c. On **COMPETITION DAYS**, each team must be guaranteed:

- 1x 1-hour volleyball uninterrupted training session.
- Teams may also request 1x 1-hour fitness session, subject to availability.

d. **MATCH DAY TRAINING SCHEDULING POLICY**:

- A minimum 5-hour interval must be maintained between the end of the morning training and the start of a team's match.
- Training for competing teams shall be scheduled in the morning if the 5-hour interval before the match can be maintained. If morning training is not possible, it will be scheduled in the evening.
- The training times on competition days are defined according to the team match-up sequence.
- Training Timings:

  Earliest morning training starts at 08:00.

  Latest evening training starts at 21:00.

e. **FAIRNESS & EQUAL CONDITIONS:**

- All teams shall receive equal training opportunities in terms of number of sessions, balance of morning/evening slots, and total training time, adjusted according to the match schedule.
- Training must not be scheduled at the same time as the Preliminary Inquiry, or any other activities related to the Event requiring Team Delegations' participation.

f. **CLOSED TRAINING SESSIONS:**

- All training sessions are closed to other event participants and must not be accessible to non-team personnel, unless pre-approved by the team in advance.

g. **TRAINING CONFIRMATION & CHANGES:**

- If additional training is requested by a team, it is at the discretion of the OC to facilitate this with the prior approval of the FIVB Technical Delegate on site.
- Teams must inform the OC latest by the day before whether they intend to maintain, cancel, or request changes to their scheduled training sessions.
- If a team fails to inform the OC by the day before, the next day's training schedule cannot be changed.

The OC must provide a Fitness Gym training facility to be used by the teams upon their request, as well as provide transportation and water.

10.5. Training Court Equipment

a. Gerflor taraflex floor, net, telescopic posts and pads for the training court.

b. 2 x Mikasa ball carriers and 40 x Mikasa V200W balls for training court.

c. Adequate lighting, ventilation and/or heating (if needed).

10.6. Fitness Training Equipment

a. 4 x Squat racks w/ Olympic barbell at each rack
b. 2 sets x Weights to accompany squat racks (4x25kg/rack, 4x20kg/rack, 2x10kg/rack, 2x5kg/rack, 2x2.5kg/rack)
c. 1 x Barbell collars (2/rack, 2/platform)
d. 1 full set x Dumbbells ranging from 2.5kg/5lbs -45kg/90lbs in 2.5kg/5lb increments
e. 2 x Bench press w/ barbell
f. 2 x Adjustable benches
g. 1 full set x Medicine balls ranging from 3kg-10kg (in 1 kg increments)
h. 2 x Adjustable height cable/pulley system
i. 2 x Lat pulldown machine
j. 2 x Seated row machine
k. 2 x Leg press
l. 2 x Prone leg curl machine
m. 2 x Seated leg extension machine
n. 5 x Spin bike

o. 2 x Treadmills
p. 2 x Elliptical machines
q. 2 x Smith machine
r. 2 x Pull-up bar
s. 4 x Box jump
t. 20 x Floor mats
u. 4 x Swiss ball
v. 1 full set x Kettlebell ranging from 6kg –20 kg
w. 5 x Pvcor wood stick 1m50cm long
x. 2 x Trap bar

11. EVENT SCHEDULE

11.1. Event Schedule

-4 days	Arrival of the FIVB Technical Delegates, FIVB Staff (if applicable)
-2 days	Arrival of the participating teams, FIVB Referees, FIVB Referee Coaches and FIVB Medical Delegates
-1 day	Preliminary Inquiry, Familiarization Trainings, Dress Rehearsal, Press Conference (TBC), Photoshoot (TBC),
+1 day (after elimination/end of event)	Departure

A detailed Event Schedule will be available in the Playbook provided by the OC two (2) weeks prior to the Event.

11.2. Meetings & Team Briefings

Team Managers and Doctors/Physiotherapists must be present at the meetings (and briefings) they are required to attend as defined in the Event Schedule.

11.3. Preliminary Inquiry

a. Team delegations must arrive no later than 2 days before the start of the Event and be available for the Preliminary Inquiry subject to disciplinary sanctions in the event of non-justified late appearance. The Preliminary Inquiry shall take place the day before the start of the Event at the Team's Hotel or Competition Venue. Location and date shall be confirmed in the Event Schedule.

b. The Preliminary Inquiry will be carried out in accordance with the FIVB Event Regulations.

c. In addition to the foregoing, the FIVB Technical Delegate shall inform the Team Managers of the presence of the FIVB Safeguarding Officer (FIVB Medical Delegate) during the Event in order to address actual or potential cases of harassment and abuse.

Compulsory Attendance:

- Assigned FIVB Officials (FIVB Technical Delegate, VW Event Ops Supervisor (if applicable), FIVB Medical Delegate (if any), FIVB Staff (if any) to conduct the Preliminary Inquiry.

- OC Administration Manager, 2 Local Assistants, Local Accreditation Manager (to issue ID cards following each Team's inquiry), Local VIS Manager.
- Teams Delegations:
    - Team Manager
    - Team Doctor / Physiotherapist
    - Team Liaison

Team Delegation Requirements:

- Signed O-2bis Form to be submitted in VIS
- Passport of all players
- International Transfer Certificate (ITC) for foreign players
- Doctor's / Physiotherapist FIVB Medical ID-cards
- Team Media Accreditation (if applicable)
- One (1) sample of each set of the Captain's and Libero's (if different) playing uniform (one (1) of each colour)
- Team Officials' uniform samples (Track Jacket, Pants and Polo)
- Any "injury prevention devices" that the players will be using
- Advertising on Team Uniform Approval Certificate (online in VIS)
- Application form for the use of a video camera to tape the matches for purely technical use, excluding all commercial exploitation (if applicable, TBC by OC onsite)
- Receipts issued by the OC for expenses relating to extra Team Delegation members

Organizer Requirements:

- Meeting room for 15 people, at the Teams' Hotel, stocked with water
- Team Video Camera Form and camera stickers
- Accreditation Cards for Team Delegations
- Computer equipment with VIS and office software for the production of VIS
- Invitation letter for the Head Coaches & Captains for the Press Conference (if applicable)
- Stationery – ruler, folders, paper, hole punch, stapler
- Photocopier/printer

Technical Delegates' obligations:

- Team Compositions Lists (O-2 and O-2bis Forms, taken from VIS)
- Preliminary Inquiry form (O-7, taken from VIS)
- Advertising on Team Uniform Approval Certificate (taken from VIS)
- Choice of Uniform Colours Form with match schedule (O-1 Form, taken from the VIS)
- Match schedule for the Bulletin (taken from the VIS)
- Cover of the Daily Bulletin (provided by FIVB)
- Daily Bulletin distribution list (provided by FIVB & verified onsite)
- Training schedule

11.4. Daily Bulletin

Daily Bulletin shall be issued at a time indicated below and distributed to the stakeholders of the entire event, as per the mailing list provided by the FIVB Technical Delegate. The naming of the Daily Bulletin shall be kept the same across all the cities, specifying on the cover page the name of the city where the Daily Bulletin has been issued.

Example: **WCWCH 2026 – Sao Paulo - Daily Bulletin #1** or **MCWCH 2026 – Katowice - Daily Bulletin #1** .

a. 1st Daily Bulletin – Distributed after the Preliminary Inquiries:

- Cover page
- Official Communication (if any)
- O-2bis Forms
- Match Schedule
- Choice of Uniform Colors (O-1)
- Training Schedule

b. Daily Bulletins – Distributed at the end of each match day:

- Cover page
- Official communication (if any)
- Competition Standing (P-4)
- Match Result (P-2)
- Teams Combined ranking after Pool Phase

c. Final Bulletin – Distributed after the gold medal match:

- Cover page
- Official communication (if any)
- Dream Team
- Competition Standing (P-4)
- Match Result (P-2)
- Teams Ranking (P-6)

12. TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION & LOCAL SERVICES

12.1. Organizer's Key Information

	WOMEN'S CWCH	MEN'S CWCH
Contact person(s)	Mr. Beto Opice	Mr. Wojciech Maroszek

Contact email(s)	beto.opice@osascovoleibol.com.br support@sideout.esp.br	w.maroszek@kms.aluroncmc.pl
City(ies)	Sao Paulo, BRAZIL	Katowice & Sosnowiec (Pool Phase) Częstochowa (Semi-Finals & Finals)
Main Airport(s)	São Paulo/Guarulhos International Airport (GRU)	Katowice Wojciech Korfanty Airport (KTW) **or** John Paul II Kraków Balice International Airport (KRK)
Competition Venue(s)	Wlamir Marques Multi-Sports Gymnasium	Arena Katowice & Arena Sosnowiec (Pool Phase) Częstochowa Sports Hall (Semi-Finals & Finals)
Training Venue(s)	Centro Olímpico de Treinamento e Pesquisa Marechal Mário Ary Pires (COTP) (distance from the hotel: 30min / 12km)	**Pool A:** Arena Sosnowiec – training court (distance from the hotel: 16 min / 14km) **Pool B:** Szopienice Arena (distance from the hotel: 18 min / 12km) **Finals:** Hala Polonia (distance from the hotel: 11 min / 3,7 km)
Fitness Gym(s)	Same as training venue	**COMING SOON**
Hotel(s)	Holiday Inn Sao Paulo Parque Anhembi (distance to the Comp. Venue: 20min / 10km)	**Pool A:** Voco Hotel Katowice (distance to the Comp.Venue: 16 min/ 14km) **Pool B:** Holiday Inn Dabrowa Gornicza (distance to the Comp. Venue: 25 min/ 21km) **Finals:** Arche Hotel Czestochowa (distance to the Comp. Venue: 14 min/ 7,3km)

***NOTE: Traffic in São Paulo is especially heavy in December, so please allow extra travel time to make sure you arrive on time for your activities.**

12.2. Team Delegation Information

To facilitate the logistics and accommodation plan, each participating Club shall communicate to the respective Organizer **by 5 October 2026**:

I. Earlier arrival and/or later departure (if applicable)
II. Exact number of Team Delegation members
III. Rooming list
IV. Training needs

If a team brings more members than initially confirmed, the Organizer will make every effort to accommodate them. However, if additional rooms are unavailable, it will be the team's responsibility to find suitable lodging.

If a team arrives with fewer members than confirmed, the cost of the reserved rooms will still be charged to the team.

12.3. Local Transportation

a. The Organizer is responsible to provide ground transportation from:

   i. Airport/Train Station to Hotel to Airport/Train Station
   ii. Hotel to Venue to Hotel
   iii. Hotel to Training Court and/or Gym to Hotel
   iv. Venue to Training Court and/or Gym to Venue
   v. Venue/Hotel to Hospital to Venue/Hotel in the event of a medical emergency

b. The Organizer is responsible to provide local transportation for all Event participants (for teams, only 20 members are included) to the Event location of the next phase.

c. Any of the above transportation must provide water in the vehicles. All vehicles shall be equipped with air conditioning.

12.4. Accommodation

a. The Organizer shall arrange for and bear all of the local living and accommodation costs of all of the participating Team Delegations (maximum of 20 people / per Team Delegation) from the official arrival day (2 days prior to the start of the Event, at standard hotel check in time (around 2pm) with lunch) to the official departure day (next day after the team's elimination from the Event, at standard hotel check out time (around 11am) with breakfast). Any early check-ins or late check-outs must be pre-arranged with the Organizer and any associated costs shall be covered by the Club.

b. If a Team Delegation travels earlier/later than the official arrival/departure day (mentioned above) and/or has a larger group than twenty (20) Team Delegation members, the respective Club shall be responsible and pay the Organizer, in advance of the Event, for such extra costs that it occurs as a result of such circumstance(s). However, where a Team Delegation is unable, for force majeure reasons, to leave the relevant Host City within one day after its elimination from the Event, the Organizer must bear the accommodation cost until their departure.

c. The Organizer must provide each Team Delegation with six (6) single and seven (7) double rooms for a maximum of twenty (20) people (14 players and 6 Team Officials).

d. The Organizer shall ensure the Team Hotel(s) provides a minimum of three (3) of every eight (8) Team Delegations for meeting and video analysis, equipped with a projector screen, which every Team Delegation can use at least once a day for one and a half hours.

e. A deposit of a maximum of 50 USD (or equivalent local currency) can be required per room by the Hotel (where applicable).

f. Any damages need to be claimed by directly the respective party within 24 hours.

g. Teams are required to submit their travel details and confirm any additional delegation members **by 5 October 2026** through the Team Travel Information and Rooming List Forms shared by FIVB. This allows the OC to secure the rooms for the team.

h. If a team brings more members than initially confirmed, the OC will make every effort to accommodate them. However, if additional rooms are unavailable, it will be the team's responsibility to find suitable lodging.

i. If a team arrives with fewer members than confirmed, the cost of the reserved rooms will still be charged to the team.

12.5. Catering

a. Team Delegations catering shall include three (3) buffet style meals and one snack for each Team Delegation member per day.

b. Catering will be provided in the hotel and/or in the venue based on the schedule of each Team Delegation – will be confirmed in the event's Playbook.

c. Minimum of 10 bottles of still water per person per day shall be provided at the Hotel, Competition Venue and in the Training Hall.

12.6. Local Services

a. Daily access to a laundry (wash and fold) service as follows:

- For each Team Delegation per day / per person (including players and Team Officials): 6 sports equipment / items on training and match days.
- For FIVB/VW Officials, Staff and Representatives: 4 items per day/per person.

This will be a cost for the Organizer.

b. Any personal laundry can be included but will be paid for individually.

c. Minimum 30kg of ice per day/per team: all 30kg at the Venue or 15kg at the Venue and 15 kg at the Hotel, depending on the availability.

12.7. Rate Card

a. The Organizer shall provide a Rate Card through the Playbook for full board accommodation (including daily 3 meals and a snack, daily laundry, ground transportation, access to the Competition and Training Venues) in the event that participating Teams have extra members in their Team Delegation or arrive earlier/depart later than the designated arrival/departure day.

12.8. Playbook

A playbook with all necessary local information will be sent by the Organizer to all participating teams, Officials and Service Providers at **least two (2) weeks prior** to the start of the Event. The following information will be provided:

a. Pool Composition & Match Schedule
b. Organizer's Chart & Contacts

c. Team Liaison Contacts
d. FIVB/VW Chart & Contacts
e. Pre-match Protocol
f. Training Principles & Schedule
g. Preliminary Inquiry Requirements & Schedule
h. Event Practical Info
i. Competition Venue
j. Venue Zoning Map & Flows
k. Team Seating
l. Team Video Area
m. Mixed Zone and Press Conferences
n. Venue Transport
o. Training Venue
p. Fitness Gym
q. Accommodation
r. Catering
s. Meeting Rooms
t. Laundry
u. Rate Card
v. Medical Services and procedures to be followed
w. During Competition & Training
x. Out of Competition & Training
y. COVID-19 local regulations, if applicable.
z. Daily Activity Schedule for Officials and Service Providers

12.9. Teams' Tickets

a. Each Team Delegation will be provided by the Organizer with 14 complimentary tickets per day (for the Pool in which the participating team is competing). Tickets can be requested through the Team Liaison.

b. In the event that the participating team does not use its full tickets' allocation, the remaining tickets will be released to the Organizer.

13. TEAMS PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES OBLIGATIONS

Each team shall use its best efforts to ensure and facilitate that their national team players actively take part in reasonable promotional and fan engagement activities—whether in person, on social media, in press conferences, or other media—for the Event, FIVB, VW, FIVB partners, and broadcasters, as requested by FIVB and VW.

This also includes cooperating with any FIVB and VW requests related to the international feed or social media content—like interviews or wearing tracking devices, microphones, etc., before, during, or after games.

13.1. Mixed Zone, Flash Interviews, Media Conferences

a. All players and the Head Coaches departing the FOP must exit through the Mixed Zone to allow for brief interviews with the media.

b. Team Delegations shall be notified in due time regarding participants for mandatory attendance at Media Conferences or any official Event Media Activities, including schedule and required attire.

c. During the Preliminary Inquiry, each team has to identify players that are comfortable doing flash interviews conducted at the end of each match. The selected players must be fluent in English or notify in advance of a need for a translator.

13.2. Teams Photoshoot (TBC in Playbook, if applicable)

a. Each Team Delegation/player shall be available for a photoshoot (if any) organized by the FIVB/VW before the start of the Event, according to the schedule provided in the Playbook.

b. For the photoshoot (if any), the player shall wear official game jersey and shorts, and the Head Coach shall wear official polo and training pants, as previously approved by the FIVB.

13.3. Opening (if any) / Awarding Ceremonies

Each Team Delegation must respect the Opening (if any) / Awarding Ceremonies protocol and running order including the uniforms' obligations communicated by the FIVB / Organizer.

14. AWARDS & PRIZE MONEY

14.1. Medals & Trophies

a. The Event Trophy shall be awarded by the FIVB and the OC to the Club World Champions of the Event. FIVB/VW produces, pays for and supplies the Event Trophy.

b. 20 medals per Team Delegation shall be awarded to the players and Team Officials of the teams finishing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. FIVB/VW produces, pays for and supplies such medals.

c. Any additional medals for teams finishing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places can be purchased through the official FIVB/VW Supplier at each Club's own expense. Please submit your request to volleyball@fivb.com **no later than 15 days** after the end of the Event.

d. Should third parties wish to award additional prizes or trophies to the teams or to the individual players, FIVB's previous approval and permission must be obtained by no later than thirty (30) days before the Event.

14.2. Dream Team Selection

Seven Individual Awards shall be awarded to the best players per gender (Dream Team) of the Event by role on the court: 1 Setter, 1 Opposite, 2 Outside Hitters, 2 Middle Blockers and 1 Libero, and one award to the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the Event per gender.

14.3. Prize Money

a. The FIVB shall pay a prize money to the top three (3) Clubs in the Final Standing of the Event, as follows:

1st Place	USD 200’000
2nd Place	USD 100’000
3rd Place	USD 50’000
TOTAL:	**USD 350’000**