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### GENERAL

The purpose of the “ISF Beach Volleyball Technical Rules and Regulations” is to provide standardised rules and regulations for all Beach Volleyball competitions. This document is set up in accordance with the ISF Statutes, the ISF Sport Policy and the ISF General Competition Regulations.

This document is intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair and orderly manner.

The specific objectives of this document are to:

1. Define and specify the **general conditions** under which participants can take part in the ISF beach volleyball events;
2. Determine the **delegation composition**
3. Determine the **sport program**
4. Determine the **technical rules**
5. Set the **draw** procedure
6. Set **protests and appeals** procedure

Please note that the technical rules and regulations are applicable to all ISF events. In case of variation of rules and regulations in relation to the type of event, the variation will be specified in the text.

#### 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The competition of ISF Beach Volleyball events will be run according to the ISF rules and regulations and International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) technical rules under the direction of the ISF Beach Volleyball Technical Commission. Any decisions over matters not mentioned in the present document will be taken by the ISF Technical Commission.

- The ISF Beach Volleyball events are open to school teams and/or selected teams. Specific sports formats shall be described in the event bulletins.
- The competition is categorised as: boy categories, girl categories.
- Mixed teams are not allowed.
- The composition of each delegation, age category and number of teams that each ISF Beach Volleyball event is accepting will be defined for each event accordingly.
- The competition is held over three (3) days for any event type.

#### AGE CATEGORY

- **For the U15 category**, students aged **13, 14 and 15** on 31 December of the year of the competition concerned can participate.
- **For the U18 category**, students aged **16, 17, and 18** on 31 December of the year of the competition concerned can participate.

## 2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation
- Deputy Head of delegation (when applicable)
- Additional adults
- Athletes
- Team officials
  - Coaches
  - Other team officials
- Field of play officials (referees)

### HEAD OF DELEGATION (HoD)

- HoD shall be the main intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, the ISF Technical Commission and the ISF Delegate.
- They may not combine their role of HoD with that of a coach or any other official role.
- Each delegation is entitled to enter 1 HoD.

### DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION (Deputy HoD)

- The role of Deputy HoD is to assist the Head of Delegation.
- The presence of the Deputy HoD is not mandatory.
- Number of Deputy HoD depends on the size of the delegation. Specific numbers shall be defined in the event bulletins.

### ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representative, media, etc.
- The presence of additional adults is not mandatory.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process.
- Any other additional persons not specified during registration or exceeding the limit specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.
- Number of additional adults depends on the size of the delegation. Specific numbers shall be defined in the event bulletins.

### ATHLETES

- Athletes must be students attending schools that provide general education.
- Athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country which they represent.
- Each team is entitled to enter:
  - ✓ **a minimum of two (2) athletes,**
  - ✓ **a maximum of three (3) athletes.**

### TEAM OFFICIALS

#### *Coaches*

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Teams cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- Each team is entitled to enter one (1) coach.



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### *Other Team officials*

- The function of other team officials can be: doctor, trainer, physiotherapist, statistician, team manager etc.
- The presence of the other team officials is not mandatory.
- The function of the other team officials must be specified during the registration process.
- Any person not specified during registration or exceeding the limit will not be considered part of the team.
- Each team is entitled to enter up to one (1) other team official.

### FIELD OF PLAY OFFICIALS

- Each team shall enter one (1) field of play official (referee).
- The Field of play officials cannot combine their position with other positions, such as heads of delegation, team officials or additional adults.
- Field of play officials (referees) shall be in possession of international or national qualification depending on the event type. Level of qualification shall be described in the event bulletins.
- The qualification will be reviewed and approved by the ISF Beach Volleyball technical commission. Delegations must provide certificates for field of play officials during the registration process.
- Failure to provide the required number of field of play officials (referees) will lead to a fine of 900€ (per referee) payable to the organiser prior to the competitions.

## 3. SPORT PROGRAM

### EVENTS

- Boys and Girls Tournament

## 4. TECHNICAL RULES

### **Net heights:**

Boys U18: 2.43 m

Boys U15: 2.35 m

Girls U18: 2.24 m

Girls U15: 2.24 m

- First part of the competition: qualification games in groups (all x all)
- Second part of the competition: classification games by an elimination system
- The system of play depends upon the final number of entries in the championship. Teams will be placed in preliminary groups of at least 3 teams.
- No substitution is possible during the match.
- For an injured player during the match, the 'injury protocol' will be applied. No substitution is possible.



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- If a player gets injured during a match and is unable to complete the match, the game is forfeited, and the injured player will not play in the next match if a team lists three players on the roster. No substitutions are permitted during a match.
- Team uniforms will have numbers 1 & 2. Before each match, the referees will confirm names and numbers during the toss, when the players sign the score sheet. For teams with three players, each player must have a distinct number for the tournament with uniform numbers, 1, 2 & 3.
- Team coaches can sit on the players' chairs. Nevertheless, no instruction, no comments, no arguing, no verbal communication; **NO COACHING WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE GAME.** Coaches must leave the field of play five minutes prior to the start of the match during warm-up.
- The interaction between players and coach will be allowed **ONLY** during the TIME OUT period, which includes technical time outs, in between sets, warm-up, and side changes. During a side change (court switches), coaches may interact with players while they are walking from one side of the court to the other without delay and must be ready for play when the referee indicates. At no time may a coach enter the court during this interaction. The referee has the authority to send away the coach from the playing area, without affecting the match score, followed by FIVB protocol for repeated violations. Existing rules concerning coaching players from outside the playing area still apply.
- The coach (as well as the team captain) may request time out by showing the official hand signal and requesting "time out" when the ball is out of play and before the 1st referee's whistle for service. His/ her contacting official is the 2nd referee in this instance. Requests made after or at the same moment of the 1st Referee's whistle for service, or requests made after the team has exhausted its time outs in that set, will be regarded as improper requests. Should resumption of the game be delayed by this, the team will be sanctioned for delay.
- The third team player can be seated under the same condition and with the same penalty.
- Players names for the match will be informed by the coach or head of delegation before each match.
- For the morning matches, names will be submitted the day before during the daily technical meeting. This is for press and documentation.
- Prize giving: Each participant will receive a commemorative certificate. The teams finishing first, second and third will be rewarded with medals and trophies.
- Technical time-outs will be permitted during the first and second set when the total score reaches 21. all matches are two out of three, with the third set going to 15.
- The daily match schedule is determined by the TC in consultation with the OC. All games will start in accordance with the published timetable.
- Time-interval scheduled between the beginning of 2 matches cannot be less than 1h30 (2 winning sets) and 2h00 (3 winning sets). However, if the previous game extends beyond the time, the official protocol should only start after the playing area is free and the administrative procedures of the previous game are completed. The referees communicate the new game time to the coaches of both teams.
- In the medal round playoffs, teams are seeded according to results from group play. Teams from the same country have the right to compete for the gold medal.



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### SYSTEM OF PLAY

Please refer to the ISF General Competition Regulations.

- First part of the competition:  
Qualification games in groups (all x all)
- Second part of the competition:  
Classification games by a knockout system.

System of play according to the number of teams:

#### 12 teams

- ✓ The teams will be divided into four groups of three teams.
- ✓ The qualification round will consist of three rounds of one match per pool, according to the Berger table.
- ✓ The classification round will consist of knock-out matches organised as follows:
  - Rank from 1 to 8 for the winners and runners-up of each pool.

# game	1st - 8th place		# game	1st - 4th place		Final ranking games		
1	A1	C2	5	W 1	W 2	1st - 2nd	W5	W6
2	C1	A2	6	W 3	W 4	3rd - 4th	L5	L6
3	B1	D2	# game	5th - 8th place		5th - 6th	W7	W8
4	D1	B2	7	L 1	L 2	7th - 8th	L7	L8
			8	L 3	L 4			

- Places from 9 to 12 for teams ranked 3rd in each pool.

# game	9th - 12th place		Final ranking games		
1	A3	C3	9th - 10th	W1	W2
2	B3	D3	11th - 12th	L1	L2

#### 16 teams

- ✓ The teams will be divided into four groups of four teams.
- ✓ The qualification round will consist of three rounds of two matches per pool, according to the Berger table.
- ✓ The classification round will consist of knock-out matches organised as follows:
  - Rank from 1 to 8 for the winners and runners-up of each pool.

# game	1st - 8th place		# game	1st - 4th place		Final ranking games		
1	A1	C2	5	W 1	W 2	1st - 2nd	W5	W6
2	C1	A2	6	W 3	W 4	3rd - 4th	L5	L6
3	B1	D2	# game	5th - 8th place		5th - 6th	W7	W8
4	D1	B2	7	L 1	L 2	7th - 8th	L7	L8
			8	L 3	L 4			

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➤ Places from 9 to 16 for teams ranked 3rd and 4th in each pool.

# game	9th - 16th place		# game	9th - 12th place		Final ranking games		
1	A3	C4	5	W 1	W 2	9th - 10th	W5	W6
2	C3	A4	6	W 3	W 4	11th - 12th	L5	L6
3	B3	D4	# game	13th - 16th place		13th - 14th	W7	W8
4	D3	B4	7	L 1	L 2	15th - 16th	L7	L8
			8	L 3	L 4			

### 24 teams

- ✓ The teams will be divided into four groups of six teams.
- ✓ The qualification round will consist of five rounds of three matches per pool, according to the Berger table.
- ✓ The classification round will consist of knock-out matches organised as follows:

➤ Places from 1 to 8 for the winners and runners-up of each pool.

# game	1st - 8th place		# game	1st - 4th place		Final ranking games		
1	A1	C2	5	W 1	W 2	1st - 2nd	W5	W6
2	C1	A2	6	W 3	W 4	3rd - 4th	L5	L6
3	B1	D2	# game	5th - 8th place		5th - 6th	W7	W8
4	D1	B2	7	L 1	L 2	7th - 8th	L7	L8
			8	L 3	L 4			

➤ Places from 9 to 16 for teams ranked 3rd and 4th in each pool.

# game	9th - 16th place		# game	9th - 12th place		Final ranking games		
1	A3	C4	5	W 1	W 2	9th - 10th	W5	W6
2	C3	A4	6	W 3	W 4	11th - 12th	L5	L6
3	B3	D4	# game	13th - 16th place		13th - 14th	W7	W8
4	D3	B4	7	L 1	L 2	15th - 16th	L7	L8
			8	L 3	L 4			

➤ Places from 17 to 24 for teams ranked 5th and 6th in each pool.

# game	17th - 24th		# game	17th - 20th		Final ranking games		
1	A5	C6	5	W 1	W 2	17th - 18th	W5	W6
2	C5	A6	6	W 3	W 4	19th - 20th	L5	L6
3	B5	D6	# game	21st - 24th		21st - 22nd	W7	W8
4	D5	B6	7	L 1	L 2	23rd - 24th	L7	L8
			8	L 3	L 4			

### 32 teams

- ✓ The teams will be divided into eight groups of four teams.
- ✓ The qualification round will consist of three rounds of two matches per pool, according to the Berger table.
- ✓ The classification round will consist of knock-out matches organised as follows:

➤ Places from 1 to 8 for the winners of each pool.

# game	1st - 8th place		# game	1st - 4th place		Final ranking games		
1	A1	C1	5	W 1	W 2	1st - 2nd	W5	W6
2	B1	D1	6	W 3	W 4	3rd - 4th	L5	L6
3	E1	G1	# game	5th - 8th place		5th - 6th	W7	W8
4	F1	H1	7	L 1	L 2	7th - 8th	L7	L8
			8	L 3	L 4			



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➤ Places from 9 to 16 the runners-up from each pool

# game	9th - 16th place		# game	9th - 12th place		Final ranking games		
1	A2	C2	5	W 1	W 2	9th - 10th	W5	W6
2	B2	D2	6	W 3	W 4	11th - 12th	L5	L6
3	E2	G2	# game	13th - 16th place		13th - 14th	W7	W8
4	F2	H2	7	L 1	L 2	15th - 16th	L7	L8
			8	L 3	L 4			

➤ Places from 17 to 24 for teams ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in each pool.

# game	17th - 24th place		# game	17th - 20th place		Final ranking games		
1	A3	C3	5	W 1	W 2	17th - 18th	W5	W6
2	B3	D3	6	W 3	W 4	19th - 20th	L5	L6
3	E3	G3	# game	21st - 24th place		21st - 22nd	W7	W8
4	F3	H3	7	L 1	L 2	23rd - 24th	L7	L8
			8	L 3	L 4			

➤ Places from 25 to 32 for teams ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in each pool.

# game	25th - 32 <sup>nd</sup> place		# game	25th - 28 <sup>th</sup> place		Final ranking games		
1	A4	C4	5	W 1	W 2	25th - 26th	W5	W6
2	B4	D4	6	W 3	W 4	27th - 28th	L5	L6
3	E4	G4	# game	29th - 32 <sup>nd</sup> place		29th - 30rd	W7	W8
4	F4	H4	7	L 1	L 2	31st - 32nd	L7	L8
			8	L 3	L 4			

\* ISF TC will adjust the system of play according to the final number of the registered teams

### RANKING SYSTEM AFTER GROUP PHASE

Teams are ranked by adding the points gained.

- Points after all matches of group phase
- Match win ratio
- Set win ratio
- Head to Head
- Points among tied teams
- Overall points
- Original Seed

### OTHER RULES

- The official competition balls have to be FIVB approved beach volleyballs.



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### 5. DRAW

- The ISF is responsible for establishing, criteria's and fixing timing of the draw.
- The ISF Technical Commission is responsible of the draw.
- The draw will take into account results achieved in previous ISF Beach Volleyball competitions and any other information relevant to ISF.

### 6. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Appeals involving results or any matter not concerning discipline will be heard by the Appeal Jury. The appeal must be lodged within 15 minutes of the incident and be submitted in English. The payment of amount 50€ must accompany the appeal and is to be paid to LOC in cash. This payment will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld or at the discretion of the Appeal Jury. In the case of an unsuccessful appeal, the payment will be retained by the ISF.



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