BEACH VOLLEYBALL

TECHNICAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

2026

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GENERAL

The purpose of the "ISF Beach Volleyball Technical Rules and Regulations" is to provide standardized rules and regulations for all Beach Volleyball competitions. This document is set up in accordance with the ISF Statutes, the ISF Sport Policy, the ISF General Competition Regulations and FIVB (Fédération Internationale de Beach Volleyball) Rules.

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 ISF Beach Volleyball event in 2026.

1.GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

- The ISF Beach Volley events are open to teams.
- The competition is categorized as: boy categories, girls categories.

AGE CATEGORY

Year	U18* YEAR OF BIRTH
2026	2008-2009-2010-2011

2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation - mandatory
- Deputy Head of Delegation - optional
- Student athlete(s) - mandatory
- Team officials - mandatory
- Field of Play Officials (referees/umpires/judges) - mandatory
- Additional adults - optional
- Safeguarding officer - optional

HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

- There is a mandatory amount of one (1) head of the delegation per registering delegation.
- The head of the delegation shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, and the ISF.
- He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (i.e., coach, referee, etc.).

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.
- max 1 Deputy Head of a delegation from 100 to 200 participants.
- max 2 Deputy Heads of a delegation from 201 or more participants.

ATHLETES

- All student-athletes must be enrolled as full-time students
- All student-athletes must attend schools that provide general education, or an alternative form of general education approved by the relevant Ministry of Education in their respective country.
- Only athletes, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorized to take part in this competition.
- Each team consists of a : minimum 2 and maximum 3 athletes.

The following are *not* eligible to participate:

- Attendees of vocational schools that only attend a school as a complement to their vocational training and are not full-time students with a segment of general education.
- Students enrolled at schools that provide sports training without any general education.
- Part time students
- Students receiving home education

TEAM OFFICIALS

COACHES

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Teams or individuals cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- Each delegation shall enter a minimum of one (1) coach per gender.

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.

FIELD OF PLAY OFFICIALS

- The field of play official (umpire) cannot combine their position with other positions, such as heads of delegation, team officials or additional adults.
- Umpires shall be in possession international or national (minimum) qualification depending on the event type. The Level of qualification shall be described in the events bulletins.
- The qualification will be reviewed and approved by the ISF Beach Volleyball technical commission.
- Delegations must provide certificates for umpires during the registration process.
- Failure to provide the required number of umpires will lead to a fine of 1500€ (per umpire) payable to the organiser prior to the competitions.
- Field of play officials (referees) have to be FIVB Beach Volleyball licensed or National Beach Volleyball licensed.

ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representatives, 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.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The role of the safeguarding officer is to provide support to the delegation in any situation related to safety.

3. SPORT PROGRAM

EVENTS

- **Boys and Girls**
    - **Teams**

4. TECHNICAL RULES

RULES

Net heights:
Boys U18: 2.43 m
Girls U18:2.24 m
Boys U15: 2.35 m
Girls U15: 2.24 m

- Teams are placed into groups for the firts round of competition
- 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 dring the match, the 'injury protocol' will be applied. No substitution is possible.
- 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.
- Athletes are to be numbered 1 and 2. If a team decides to bring a third athlete: this athlete shall be numbered 3. Each athlete must have a unique number throughout the competition. There are no substitutions during a match, including injuries. Uniform specifications and number placements appear in FIVB policy rules.
- Coaches may instruct and provide verbal communication only during a time-out, side changes and in between sets and matches and when the ball is NOT in play (dead ball). This includes all bench personnel (third player, translator, trainer, head of delegation, etc.). Coaches must be seated at the team bench when providing instruction, except during side changes. A side change is not a time-out, and no coaching delays are to take place during this brief interaction.
- 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.
- If possible, 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/or 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 communicates the new game time to the coaches of both teams.

- In the medal-round playoffs, teams are seeded according to the results of group play. Teams from the same country have the right to compete for the gold medal.
- Official FIVB Beach Volleyballs are to be used in the competition. The official FIVB beach volleyball will be used for the competition.

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 knock out system.

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

5. DRAW

- **Tournament Format:**

The top seeds are determined by the placements of the past two Gymnasiades or World School Championships with remaining teams placed into pools according to country.

Teams are placed into pools of four or three teams. An effort should be made to avoid teams from the same country into the same pool. The top two teams from each pool advance to the medal rounds with third and fourth place teams advancing to the classification matches. Teams from the same pool can advance to the finals and should be seeded accordingly in compliance with FIVB competition rules.

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 300€ 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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