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2006 FIVB EVENTS REGULATIONS



**VOLKSWAGEN
OPEN OF PORTUGAL
Espinho, 14-18 June**

Promoter Web site link to the event: www.fpvoleibol.org

FIVB Web site link to the event:

http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/2006/beach_page.asp?pg=GI&TRN=MESP2006&sm=14

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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	Tournament Director: Manuel Oliveira [+351] 93 938 09 41 National Federation Delegate: Teodemiro Carvalho [+351] 93 938 09 34	
VENUE	PRAIA DA BAÍA Espinho E-Mail: fpvoleibol@fpvoleibol.pt	
COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND FORMAT	Country Quota Playoff: to be played after 2:00 pm the day before the Qualification Tournament in conjunction with the practical part of the referee clinic. Qualification Tournament: Wednesday: 14 th June Main Draw and Finals: Thursday: 15 th June to Saturday: 17 th June Saturday 17 th : Semi-Finals Sunday: 18 th June - 3 rd place / Final The Qualification Tournament (1 day) will be preceded by the "Country Quota Playoff" matches (with a single elimination format) to determine the teams eligible to participate in the Main Draw through the Qualification Tournament. The Qualification Tournament (i.e. max. 64 teams for Open Events / 32 teams for Grand Slam events at the completion of the "Country Quota Playoff" matches) will consist of a single elimination format. The Main Draw (4 days) will be based on the double elimination format. The winners of the 2 semi-finals will play the finals for the 1 st and 2 nd place while the losers will play the finals for the 3 rd and 4 th place.	
EVENT OFFICE	PRAIA DA BAÍA Espinho E-Mail: fpvoleibol@fpvoleibol.pt Fax: [+351] 22 832 54 94 Tel: [+351] 22 834 95 70	
SHIPMENT ADDRESS	- Uniforms, medals, ... to be sent to: Federação Portuguesa de Voleibol Avenida de França, 549 4050-279 Porto	- Court Material to be sent to: PraiaGolfe Hotel Rua 6 4500-357 Espinho



**PRIZE MONEY,
BONUS POOL AND
TRAVEL
ALLOWANCE**

FOR A USD 200,000 PRIZE MONEY AND BONUS POOL EVENT (OPEN)

Rank	Prize Money in USD	Bonus Pool in USD	Total per team in USD
1 st x 1	\$16'000	\$16'000	\$32'000
2 nd x 1	\$11'000	\$11'000	\$22'000
3 rd x 1	\$8'000	\$8'000	\$16'000
4 th x 1	\$6'000	\$6'000	\$12'000
5 th x 2	\$5'000	\$5'000	\$10'000
7 th x 2	\$4'000	\$4'000	\$8'000
9 th x 4	\$3'000	\$3'000	\$6'000
13 th x 4	\$2'250	\$2'250	\$4'500
17 th x 8	\$1'500	\$1'500	\$3'000
25 th x 8	\$1'000	\$1'000	\$2'000
TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,

The 2006 Prize Money of the events of a certain month will be paid by the FIVB to the athletes at the end of the following month at the latest.

The FIVB Bonus Pool will be paid to the eligible athletes signing the FIVB/NF-Athlete agreement, fulfilling all remaining FIVB Regulations, as well as executing and delivering their full commitment to the FIVB Rules. In 2006, the FIVB shall pay the full Bonus Pool and travel allowance to the eligible athletes who play in at least 8 SWATCH FIVB events and the majority of Grand Slam events (if the required ranking points are obtained) under the condition that an agreement was signed).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Athlete does not participate in 2006 in a minimum of 8 events, he/she will still be able to earn Bonus Pool and Travel allowance at a reduced rate as set forth below. The Bonus Pool and Travel allowance amount that would otherwise have been earned in 2006 shall be decreased as follows:

- Athletes playing in 3 or less events will not earn Bonus Pool money
- 4 tournaments only give the right to 70% of Bonus Pool money
- 5 tournaments give the right to 75% of Bonus Pool money
- 6 tournaments give the right to 80% of Bonus Pool money
- 7 tournaments give the right to 90% of Bonus Pool money
- Travel allowance will follow the same percentage

The eligible Athlete will receive from the FIVB for his/her participation at each event a transportation flat fee of USD 275.00 for international or intercontinental travel.

**FIVB WORLD
RANKING POINTS
(PER ATHLETE)**

Rank	%	Open
1 st x 1	100%	300
2 nd x 1	90%	270
3 rd x 1	80%	240
4 th x 1	70%	210
5 th x 2	60 %	180
7 th x 2	50%	150
9 th x 4	40%	120
13 th x 4	30%	90
17 th x 8	20%	60
25 th x 8	10%	30
33 th x 8	5%	15
41 st x 16	3%	9
57 th x 32	1%	3

Note: Minor adjustments to the above chart may apply at a later stage

**MEN'S EVENT
SCHEDULE**

Tuesday (13th)

- 13:00 Arrival of the Qualification Tournament teams
- Meeting for Country Quota Play-Off teams (if any)
- 14:00 Country Quota Play-Off matches (if any)
- 19:30 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance)
- at PraiaGolf Hotel for the Qualification Tournament teams
- 20:30 Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance)
- at PraiaGolfe Hotel for the Qualification Tournament teams

Wednesday (14th)

- Qualification Tournament | Arrival of Main Draw teams
- 19:30 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance)
- at PraiaGolf Hotel for the Main Draw teams
- 20:30 Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance)
- at PraiaGolf Hotel for the Main Draw teams

Thursday (15th) Main Draw

Friday (16th) Main Draw

Saturday (17th) Main Draw

Semi-finals (16:30 and 17:30)

Sunday (18th) Finals (16:05 and 17:00)

Training courts available since (date): 12 June 2006

Total # of competition courts: 4 | Total # of warm-up courts: 1



PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY	Only players who sent in to the FIVB in due time the required forms (2006-2008 FIVB-National Federation - Athlete' Agreement duly signed by all parties) and in good standing with the FIVB will be considered eligible to take part into the 2006 SWATCH FIVB World Tour events.
ENTRY (FIVB WEBSITE)	The confirmed teams' entry list as well as useful information related to the event are enclosed to this Event's Regulations and available on the FIVB website. Entry Points are the sum of individual ranking points based on the best 4 out of the last 5 FIVB Open, Grand Slam, and World Championships participations within the last 365 days.
FORFEIT	Each National Federation is responsible for informing immediately both the FIVB and the Organizers in case of forfeit of an enrolled team through the WT/03 form (from -13 days to the start of the event)
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY AND TECHNICAL MEETING	Athletes must attend the Preliminary Inquiry. Athletes' attendance at the Technical Meeting is mandatory. If required, a drawing of lots will be made during the meeting to break any eventual ties. Match-up seeding and additional detailed information on the competition will be distributed on the occasion of the Technical Meeting. Athletes may be requested to provide their ID card or passport during the Technical Meeting.
UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES	If required by the FIVB Technical Supervisor, uniforms and accessories will be checked during the Preliminary Inquiry. Athletes of the same team must wear the same color and style of shorts. The display of the individual players' sponsors' logos on shorts and accessories must comply with the FIVB advertising regulations. While tank tops will be provided by the Organizers to the athletes, shorts/bottoms and accessories must be provided by the players and/or by their sponsors. Uniforms will also be provided by the Organizers to officials Organizing staff members and volunteers.
SEEDING	In the Qualification Tournament (Grand Slam and Open Events), teams will be seeded as per the players' 365 day FIVB World Ranking points on the day before the event (Technical Meeting). In the Main Draw all teams will be seeded as per the players' most recent Main Draw finish (best 4 out of 5 last finishes) over the last 12 months in FIVB World Tour events on the day before the start of the event (Technical Meeting).
RULES OF THE GAME AND OFFICIAL BALL	<p><u>Playing system</u></p> <p>Rally Point System 2 out of 3 sets as follows:</p> <p>a) First and second sets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 Points • switch every 7 points • one technical time-out of 30" at third court switch (sum of 21 points) • one time-out of 30" per team/set <p>b) Third eventual set</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points • switch every 5 points • one time-out per team <p>All sets win by 2 points Intervals between sets to be of 1 minute</p> <p>Official Ball: NEW MIKASA VLS-200 (67 cm +/-1)</p> <p>During the 2006 season, the new wording for Rule 15 "PLAYER AT THE NET" will be tested at each SWATCH FIVB World Tour Event.</p> <p>The FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules approved by the FIVB Board of Administration are included in the Beach Volleyball Referee Guidelines and posted on the FIVB Web site at http://www.fivb.org/Beach</p>
WELCOME AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	Organisers will welcome Main Draw players at the Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport (Porto) and will take care of the local transportation from the airport to the hotel provided that the teams will send their detailed travel itinerary (flight & arrival time) before 11th June by Fax: (+351) 22 832 54 94 or E-mail: fpvoleibol@fpvoleibol . Local transportation for any other persons, like coaches, players' guests, teams' physiotherapists, friends, or family members will not be under the responsibility of the promoter. Should the promoter have enough means also for coaches, family members, etc. he/she will be entitled to apply a fare for such transportation/additional service.



TRANSPORTATION	<p>The FIVB will financially participate in the mains draw athletes' International transportation as per the FIVB-NF-Athlete Agreement with a flat fee per event.</p> <p>Main Draw athletes will be eligible free of charge for all local transportation to/from the airport and to/from the hotel through the Event Organisers.</p> <p>Athletes (or their National Federations) will be requested to apply early enough for their entry visas, whenever needed and will be accountable for all visa expenses.</p>
BOARD AND LODGING	<p>Qualification Tournament teams will be responsible for their own expenses including, but not limited to, airfare, visa, hotel¹, food and miscellaneous expenses</p> <p>The organizers will provide the men's Main Draw teams (including the men's athletes proceeding from the Qualification Tournament into the Main Draw) with hotel accommodation (double room) in the Organizer's designated Hotel and with meals from the evening before the start of the Main Draw (14th June 2006) until the day after the elimination of the teams from the event, breakfast included.</p> <p>Athletes will be personally responsible for all extras at the hotel such as mini-bar, phone calls, laundry, etc. to be paid upon checkout.</p> <p>The organizers will not be required to make reservations for coaches, guests, teams' physiotherapists, friends, or family members accompanying the participating athlete.</p>
MAIN DRAW HOTEL	<p>PRAIAGOLFE HOTEL Rua 6 4500-357 Espinho</p> <p>Phone: [+ 351] 22 733 1000 Fax: [+ 351] 22 733 1001 Email: reservas@praiagolfe.com</p>
ACCREDITATION	<p>Organizers will provide all Organizing Committee members, FIVB Officials, referees, athletes, VIP's, journalists, technical staff, court personnel, volunteers, etc. with an official accreditation card and will ensure that only people with appropriate accreditation will access the designated venue areas. Organizers are also requested to provide accreditation cards for one coach and one physiotherapist per team (exclusively if the individual concerned is enlisted in the FIVB Website under the following links):</p> <p>For coaches: http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/List_accred_coach_2006.htm?sm=114</p> <p>For physiotherapists: http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/List_accred_physio_2006.htm?sm=113</p>

¹ A suggested hotels' list is enclosed in the appendix. It is **very important** to look for your accommodation early enough. Normally you will find no available accommodation for those days on site.



<p>WITHDRAWAL AND SANCTIONS</p>	<p>Withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes entered in the Main Draw is not allowed once the confirmed list has been announced, except in case of "force majeure" or in case an athlete is injured. In such cases, a Medical Certificate or a declaration of good faith must be provided to the FIVB before the beginning of the Technical Meeting of the Main Draw.</p> <p>In case of withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes entered in the Main Draw once the confirmed list has been announced without any Medical Certificate or declaration of good faith presented at the latest during the Technical Meeting of the Main Draw, the FIVB will apply a USD 3,000 fine. This fine must be paid before the start of the following event in which a team wants to enter (if no events are staged, the fine must be paid no later than 30 days from the notification of the sanction). The proof of the wire must be sent via fax to the FIVB.</p> <p>Athletes in the Main Draw may be replaced by any team member for reasons of "force majeure" for a 30 day period (keeping its Main Draw status) only once during the season, and for one Tournament only. In the event an athlete in the Main Draw is replaced by any team member for reasons of "force majeure" for a second time during the season, the team concerned will then lose its Main Draw status and be automatically placed in the Qualification Tournament.</p> <p>Withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes entered in the Qualification Tournament is not allowed once the confirmed list has been announced, except in case of "force majeure" or in case an athlete is injured. In such cases, a Medical Certificate or a declaration of good faith must be provided to the FIVB before the beginning of the Technical Meeting of the Qualification Tournament.</p> <p>In case of withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/ athletes entered in the Qualification Tournament once the confirmed list has been announced without any Medical Certificate or declaration of good faith presented at the latest during the Technical Meeting of the Qualification Tournament, the FIVB will then apply a USD 500 fine. This fine must be paid before the start of the following event in which a team would like to enter (if no events are staged, the fine must be paid no later than 30 days from the notification of the sanction). The proof of the wire must be sent via fax to the FIVB.</p> <p>Athletes who have not communicated their travel itineraries to the organizers and who arrive late for the Technical Meeting (i.e after the seeding is made) will be excluded from the event by the FIVB Technical Supervisor for "no show" or fined.</p> <p>Athletes failing to attend the Technical Meeting and who have not sent via fax the appropriate "force majeure" documents before the start of the event concerned will be sanctioned by the FIVB. Should it be proven that a National Federation is responsible for not communicating to the FIVB a Player's medical certificate for the withdrawal from an event, the National Federation shall be fined instead of the concerned Player.</p> <p>No changes between the teams enrolled in the Qualification and Main Draw Tournaments will be made after the beginning of the Technical Meeting of the Qualification Tournament.</p> <p>The FIVB Web site will be updated after every withdrawal and substitution of players approved by the FIVB once the confirmed list issued</p> <p>Notification for last minute withdrawals (i.e. on the day of a Technical Meeting) must be sent via fax to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department (+ 41 21 345 35 48) as well as to the organizers of the event and the FIVB Technical Supervisor at the venue office.</p>
<p>INSURANCE</p>	<p>Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurances. The FIVB, the Organizer/Promoter and the hosting National Federations will not be responsible for any medical expenses incurred while competing in a tournament. The FIVB will be responsible for issuing an insurance card for the top 100 men and 100 women players covering the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in case of emergency treatment and hospitalization up to CHF 1,000,000 • in case of death up to CHF 50,000. • In case of invalidity CHF 100,000. • In case of assistance and repatriation the full travel costs will be covered upon original receipts.
<p>MEDICAL CONTROLS</p>	<p>The FIVB reserves the right to perform random medical controls to the participating athletes, as per FIVB rules and regulations and alcohol test to the officials. Medical staff (doctor and physiotherapist) will be present at the venue.</p>



APPENDIX

- Official invitation letter to be addressed to the participating FIVB officials and National Federations
- Confirmed teams list (Main Draw and Qualification tournament)
- List of hotels for the Qualification Tournament players, media and guests:

PRAIAGOLFE HOTEL ****
Rua 6
4500-357 Espinho
Phone: +351 227 331 000
Fax: +351 227 331 001
Email: reservas@praiagolfe.com
Price: single room: 85 eur. | double room: 98 eur.

APARTHOTEL SOLVERDE***
Rua 21, 77
4500-267 Espinho
Phone: +351 227 313 144
Fax: +351 227 313 153
Email: hotapart.solveverde@mail.telepac.pt
Price: T0: 57 eur. | T1: 67 eur. | T2: 97 eur.

HOTEL NERY**
Av. 8, nº 812-826
4500 Espinho
Phone: +351 227 347 364
Fax: +351 227 348 596
Price: single room: 40 eur. | double room: 50 eur.

HOTEL SOLVERDE*****
Address:
Avenida da Liberdade - São Félix da Marinha
4405-362 Espinho
Phone: +351 22 731 31 62
Fax: +351 22 731 32 00
E-mail: hotelsolverde@solveverde.pt
Price: single room: 97,5 eur. | double room: 108,75 eur.

- Map of the city/venue (See website)
- Travel Itinerary Form (WT/31)

