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**SWATCH FIVB WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED
BY CONOCOPHILLIPS,
STAVANGER, NORWAY**



This form must be approved by the FIVB 30 days before the start of the event and sent out -13 days by the Organizers to all participating NFs, FIVB Sponsors and FIVB Delegates via e-mail and possibly also by fax.

Promoter Web site link to the event: www.vmstavanger.com

FIVB Web site link to the event: <http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldChampionships/2009/>

Women's Event:

http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/2009/beach_page.asp?pg=PR&TRN=WSTA2009

Men's Event:

http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/2009/beach_page.asp?pg=PR&TRN=MSTA2009

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VENUE	<p>Vaagen, City Centre of Stavanger</p>															
COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND FORMAT	<p>The Main Draw of each gender event will be played through a first phase of 12 pools of 4 teams each – a total of 48 teams in each gender (Round Robin) and a 2nd phase with 32 teams playing in a Single Elimination format (the loser of a semi-final will play the bronze medal match, while the winner of the semi-final games will play the gold medal match). From the Round Robin phase the 1st, 2nd and the 8 best 3rd ranked teams of the pools (based on wins, sets and points ratios) will be advancing to the single elimination phase (total: 32 teams).</p> <p>48 teams per gender participating in the Main Draw as follow: --minimum 2 or 6 maximum Host Country Teams according to their FIVB Entry Points – 14 days before the start of the event. A third to sixth team may enter only if it has sufficient Entry Points. --39/43 Foreign Teams for World Championships Events in accordance with the FIVB Entry Points – 14 days before the start of the event. Foreign countries may enter a maximum of 4 teams directly in the Main Draw. --3 FIVB Wild Cards (2 FIVB + 1 Promoter). --The continental participation is always granted for this event. --Seeding by -14 days from the start of the competition.</p> <p>Rules for Pool Ranking --Winner earns 2 points, loser 1 point per match. --In case of forfeit of a team, the winner will be counted 2 points for the game, 2 winning sets in the set ratio but the 21-0, 21-0 score won't be considered in the little points ratio. The Loser will be awarded 1 point if they cannot start the match due to injury, however 0 points if a team withdraws before a match without a valid reason (eg: no show). --In case of injury of a team during a match, the winner will be counted 2 points for the game, 2 winning sets in the set ratio but the score considered in the little points ratio will be the real score at the moment of injury. For example, during the match BRA - USA in the 2nd set with score (21-12, 12-15) injury to the player of USA.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="379 1182 1481 1272"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>SW</th> <th>SL</th> <th>PW</th> <th>PL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BRA</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>33</td> <td>27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>USA</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>27</td> <td>33</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: In case of a tie in the Pools, during the Round Robin, the following rules will apply: --Between two teams: --If teams have played against each other, the winner of the head to head match is ranked higher. --If teams concerned have not played against each other, their ranking is determined by the points ratio between all teams in the pool. --If a tie still exists by points ratio then the teams have the same position in ranking. --Between three teams: --If three teams have a tie in the main points, then the top ranked team is determined by the points ratios in the matches between the three tied teams. --If a tie still exists then the teams have the same position in the ranking. --Between four teams: --The ranking is determined by the points ratio between all teams in the pool. --If a tie still exists then the teams have the same position in the ranking. In case of a tie in the Pools, at the end of Round Robin, the following rules will apply: --Between two teams: --The winner of the head to head match is ranked higher. --Between three teams: --The top ranked team is determined by the points ratios in the matches between the three tied teams.</p>		SW	SL	PW	PL	BRA	2	0	33	27	USA	0	2	27	33
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COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND FORMAT	<p>--If a tie still exists then the top ranked team is determined by the points ratio between all teams in the pool.</p> <p>--If a tie still exists then the top ranked team is determined by the tournament seeding (the highest seed of the tied teams is the top ranked teams).</p> <p>--The second ranked team is determined by the head-to-head match result between the two remaining teams.</p> <p>Note: If feasible it should be avoided to play the last match of the pool amongst the teams of the same country.</p> <p>The playing format of the World Championships should be fixed, so that the drawing after pool play finished at late afternoon and no games will be played the same day in single elimination. If the first round of single elimination is played the same day as the drawing after pool play is made, the starting time of the first game in single elimination cannot happen earlier than 2 hours, after the bracket has been drawn and approved by the FIVB/Technical Supervisor. The Technical Supervisor is responsible to verify if the competition schedule fulfill the FIVB competition regulations at least 2 weeks before the start of the event (start time semi-finals and finals, above duration of the competition, match per day, break between matches, daylight, etc.).</p> <p>Note: For this World Championships the FIVB will issue – 14 days the finalized event's regulations WT/06 including all details of the competition schedule and format. The hosting National Federation will then circulate the event's regulations and confirmed list of team (at the latest– 13 days) to the participating countries, officials, sponsors, etc.</p> <p>Women: Thursday June 25th – 1 match in Pool play Friday June 26th to Wednesday July 1st – Pool play Thursday July 2nd and Friday July 3rd – Single elimination Saturday July 4th – Semifinals and finals</p> <p>Men: Friday June 26th to Wednesday July 1st – Pool play Thursday July 2nd and Saturday July 4th – Single elimination Sunday July 5th – Semifinals and finals</p>
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**PRIZE MONEY,
BONUS POOL AND
TRAVEL ALLOWANCE**

FOR A USD 500,000 PRIZE MONEY AND BONUS POOL EVENT (World Championships 2009)

Rank	Prize Money	Bonus Pool	Total per team
1 st x 1	\$30'000	\$30'000	\$60'000
2 nd x 1	\$22'500	\$22'500	\$45'000
3 rd x 1	\$17'500	\$17'500	\$35'000
4 th x 1	\$14'000	\$14'000	\$28'000
5 th x 4	\$9'000	\$9'000	\$18'000
9 th x 8	\$5'500	\$5'500	\$11'000
17 th x 16	\$3'500	\$3'500	\$7'000
33 ^h x 4	\$2'400	\$2'400	\$4'800
37 th x 12	\$1'700	\$1'700	\$3'400
TOTAL	250,000	250,000	500,000

The 2009 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. For example in the event in April will be paid in May.

The FIVB shall pay the Bonus Pool in their full amounts to the eligible athletes who will play in all tournaments except for 4 events in the season concerned (i.e. 2009 or 2010 or 2011 or 2012). Eligible players missing the mandatory participation in the World Championships, in the majority of Grand Slam and remaining Open events not reaching the minimum events participation requirements lose all Bonus Pool unless the athlete already entered in the provisional and confirmed list requests an exception proving with medical certificate his or her injury for maximum 2 events as per clause below.

The injured player can only miss two events (resulting in total 4 + 2 events due to the injury) during the entire season. For such a case of "force majeure" a medical certificate must be sent to the FIVB by the corresponding National Federation. A player through the National Federation must declare 15 days after the event concerned his/her injury to the FIVB and send to the FIVB the appropriate Medical Certificate. Upon declaration, an approximate time frame must be stipulated in order to determine the 2 events he/she will miss. Late requests which are sent to the FIVB after 15 days from the date of the injury will not be taken into consideration by the FIVB.

Further information are available into the 2009-2012 NF-Player's Commitment (<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms/Athletes/2009-2012NF-Player's%20Commitment.pdf>)

Note: According to the Norwegian laws, the income tax rate is currently fixed at 15 per cent. Please note that the Prize Money (USD 250,000 for the men and USD 250,000 for the women's participating athletes) for the men's and women's athletes will then be reduced accordingly.

Further information is available into Chapter 9 of the 2009 Handbook.



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

		World Champs
Rank	%	Pool Play
1	100.00%	500
2	90.00%	450
3	80.00%	400
4	70.00%	350
5	60.00%	300
7	50.00%	-
9	40.00%	200
13	30.00%	-
17	20.00%	100
25	10.00%	-
33	5.00%	25
37	4.00%	20
41	3.00%	-
57	1.00%	-



WOMEN'S EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday June 25th

Arrival of teams

15:00 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) at Park Inn Stavanger Hotel, Lagårdveien 61
(Players Main Draw Hotel)

15:45 Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) at Park Inn Stavanger, Lagårdveien 61
(Players Main Draw Hotel)

18:30 Pool Play – 1 match
Norway (Nila-Ingrid) vs Denmark (Andreasen-Vestergaard)

Friday June 26th

Pool Play (11 matches)

Saturday June 27th

Pool Play (12 matches)

Sunday June 28th

Pool Play (12 matches)

Monday June 29th

Pool Play (12 matches)

Tuesday June 30th

Pool Play (12 matches)

Wednesday July 1st

Pool Play (12 matches)

After the last match of the pool, time (TBD)

Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) to draw the teams in the single elimination phase at Park Inn Stavanger, Lagårdveien 61 (Players Main Draw Hotel)

Thursday July 2nd

Round of 32 (16 matches) – single elimination

Friday July 3rd

Round of 16 (8 matches) – single elimination

Round of 8 (4 matches) – single elimination

Saturday July 4th

11:00 Semi final

12:30 Semi final

17:30 Bronze final

19:00 Final

FB Awarding Ceremony

Sunday July 5th

Departure of persons concerned

Training courts available from June 22nd

Total # of competition courts: 4

Total # of warm-up courts: 2



<p>MEN'S EVENT SCHEDULE</p>	<p>Thursday June 25th Arrival of teams 15:45 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) at Park Inn Stavanger Hotel, Lagårdveien 61 (Players Main Draw Hotel) 16:30 Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) at Park Inn Stavanger, Lagårdveien 61 (Players Main Draw Hotel)</p> <p>Friday June 26th Pool Play (12 matches)</p> <p>Saturday June 27th Pool Play (12 matches)</p> <p>Sunday June 28th Pool Play (12 matches)</p> <p>Monday June 29th Pool Play (12 matches)</p> <p>Tuesday June 30th Pool Play (12 matches)</p> <p>Wednesday July 1st Pool Play (12 matches)</p> <p>After the last match of the pool, time (TBD) Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) to draw the teams in the single elimination phase at Park Inn Stavanger, Lagårdveien 61 (Players Main Draw Hotel)</p> <p>Thursday July 2nd Round of 32 (16 matches) – single elimination</p> <p>Friday July 3rd Round of 16 (8 matches) – single elimination</p> <p>Saturday July 4th Round of 8 (4 matches) – single elimination</p> <p>Sunday July 5th 11:00 Semi final 12:00 Semi final 14:30 Bronze final 16:00 Final FB Awarding Ceremony</p> <p>Monday July 6th Departure of persons concerned</p> <p>Training courts available from June 22nd Total # of competition courts: 4 Total # of warm-up courts: 2</p>
<p>PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY</p>	<p>Only players who sent in to the FIVB in due time the required forms (2009-2012 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 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Tour events.</p> <p>All athletes are required to send to the FIVB the Annual Health Certificate (WT-10) to become eligible to participate to the 2009 events. Moreover, players are required to clear their outstanding fines to be to become eligible to participate to the 2009 events.</p>



<p>ENTRY (FIVB WEBSITE)</p>	<p>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 (2009 Handbook, Chapter 8).</p> <p>Entry Points are the sum of individual ranking points based on the best 4 results out of the last 5 FIVB World Championships, Grand Slam, Open, Challenger (see point 8.1.B.1 of the 2009 Handbook, Chapter 8), Satellite (see point 8.1.B.1 of the 2009 Handbook, Chapter 8) and participations within the last 365 days</p> <p>Teams that compete in a Challenger event that are ranked in the top 24 men's teams or the top 16 women's teams (as per the entry deadline -30 days before the start of the event) will not have their Entry Points (best 4 of last 5 tournaments) affected by participating in such a Challenger event. By definition, this regulation can only affect wild card teams and/or host country teams. The confirmed entry list will indicate with a symbol teams that will not have their Entry Points affected by this event (host and wild card teams ranked in top 24 men's teams or top 16 women's teams). In general, the points from a Challenger count if it is a benefit for any teams to calculate these points. For this latter event, Entry Points may count if it is under the FIVBs jurisdiction or the Confederations concerned fulfill the FIVB requirements.</p> <p>Teams that compete in a Challenger event that are ranked in the top 24 men's teams or the top 16 women's teams (as per the entry deadline -30 days before the start of the event) will not have their Entry Points (best 4 of last 5 tournaments) affected by participating in such a Challenger event. By definition, this regulation can only affect wild card teams and/or host country teams. The confirmed entry list will indicate with a symbol teams that will not have their Entry Points affected by this event (host and wild card teams ranked in top 24 men's teams or top 16 women's teams). In general, the points from a Challenger count if it is a benefit for any teams to calculate these points. For this latter event, Entry Points may count if it is under the FIVBs jurisdiction or the Confederations concerned fulfill the FIVB requirements.</p>
<p>FORFEIT</p>	<p>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).</p> <p>No medical certificate or proof of "force majeure" is needed within this period of time (-14 days up to Friday preceding the event).</p> <p>Starting from 5 pm (Swiss time) on Monday 22.06.09 preceding an event, the National Federation concerned will need to communicate directly (by using the appropriate form and medical certificate) to the Technical Supervisor assigned to the concerned event copying the FIVB (at beach@fivb.org or fax +41 345 3548) until - 1 minute of the day of the Main Draw Technical meeting to withdraw without a penalty.</p> <p>For details related to this regulation and its eventual sanction please refer to Chapter 8 and 10 of the 2009 Handbook.</p>
<p>PRELIMINARY INQUIRY AND TECHNICAL MEETING</p>	<p>All Athletes must attend the mandatory Preliminary Inquiry.</p> <p>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 concerning the seeding. Match-up seeding and additional detailed information on the competition will be distributed on the occasion of the Technical Meeting.</p> <p>Athletes may be requested to provide their ID card or passport during the Technical Meeting.</p>
<p>UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Uniforms will also be provided by the Organizers to Officials Organizing staff members and volunteers.</p> <p><u>Cold weather</u></p> <p>During severe weather conditions players will be allowed to use uniforms composed of tight shirt, long tight pants (down to the ankle and not to the knees). These must be consistent in style and color following the same marketing rules as for the players' shorts and briefs regardless size and position. The Technical Supervisor will be ultimately responsible to allow players to wear such a special uniform whenever will be required after having consulted with the official medical staff.</p> <p>The cold weather uniform shall be composed of a tight shirt with long or short sleeve and/or long tight pants. This uniform must be tight to the body and consistent in style, length and colour for both athletes.</p> <p>For the cold weather shirt, no sponsor logos (excluding manufacturer of 20cm²) are allowed on the cold weather gear for men and women. For cold weather pants, no sponsor logos are allowed for men (wearing their shorts on top) (excluding manufacturer of 20cm²). Women athletes (not wearing their briefs on top) may use their sponsors according to the general ruling.</p> <p>For details related to the uniform's regulation please refer to Chapter 4 of the 2009 Handbook.</p>



<p>SEEDING</p>	<p>In the World Championships, teams will be seeded as per the players' 365 day FIVB World Ranking points -14 days prior the start of the tournament.</p> <p>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 SWATCH FIVB World Tour and SWATCH FIVB World Championships events on -14 days prior the start of the tournament.</p> <p>In the World Championships should the Host Country have no team (still with seeding points) among the top 12 seeded teams 2 teams will then be seeded 13th & 14th in order to help the promotion of the event. Should only one Host Country team be seeded among the top 12 teams, the second highest seeded Host Country team (still with seeding points) will then be seeded 13th for similar purposes.</p> <p>Seeding calculation is based on 25 June (day of the Technical Meeting).</p>
<p>RULES OF THE GAME AND OFFICIAL BALL</p>	<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/-1)</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>
<p>WELCOME AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION</p>	<p>World Event and the Norwegian Volleyball Association will welcome the players at Sola International Airport and will take care of the local transportation from the Airport to the hotel, provided that the teams will send their detailed travel itinerary (WT31) to the Organizer at the latest three days before their arrival date – on fax number +47 52977172.</p> <p>The travel form (WT/31) has to be sent by the athletes (or eventually by their respective NF).</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>TRANSPORTATION</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>
<p>BOARD AND LODGING</p>	<p>The organizers will provide the Main Draw teams with hotel accommodation (double room) in the Organizer's designated Hotel and with meals from the evening before the start of the Main Draw 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>Women & Men Park Inn Stavanger Hotel Lagårdsveien 61 N-4010 Stavanger Fax: + 47 51 76 20 01 Tel : + 47 51 76 20 00 Contact person: Eli Tøge, tel: + 47 51 76 20 00 or Mail: eli.toge@rezidorparkinn.com Website: www.parkinn.com</p> <p>Hotel Park Inn is placed approximately 1 km from the venue. The Organizer will provide a shuttle service for the main draw players from the hotel Park Inn to site</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 pr team. The appropriate forms (for coaches and physiotherapists) are available at the following link: http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms/Forms.htm</p> <p>Further accreditation can be requested to the promoter for its consideration.</p>
WITHDRAWAL AND SANCTIONS	<p>Withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes need to follow the below criteria:</p> <p>Athletes who fail to be attend the Preliminary Inquiry and the Technical Meeting of the Main Draw Tournament will be exempted from any fine only if the National Federation provides to the FIVB via fax and email a proof of "force majeure" or medical certificate (using the appropriate form) related to the withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athlete entered in the Main Draw Tournament. The National Federation needs to communicate the withdrawal to the FIVB Headquarters in Lausanne between -13 days and no later than 5 pm (Swiss time) on Monday 22.06.09 without providing a medical certificate or a proof of "force majeure". Starting from 5 pm (Swiss time) on Monday 22.06.09, the National Federation will need to communicate directly (by using the appropriate form and medical certificate) to the Technical Supervisor assigned to the concerned event copying the FIVB (at beach@fivb.org or fax +41 345 3548) until – 1 minute of the day of the Main Draw Technical meeting to withdraw without a penalty. Withdrawals due to "force majeure" are subject to FIVB approval, a written notification is needed to justify such a case. Finally, should a Main Draw player withdraw without providing in due time a medical certificate or a satisfactory proof of "force majeure" after the above deadline a fine of USD 3,000 will be applied by the FIVB. The FIVB Technical Supervisor is requested to notify immediately the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department.</p> <p>The concerned player must pay the fine to the FIVB either before arriving at his/her next event, or on-site to the FIVB Technical Supervisor of his/her next event or before the Technical Meeting concerned (i.e. Qualification Tournament or Main Draw depending on which event player is participating first). The player concerned will only be accepted by the FIVB to play in his/her next event if the amount due is received and officially acknowledged by the FIVB (in advance) or the FIVB Technical Supervisor (on-site) before the start of that event, otherwise the player will not eligible to play. In any case, athletes withdrawing either with a medical certificate or "force majeure", are not allowed to participate any Beach Volleyball (and if required any Volleyball) events at any level until the end of the week of the concerned events.</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" and replaced with a reserve team or eventually fined.</p> <p>No changes between the teams enrolled in the Main Draw Tournaments will be made after the beginning of the Technical Meeting.</p>



WITHDRAWAL AND SANCTIONS	<p>The FIVB Web site will be updated after every withdrawal (between the -14 days and 1 minute of the day of the Main Draw Technical meeting) and substitution of players approved by the FIVB once the confirmed list issued.</p> <p>In case one or more withdrawals take place, the reserve team(s) (after having declared his/her presence at the Preliminary Inquiry and attending the Technical Meeting) with the highest entry points will be eligible in priority to fill the roster. Amongst the seeded team(s), the one(s) with the highest seeding points will be replacing the highest vacant seeding position and so on until the roster will be filled in accordingly. This replacement will be done at the respective Technical Meeting once the final number of vacant positions is established due to withdrawals from -14 days to the start of the Technical Meeting (without changing for all remaining teams the seeding previously established -14 days).</p> <p>Note: Last minute withdrawals (after 22.06.09) and inclusion of the eligible reserved teams in the pools will be implemented at the Technical Meeting in accordance with the above regulations.</p> <p>The same rule as for the Beijing Olympic Games will apply in case of withdrawal after the pools are determined.</p> <p>For further details please refer to Chapter 8 and 10 of the 2009 Handbook.</p>
INSURANCE	<p>Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurances.</p>
MEDICAL CONTROLS	<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.</p>
APPENDIX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official invitation letter to be addressed to the participating FIVB officials and National Federations • Confirmed teams list (Main Draw tournament) • List of hotels available in the area • Competition schedule • Travel Itinerary Form (WT/31). It is responsibility of the athletes to inform the concerned Promoters accordingly about his/her travel itinerary.
OTHER	<p>For any eventual discrepancies, the FIVB Handbook version 2009 will prevail.</p> <p>http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Handbook/2009/index2009.asp?sm=17</p>

