

## SWATCH-FIVB WORLD TOUR Notes - 2006 Women's Italian Open

There will be five days of competition for the US\$200,000 **Italian Open** for women.

- The **Italian Open** for women will be held at three sites, including the Foro Boario in Modena, the Piazza Re Astolfo in Carpi and the Piazza della rosa in Sassuolo. The Foro Boario in Modena will stage a bulk of the matches as Carpi is located 21 km (13 miles) northwest of Modena and Sassuolo is 19 km (12 miles) southwest of Modena.
- This is the first of 15 women's events on the 2006 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour. The 2006 campaign marks the 15th season for FIVB women's competition.
- The **Italian Open** will be the 135th women's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour Beach Volleyball event (open, grand slam, Olympic and Goodwill). The first women's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour event was played August 14-16, 1992 at Almeria, Spain.
- A total of 83 women's teams from 27 countries have entered the **Italian Open**, including **Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Latvia, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the Ukraine** and the **United States** and **Venezuela**.

### FIVB Officials

- **Claudia Laciga, Switzerland** .....Tech Supervisor
- **José Casanova, Portugal** ..... Referee Delegate

### International Referees

- Rafael Godoy, Spain
- Christian Didembourg, Belgium
- Nikoletta Chirpilidou, Greece
- Drago Peslac, Croatia
- Anton Pevc, Slovenia
- **Periklis Charpantidis, Greece**..... Physio
- **Tim Simmons, United States** ..... Press Delegate
- **Marco Gonzalez, Canada** ..... TV Delegate

- Located in the northwest province of Emilia Romagna, Modena becomes the fifth Italian city to host a women's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour stop after events in Pescara (1997), Vasto (1998), Cagliari (2000-2001) and Milan (2003-2005). Two-time World Champions Adriana Behar and Shelda Bede of Brazil have competed together in the previous seven SWATCH-FIVB World Tour stops in Italy with two titles (1998 and 2004), two seconds (1997 and 2003), two thirds (2000 and 2001), and a fourth (2005). The best finishes by an Italian teams in the seven events are fifths by the Olympic tandems of Laura Bruschini/Annamaria Solazzi (2000), and Daniela Gattelli/Lucilla Perrotta (2003 and 2004).

### PAST ITALIAN WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS

Medals - Brazil 13, USA 4, Australia 1, China 1, Germany 1, Greece 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Pescara	1997	Lisa Arce/Holly McPeak, USA	Shelda Bede/Adriana Behar, BRA	Sandra Pires/Jackie Silva, BRA
Vasto	1998	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Monica Rodrigues/Jackie, BRA	Sandra/Adriana Samuel, BRA
Cagliari	2000	Ana Paula Connelly/Monica, BRA	Annett Davis/Jenny Johnson Jordan, USA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA
Cagliari	2001	Barbra Fontana/Elaine Youngs, USA	Natalie Cook/Kerri Pottharst, AUS	Shelda/Adriana, BRA
Milan	2003	Tian Jia/Wang Fei, CHN	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Nancy Mason/Dianne DeNecochea, USA
Milan	2004	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Shaylyn Bede/Renata Ribeiro, BRA	Eva Celbova/Sona Novakova, BRA
Milan	2005	Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, BRA	Vassiliki Arvaniti/Vasso Karadassiou, GRE	Stephanie Pohl/Okka Rau, GER

**Men's Italian Open** - Italy stages an "open" men's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour event for the first-time since Lignano hosted its ninth international tournament where Argentina's Mariano Baracetti and Martin Conde won the gold medal. In addition to Lignano (1990, 1992, 1995-2001), Jesi (1989) and Catolica (1991) hosted "open" SWATCH stops. Brazilian teams have captured six of the previous 11 SWATCH stops in Italy as Conde also captured the 1997 Lignano title with Estaben Martinez. Beach legend Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos of the United States won the 1989 and 1991 Italian events. Dio Lequaglie and Giovanni Errichiello posted the best finish for an Italian team in the 11 events with a silver medal in 1989 at Jesi. It is one of two silver medal finishes for Italians on the SWATCH tour. Roseto degli Abruzzi hosted an FIVB satellite event in 2005 where the Brazilian brothers Ferreira (Jan and Para) captured the final.

## 2006 Women's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour - Women's Italian Open Entries

### Teams, Country, FIVB events together, earnings, record

- Angela Clarke/Kylie Gerlic, Australia, 30, \$138,400, 63-64, 49.6%
- Doris Schwaiger/Stefanie Schwaiger, Austria, 21, \$34,300, 20-33, 37.8%
- Chrisi Gschweidl/Barbara Hansel, Austria, 18, \$16,125, 16-32, 33.3%
- Magdalena Jirak/Kerstin Pichler, Austria, 6, \$500, 6-7, 46.2%
- Sara Montagnoli/Sabine Swoboda, Austria, 24, \$34,575, 43-44, 49.4%
- Virna Dias/Sandra Pires, Brazil, none
- Shaylyn Bede/Agatha Bednarczuk, Brazil, none
- Renata Ribeiro/Talita Antunes, Brazil, 16, \$170,650, 67-26, 72.0%
- Carolina Salgado/Maria Clara Salgado, Brazil, 14, \$46,850, 27-18, 60.0%
- Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, Brazil, 25, \$533,750, 134-31, 81.2%
- Shelda Bede/Adriana Behar, Brazil, 99, \$1970,115, 516-102, 83.5%
- Ana Paula Connelly/Leila Barros, Brazil, 13, \$110,150, 44-27, 62.0%
- Lina Yanchulova/Petia Yanchulova, Bulgaria, 85, \$273,436, 169-166, 50.4%
- Anouk Boileau/Marie-Christine Mondor, Canada, 4, \$2,650, 3-6, \$33.3
- Annie Martin/Kathrine Zakrewski, Canada, none
- Caroline Fiset/Marie-Christine Pruneau, Canada, none
- Nancy Gougeon/Line Jomphe, Canada, 2, \$850, 2-4, 33.3%
- Asta Baltakys/Bryce Barry, Canada, 3, \$2,000, 1-5, 16.7%
- Lily Markovic/Rebecca Moskowitz, Canada, none
- Tian Jia/Jie, Hua or Wen Juan Wang, China, none
- Zhang Xi/Chen Xue, China, none
- Linjun Ji/Lu Wang, China, 6, \$12,550, 13-11, 54.2%
- Ying Zhang/Man Zuo, China, none
- Hana Klopalova/Tereza Petrova, Czech Republic, 7, \$6,000, 8-9, 47.1%
- Lenka Felbabova/Petra Novotna, Czech Republic, 2, \$800, 4-3, 57.1%
- Katerina Tychnova/Marketa Tychnova, Czech Republic, 9, \$5,350, 12-12, 50%
- Eva Celbova/Sona Novakova, Czech Republic, 61, \$325,666, 150-116, 56.4%
- Emilia Nyström/Erika Nyström, Finland, 39, \$69,500, 46-58, 44.2%
- Deborah Giaoui/Mathilde Giordano, France, 1, \$2,000, 1-3, 25.0%
- Morgane Faure/Virginie Sarpaux, France, 11 events, \$17,000, 15-19, 44.1%
- Tatiana Barerra/Eva Hamzaoui, France, 11 events, \$39,200, 21-20, 51.2%
- Anja Günther/Jana Köhler, Germany, 2 \$0, 0-2, 0.0%
- Stephanie Pohl/Okka Rau, Germany, 52, \$294,042, 120-101, 54.3%
- Michaela Eckl/Mireya Kaup, Germany, none
- Rieke Brink-Abeler/Hella Jurich, Germany, 17, \$45,800, 28-26, 51.9%
- Sara Goller/Laura Ludwig, Germany, 9, \$20,450, 14-13, 51.95
- Katrin Holtwick/Ilka Semmler, Germany, none
- Helke Claasen/Antje Röder, Germany, 14, \$30,750, 20-24, 45.5%
- Geeske Banck/Susanne Lahme, Germany, none
- Thalia Koutroumanidou/Maria Tsistsiani, Greece, 15, \$113,950, 34-30, 53.1%
- Vassiliki Arvaniti/Vasso Karadassiou, Greece, 13, \$166,500, 43-23, 65.2%
- Bernadette Kiss/Regina Kiss, Hungary, 2 \$350, 1-4%

### Teams, Country, FIVB events together, earnings, record

- Elisa Gatti/Laura Menon, Italy, 2, \$350, 1-3, 25.0%
- Daniela Gattelli/Lucilla Perrotta, Italy, 75, \$321,832, 176-145, 54.8%
- Daniela Gioria/Diletta Lunardi, Italy, none
- Cristiana Parenzan/Eveliana Zandarin, Italy, none
- Chiara Leonardi/Francesca Mannozi, Italy, none
- Eiko Koizumi/Shinako Tanaka, Japan, 16, \$38,200, 23-25, 47.9%
- Kiromi/Mika Teru Saiki, Japan, none
- Chiaki Kusuhara/Satoko Urata, 16, \$55,600, 23-31, 42.6%
- Miwa Asao/Takemi "Take" Nishibori, Japan, none
- Inese Juršone/Inguna Minusa, Latvia, 9, \$5,200, 10-11, 47.6%
- Rebekka Kadijk/Merel Mooren, Netherlands, 13, \$108,600, 37-26, 58.7%
- Patricia Labee & Mered de Vries, Netherlands, 5, \$3,400, 7-7, 50.0%
- Sanne Keizer/Marrit Leenstra, Netherlands, 16, \$81,250, 33-30, 52.4%
- Nila Ann Hakedal/Ingrid Torlen, Norway, 46, \$163,370, 78-88, 47.0%
- Susanne Glesnes/Kathrine Maaseide, Norway, 61, \$164,160, 99-98, 50.3%
- Megi/Magdalena Michon, Poland, none
- Alexandra Shiryayeva/Natalya Uryadova, Russia, 7, \$23,800, 14-13, 51.8%
- Barbara Kristan/Ana Oblak, Slovenia, none
- Esther Alcon/Angelica Gomez Rodriguez, Spain, none
- Olga Matveeva/Teresa Zunzunegui, Spain, none
- Carla Martinez/Aurora Sunol, Spain, none
- Nadia Campisi/Clara Lozano, Spain, 18, \$16,200, 12-22, 35.3%
- Patricia Barrio/Amparo Hopf, Spain, 3, \$2,500, 4-6, 40.0%
- Simone Kuhn/Lea Schwer, Switzerland, 15, \$101,750, 42-30, 58.3%
- Annalea Hartmann/Karin Trüssel, Switzerland, none
- Sarah Schmocker/Tanya Schmocker, Switzerland, 6, \$1,350, 7-8, 46.7%
- Isabelle Forrer/Romana Kayser, Switzerland, 4, \$1,250, 6-6, 50.0%
- Annik Skrivan/Nadine Zumkehr, Switzerland, 6, \$2,600, 4-8, 33.3%
- Karin Lundquist/ Sara Uddstähl, Sweden, 23, \$21,050, 25-33, 43.1%
- Kamoltip Kulna/Jarunee Sannok, Thailand, 7, \$14,320
- Yupa Puklonogpoy/Usa Tenpaksee, Thailand, 2, \$5,600, 4-5, 44.4%
- Natalya Shumeyko/Viktoriya Tarasova, Ukraine, 1, 1-2, 33.3%
- Svitlana Baburina/Galyna Osheyko, Ukraine, 16, \$19,600
- Jennifer Kessy Boss/Nancy Mason, United States, 4, \$41,000, 21-8, 72.4%
- Rachel Wacholder/Elaine Youngs, United States, 7, \$113,400, 33-12, 73.3%
- Nicole Branagh/Holly McPeak, United States, none
- Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, United States, 39, \$899,140, 222-29, 88.4%
- Tyra Turner/Makare Wilson, United States, 2, \$6,000, 7-3, 70.0%
- Carrie Dodd/Barbra Fontana, United States, none
- Alejandra Garcia/Frankelina Rodriguez, Venezuela, 1, \$0, 1-1, 50.0%
- Armarelis "LaChonga" Marcella/ Lirmeth Sanchez, Venezuela, none

## 2006 Women's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour - Women's Italian Open Notes

- With 83 current entries from 27 countries for the *Italian Open*, the total is the second most entries for a women's season opener since the start of the tour in 1992. The 2003 women's season opener in Greece for the first qualifying event for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games attracted 98 entries to the Rhodes stop. The 83 entries for the *Italian Open* currently is the fifth-most for a women's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour event. The 98 entries for the Rhodes 2003 stop tops the list followed by 97 at Gstaad (Switzerland) in 2003, 95 at Gstaad in 2002 and 92 at Stavanger (Norway) in 2003.
- Juliana Felisberta Silva (22 years old) and Larissa Franca (24) enter the 2006 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour season as the points champions after winning six gold medals in 15 starts last season with 14 podium placements. Juliana and Larissa placed second in 2004 in the SWATCH points race to Brazilian rivals Adriana Behar and Shelda Bede, who finished second in points last season.
- Juliana and Larissa set a SWATCH-FIVB World Tour single-season earning's record as the young Brazilians finished 2005 with \$409,750 to better the previous record of \$332,000 set in 1996 by Emanuel Rego and ZeMarco de Melo of Brazil.
- Three of the top four teams in women's career earnings will be competing in the women's *Italian Open*, including Adriana/Shelda (\$1,970,115), Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh of the United States (\$899,140) and Juliana/Larissa (\$533,750). While Adriana and Shelda have been competing together since 1995 and May-Treanor and Walsh since 2001, Juliana and Larissa have compiled their earnings since March 2004.
- Adriana (37 years old) and Shelda (33) will be competing in their 100th SWATCH-FIVB World Tour event in Modena. In addition to compiling their record team earning total, Adriana and Shelda have won 31 gold medals. Two-time SWATCH-FIVB World Champions (1999 and 2001), Adriana and Shelda posted a 516-102 SWATCH match mark (83.5%) since forming their partnership at the end of the 1995 season. The pair captured the SWATCH season points titles six times (1997-2001, 2004).
- Brazil's Renata Ribeiro (24 years old) and Talita Antunes (23) finished the 2005 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour season with five "final tour" finishes, including three podium placements (two golds and one silver medals), in their last six events. Renata and Talita compiled the second-most wins (57) on the 2005 tour. If you count their 13 country quota matches, Renata and Talita have compiled a 67-26 mark last season with \$166,750 in earnings. Talita was named the women's Rookie-of-the-Year.
- The reigning Olympic and World Champions, May-Treanor (28 years old) and Walsh (27) return for their sixth season on the SWATCH-FIVB World Tour. The Americans won six of the seven SWATCH events they entered last season, including gold medal wins over Juliana and Larissa in Berlin (SWATCH-FIVB World Championships), Paris, Salvador and Cape Town.
- Juliana and Larissa's only win over May-Treanor and Walsh the past two seasons was a 28-26, 40-42 and 15-13 win in the 2005 Acapulco finale. The match set SWATCH-FIVB World Tour records for set (82) and match (164) points, and duration (100 minutes). May-Treanor and Walsh have won six of the seven meetings between the two teams.
- Greece's Vassiliki Arvaniti (21 years old) and Vasso Karadassiou (33) ranked as Europe's top team on the 2005 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour as the pair finished fifth in points. In addition, the pair captured the 54-country Confédération Européenne De Volleyball (CEV) continental championship in Moscow last August to clinch the 2005 point's title. While Karadassiou was named the top women's player for the 2005 season by the CEV, Arvaniti became the youngest woman (20 years, three months, 15 days) to win a SWATCH event. She and Vasso Karadassiou upset top-ranked Juliana and Larissa in the finals of the Norway Grand Slam event last July in Stavanger. Arvaniti and Karadassiou, who won two of four CEV events in 2005, combined for \$166,500 in earnings.
- Italy's Daniela Gattelli (30 years old) and Lucilla Perrotta (30), fifth-place finishers at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games, return for their 11th-season of international competition. The pair competed in only five events last season as Gattelli missed much of the 2005 season with back problems. Gattelli and Perrotta have played in 75 FIVB events with a 176-145 match mark (54.8%). Gattelli and Perrotta are 12th in career team SWATCH earnings (\$321,832). Their bronze medal finish at the 2001 Hong Kong stop was Italy's best women's placement on the SWATCH-FIVB World Tour.

## 2006 SWATCH-FIVB WORLD TOUR CALENDAR

Highlighted by four Grand Slams events in Switzerland, Norway, France and Austria, the 2006 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour will feature 22 events on five continents with prize money at US\$6.720-million. The 2006 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour schedule will feature 15 events for men and 15 tournaments for the women with 10 double gender stops. Gstaad, Stavanger, Paris and Klagenfurt will host Grand Slam stops where the combined prize money will be \$2.32-million for the combined men's and women's events. Event sites hosting international Beach Volleyball events for the first-time include Modena, Italy (women), Roseto degli Abruzzi, Italy (men), Porto Santo, Portugal (women), Warsaw, Poland (women) and Phuket, Thailand (women). The Olympic Stadium at the Faliro Coastal Zone, the site of the Athens 2004 Olympic Games, will host a women's stop after staging a 2005 double gender event. Vitoria, Brazil will stage a double gender event for the first time after staging separate men's (1998-2001) and women's (2000 and 2002) events. Here is the 2006 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour schedule.

Date	Site	Gender (final date) .....	Prize Money
May 10-14	Modena, Italy	Women (May 14) .....	\$200,000
May 23-28	Shanghai, China	Men (May 27) & Women (May 28) .....	\$400,000
May 31-June 4	Athens, Greece	Women (June 4) .....	\$200,000
May 31-June 4	Zagreb, Croatia	Men (June 4) .....	\$200,000
June 7-11	Roseto degli Abruzzi, Italy	Men (June 11) .....	\$200,000
June 14-18	Espinho, Portugal	Men (June 18) .....	\$200,000
June 20-25	Gstaad, Switzerland	Women (June 24) & Men (June 25) .....	\$580,000
June 27-July 2	Stavanger, Norway	Women (July 1) & Men (2) .....	\$580,000
July 4-9	Marseille, France	Women (July 8) & Men (9) .....	\$400,000
July 12-16	Montréal, Canada	Women (July 16) & Men (16) .....	\$400,000
July 18-23	St. Petersburg, Russia	Women (July 22) & Men (23) .....	\$400,000
July 25-30	Paris, France	Women (July 29) & Men (30) .....	\$580,000
August 1-6	Klagenfurt, Austria	Women (August 5) & Men (6) .....	\$580,000
August 9-13	Stare Jablonki, Poland	Men (August 13) .....	\$200,000
August 30-September 3	Warsaw, Poland	Women (September 3) .....	\$200,000
September 13-17	Porto Santo, Portugal	Women (September 17) .....	\$200,000
September 26-October 1	Vitoria, Brazil	Women (September 30) & Men (October 1) .....	\$400,000
October 18-22	Cape Town, South Africa	Men (October 22) .....	\$200,000
October 24-29	Acapulco, Mexico	Men (October 28) & Women (October 29) .....	\$400,000
November 1-5	Phuket, Thailand	Women (November 5) .....	\$200,000

## 2006 FIVB CHALLENGE & SATELLITE CALENDAR

The top 24 men's teams and 16 women's teams in the FIVB World Ranking (as per the standings 30 days before the start of the competition) are not allowed to take part in Challenger events. The top 48 men's teams and 32 women's teams in the FIVB World Ranking (as per the standings 30 days before the start of the competition) are not allowed to take part in Satellite events. Challenger and Satellite entry exceptions will be made for host country players as well as for two wild card entries. Here is the proposed 2006 FIVB World Tour schedule (subject to change) with US\$225,000 in prize money:

Date	Site	Gender (final date) .....	Prize Money
May 25-28	Czech Republic Challenger, Brno	Men (May 28) .....	\$30,000
July 25-30	Cyprus Challenger, Atlantida Beach	Women (July 29) & Men (July 30) .....	\$60,000
July 27-30	Ukraine Challenger, Kiev	Men (July 30) .....	\$30,000
July 28-30	Morocco Satellite, Casablanca	Men (July 30) .....	\$15,000
August 10-13	Switzerland Satellite, Lausanne	Women (August 12) & Men (August 13) .....	\$30,000
August 16-20	Liechtenstein Satellite, Vaduz	Women (August 19) & Men (August 20) .....	\$20,000
August 17-20	Finland Satellite, Turku	Women (August 20) .....	\$10,000
September 1-3	Italy Challenger, Cagliari	Men (September 3) .....	\$30,000

## Beach Volleyball Birthdays - May 9-15 (www.bvbinfo.com)

May 9 - Tatiana Barerra, France, 25

May 15 - Holly McPeak, United States, 37

May 11 - Mireya Kaup, Germany, 32