Chapter 11

Specific Regulations and Sanctions
Such athletes will be reimbursed according to the following order of priority:—
- teams who arrive on site,
- teams on their way to the final destination that nevertheless did not ultimately reach the host country and already used part of their travel expenses,
- teams who did not ultimately reach the final host country destination but are in possession of a non-refundable ticket.

Organizers are responsible for reimbursing the penalty fee (after the confirmation of the respective event and within 21 days from the start of an event) related to the cancellation of the tickets of FIVB/national federations and athletes (upon receipt of a copy of the airline ticket as well as the related cancellation policy/ fee and for bearing the main part of the cost of the shipment of the FIVB sponsors’ material (SWATCH, equipment, etc.) and Descente uniforms).

Should vital topics in the Master Plan be not consulted with the Executive Committee of the tournament, the FIVB Technical Supervisor has the authority to suspend the event.

If Organizers fail to provide a secured and locked storage room according to case of “force majeure” the participating athletes (i.e. including non-refundable ticket. The FIVB is not responsible for any consequence of the ticket.

If Organizers decide to withdraw from the organization of an event after having signed the FIVB/NF-Promoter Agreement for a reason not covered by “force majeure” cases, they will be fined USD 50,000 per gender’s event as per FIVB/NF-Promoter agreement. The amount must be paid within thirty (30) days after notification (refer to art. 13.2 of the Standard Agreement).

A Promoter of an International Tournament such as the World Championships, Word Tour and Exhibition, etc. is not authorized to sell products/rights of its event internationally. Should he/she fail to sell the product/ rights of this rule, he/she will lose the FIVB recognition.

Organizers who fail to provide a secured and locked storage room for all equipment (such as balls, posts, nets, lines, scoreboards, speedball device, panels, billboards, water pipes, wind sleeves, towels, rakes, boxes, etc.) will be held accountable for any loss or damage caused.

The FIVB may charge the Promoters with late fees with regards to late payments of organizers’/spectators’ tickets, a delay of 30 days in the payment of the 1st and 2nd installments of the 2010 licensee fee may lead to an automatic cancellation of an event. A delay of 1 week in the payment of the 3rd installment may lead to automatic cancellation of the event.

The Organizers shall pay to the FIVB the fees corresponding to their sanctions before the start of the next event which the teams of their country take part in or after the notification by the FIVB if the fees are not scheduled within the 30 (thirty) days after notification. The Organizers must fail to pay the fee within the established deadline, their event will be suspended until the payment is made. The athletes of the event will not be allowed to compete in the event.

Sanctions for all equipment (such as balls, posts, nets, lines, scoreboards, speedball device, panels, billboards, water pipes, wind sleeves, towels, rakes, boxes, etc.) will be held accountable for any loss or damage caused.

11.1 General Principles

- Pursuant to the powers invested to the FIVB Constitution, the FIVB Board of Administration adopted by the April 2002 regulations for FIVB members known as the “Code of Conduct”. The “Code of Conduct” was ratified by the 2003 FIVB Congress held in Buenos Aires in September 2002 and amended on the occasion of the last two World Congresses held in Portugal in 2004 and in Japan in 2006.

- FIVB Members are subject to the FIVB Constitution, Regulations, and all decisions taken by the relevant FIVB institutions and must follow strictly its rules and provisions.

- Violations will be sanctioned under the provisions of the Code of Conduct which apply, without distinction, to any discipline (Volleyball, Beach Volleyball, Park Volleyball, under the FIVB authority, except when otherwise provided).

- Ignorance of the FIVB Constitution, Code of Conduct or of the other Regulations approved by the FIVB is not considered an excuse.

- National Tours, clubs, teams and their leaders, managers, coaches, players, referees, and all those participating in the activities of a National Federation must follow strictly the rules, regulations, and decisions of the Central Committees or FIVB Representatives of the competitions in which they take part.

- Organizers, National Federations, and athletes breaking the FIVB General Regulations for International Competitions or FIVB Regulations included in the Handbook are subject to sanctions established by the FIVB Code of Conduct and the FIVB Administrative and Financial Regulations herein enlisted.

11.2 The Organizers

- It is understood that National Federations gathering in the FIVB World Congress retain their right to make final decisions related to the Rules of the Game, players participation, eligibility and registration in international events as well as any other proposal affecting FIVB decisions, budget, Constitution, Code of Conduct and General Regulations for International Competitions.

- The promoter has legal authority and sufficient commercial recognition in his/her country to ensure proper organization and commercial exploitation of Sport Events.

Organizers are requested to be insured in case an event is cancelled. If Organizers do not present to the Technical Supervisor the Official Security Certificate for temporary tribunes and/or the necessary equipment for the Auxiliary Officials (location, security, size, comfort, availability of sanitation, etc). Insufficient quantities and/or quality of equipment (such as balls, nets, lines, scoreboards, speedball device, panels, billboards, water pipes, wind sleeves, towels, rakes, boxes, etc.) will be held accountable for any loss or damage caused.

More than 10% changes at the event must consult with the Executive Committee of the tournament.

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the teams concerned lose their rights to be included in the Main Draw, (even though their Entry Points would have allowed them to be placed in it).

Thereafter, a fine of USD 1,000 per team must be paid to the FIVB within 24 hours after notification of the acceptance of the late entry.

C. Last minute withdrawal (friday preceding the event up to - 1 minute before the Country Quota Play Off Technical Meeting)

a) Athletes who fail to attend the Preliminary Inquirary and the Technical Meeting of the Qualification Tournament will be exempted from any fine only if the concerned 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 Qualification Tournament. The National Federation needs to communicate the withdrawal of its team(s) to the FIVB Headquarters in Lausanne before and on/at the Technical Meeting of the Qualification Tournament.

b) Athletes are members of the National Volleyball Federation (Association) of their country which is the only Association the FIVB recognizes for international Beach Volleyball events and there is no other association the FIVB will accept. The National Federation needs to make it available to athletes, sponsors, officials, through its web site. In case of withdrawal of its team(s) to the FIVB Headquarters in Lausanne before and on/at the Technical Meeting of the Qualification Tournament.

A. Entry procedures

Athletes who do not comply with the eligibility rules and/or who do not sign the 2009-2012 NF-Athlete Commitment (including the Health Certificate) or refuse to undergo a medical examination/doping control (if required) will not be allowed to compete.

B. Late entry

In case a late entry is accepted by the FIVB and by the Organizers (between -30 days and -14 days from the start of an event, the teams concerned lose their rights to be included in the Main Draw, even though their Entry Points would have allowed them to be placed in it).

- A late entry is only accepted if the concerned NF agreed in writing to pay USD 1,000 per team to the FIVB within 24 hours after notification of the acceptance of the late entry.
Cases of Referee’s and/or equipment abuses (i.e.: shouting, pointing at Referee, kicking the ball, pulling the net, aggression, etc.) are subject to sanctions established in the FIVB Administrative and Financial Regulations and may lead to the disqualification of the player/team. Any action of equipment abuse or officials and on court personnel abuse by players which leads to a penalty or higher sanction by the referee (to be judged in accordance with the FIVB Rules of the Game) implies a money fine sanction depending on the nature of the offence according to the hereunder scale.

**D. Late arrival and no show**

- **Example #1:** A Country Quota team is missing from the Country Quota Technical Meeting, but was witnessed or confirmed by the Technical Supervisor to be present at the venue. This team should be fined and forced to pay the fine before the match is started. If the team was absent from the meeting, and not witnessed or confirmed by the Technical Supervisor to be present at the venue, they should be disqualified from the tournament altogether before the draw takes place. If one player from the team is present at the meeting and it is believed the other is present, the fine should still apply and a no show at the first match will result in a forfeit.

- **Example #2:** An entire team or one player from the team is missing from the Qualification or Main Draw Technical Meeting, but was witnessed to be present at the venue, or has checked into the hotel (Technical Supervisor has other relevant information that this team is present at the event, but not in the meeting). No withdrawal information was received by the FIVB or Technical Supervisor in due time. In this case, the team will be considered entered in the tournament, but will be fined the appropriate amount to each player for their absence at the meeting. If the team or player does not report to their first match in the relevant tournament, it will be considered a forfeited match.

- **Example #3:** An entire team or one player from the team is missing from the Qualification or Main Draw Technical Meeting, and was witnessed to be present at the venue, or has checked into the hotel (Technical Supervisor has other relevant information that this team is present at the event, but not in the meeting). No withdrawal information was received by the FIVB or Technical Supervisor in due time. In this case, the team will be considered entered in the tournament, but will be fined the appropriate amount to each player for their absence at the meeting. If the team or player does not report to their first match in the relevant tournament, it will be considered a forfeited match.

**E. Competition regulations**

- **Players playing in a Beach Volleyball National Circuit abroad without having the written consent of his/her National Volleyball Federation or in a National Circuit not sanctioned by the host National Volleyball Federation will be declared ineligible for FIVB official competitions, including the Olympic Games, the World Championships and World Tour.**

- Following the decision of the FIVB Executive Committee in Tokyo on 29.11.2009, players participating in FIVB non-authorized events (as per FIVB rules, Constitution, Code of Conduct, and decisions) will lose their FIVB membership for life. Each National Federation must contact the FIVB in case of any doubts with regards to the enrollment of their athletes in a specific event. A list of FIVB approved events is posted onto the FIVB website.

- **Athletes who perform media interviews immediately after a match without the official DESCENTE player top, where a photograph or other video/broadcast footage is shooting, are subject to a fine up to USD 300 per incident. The Press Delegate on-site should immediately report this to the Technical Supervisor in order to take all the necessary actions to avoid a similar matter to be repeated again.**

- **Athletes absent during the Awarding Ceremony will be fined up to USD 3,000.**

- On court disputes shall be resolved under the FIVB Regulations with relevance to Protest Protocol directives:
  - A progressive fine is applied USD 100 for the first time, with a minimum of USD 500 for the second time and doubling after that. In case a Protest Protocol is judged as ‘Not Initiated’ by the Referee Delegate and is therefore not meeting any of the required criteria to be submitted, in the case this occurs at the Centre Court a USD 500 fine will apply for the first instance, with a minimum of USD 2,500 for the second and doubling after that.

- **Protest allegations after a Level 3 Protest has been confirmed at the scoresheet, must be presented in writing to the FIVB Technical Supervisor no later than 30 minutes after the end of the match and accompanied by a deposit of USD 500. A final verdict will be given by the Executive Committee no later than 2 hours after the protest has been submitted or at the latest, before the start of the following matches eventually affected by the concerned result. Executive Committee members of the same nationality, as the team making a protest, will be excluded from the deliberations when the protest is being studied.**

**Consistency in the implementation of rules make Beach Volleyball events a Strong Property**

**Specific Regulations and Sanctions**
**Equipment abuse**

In this area we have differentiated between no damage and damage as this will dictate the type to rectify the situation. Should the offence occur during any matches played on Centre Court, this will be taken into consideration for establishing the consequences of the offence.

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<tr>
<th>Consequences of the offence</th>
<th>Simple offence with no further consequences</th>
<th>Match delay or equipment lost / replaced</th>
<th>Match delay or equipment replaced / lost on matches played on Centre Court</th>
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<tr>
<td>Nature of the offence</td>
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<tr>
<td>Abuse of Balls, Player Areas, and Playing Uniforms</td>
<td>USD 100 (if replaced)</td>
<td>USD 250</td>
<td>USD 500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Abuse of Net System, Lines, Referee Stand, Advertising Panels, and other offences similar in nature</td>
<td>USD 100</td>
<td>USD 500</td>
<td>USD 2500</td>
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**Officials’ and on court Personnel abuse**

In this area we have differentiated between verbal and non-verbal actions in relation to the level of the offence, and also if these actions have been committed during any matches played on Centre Court as this will contribute to a negative exposure of our sport.

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<th>Consequences of the offence</th>
<th>In a match played on outside courts</th>
<th>In any matches on Centre Court</th>
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<td>Nature of the offence</td>
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<td>Verbal abuse leading to</td>
<td>penalty</td>
<td>USD 250</td>
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<td>expulsions</td>
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**G. Payment**

- The FIVB has the authority to directly deduct a fine from the Prize Money or the Bonus Pool of the athletes participating into a tournament, if this athlete does not appeal or has not sufficient arguments to modify the decision of the FIVB and/or FIVB official. In case a sanction is applied to an athlete with either Prize Money or Bonus Pool, the fine must be paid either before the next event or by the deadline mentioned on the related invoice. FIVB is entitled to deduct directly the fines from previous Prize Money and/or Bonus Pool in case of sanctions due to withdrawal, no show at the Technical Meeting, withdrawal, and other reasons.
- The FIVB Finance Department will send sanction invoices. Payments have to be wired on FIVB Bank Account as follows:
  - Fédération Internationale de Volleyball
  - Edouard-Sandoz 2-4
  - CH-1002 Lausanne
  - Switzerland
  - CHA6002CH4164146U
  - BIC Code: UBSWCHZH80A
  - Account number: 0243-146146.60U
  - Bank Address: Switzerland
  - UBS AG
  - Place St-François 16
  - Case postale
  - CH-1002 Lausanne
  - Switzerland
  - 2073
  - Bank clearing: 2073

- Payments must be made within the deadline mentioned on the invoice. In case a player is not, for any reason whatsoever, in a position to pay the total amount of the sanction invoices, his/her respective National Federation is then responsible for paying the total amount of the sanction invoices in due time to the FIVB. The athlete concerned is not allowed to participate in any other World Tour event until a proof that the total payment of the sanction invoices has been made is duly received at the FIVB. The FIVB will keep accurate records of the fines and sanctions during the season. The fine can be accumulative in nature.
- Further sanction applied by the FIVB can be determined based on the Code of Discipline.
- Request/complaint concerning athletes’ Prize Money and Bonus Pool payment are authorized up to 3 months after the end of the season. Past this deadline a fine may be applied if a request/complaint is made and the payment was made correctly by the FIVB. No fine will be applied past this deadline if a mistake in the payment was made and corrections are needed.
- The FIVB is not responsible for possible delays in the payment of the Prize Money caused by the modifications of a notified bank’s account and/or the non-payment of the Prize Money to the FIVB. The FIVB reserves the right to eventually apply a fine should the players not fill out their bank account information appropriately (through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Web based application) or should the payment be returned due to duly proven incorrect bank account details.
### 11.4 Sanctions Scale

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| Verbal warning from the FIVB Technical Supervisor | – Verbal warning recorded by the FIVB Technical Supervisor in the report  
– Athlete acknowledges warning |
| Written warning from the FIVB Technical Supervisor | – Written warning on a standard form recorded by the FIVB Technical Supervisor in the report  
– Copies to the FIVB, National Federation, athlete and athletes’ representative  
– Athlete acknowledges warning |
| Monetary penalty                           | – Scale of fines  
– Written warning on a standard form recorded by the FIVB Technical Supervisor in the report  
– Copies to the FIVB, National Federation, athlete and athletes’ representative  
– Athlete acknowledges the written statement of the fine |
| Suspension for a time period               | – FIVB imposes the sanction based on the recommendation of the FIVB Technical Supervisor  
– The FIVB Technical Supervisor must present a written report based on evidence |