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- 17 DAYS



**2013 FIVB BEACH VOLLEBALL WORLD TOUR
GRAND SLAM IN THE HAGUE,
NETHERLANDS**

EVENT'S REGULATIONS

This form must be approved by the FIVB 30 days before the start of the event and sent out -17 days by the Organizers to all participating NFs, FIVB Sponsors and FIVB Delegates via e-mail and fax if possible.

Promoter Web site link to the event:

www.transaviagrandslam.nl

FIVB Web site link to the event:

<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/2013/Event/index.asp?TournCode=MHAG2013>

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VENUE	<p>The Hague Beach Stadium Beach Sport Stadion Strandweg 4 Scheveningen</p> <p>GPS address: Adriaan Maasplein 1 2583 RK, Den Haag</p>
COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND FORMAT	<p><u>Qualification Tournament:</u> Men: June 11th Women: June 11th</p> <p><u>Main Draw and Finals:</u> Men: June 12th to 16th Women: June 12th to 16th</p> <p>The Qualification Tournament (1 day) will be played in a single elimination format and will determine the 8 teams eligible to participate in the Main Draw through the Qualification Tournament.</p> <p>The Main Draw (4 days) will be based on pool play followed by single elimination.</p> <p>The winners of the 2 semi-finals will play the finals for the 1st and 2nd place while the losers will play the finals for the 3rd and 4th place.</p> <p><u>NOTE:</u> Three courts including the center court will be located in Scheveningen (Beach Sport Stadion) while the fourth court will be in the city center of The Hague. A shuttle bus will be organized between the two locations.</p>

**PRIZE MONEY
AND BONUS POOL**

FOR A USD \$120,000 PRIZE MONEY EVENT (GRAND SLAM)

Rank	Prize Money	Bonus Pool	Total
1 st x 1	\$18'000	\$15'000	\$33'000
2 nd x 1	\$12'000	\$10'000	\$22'000
3 rd x 1	\$9'000	\$7'500	\$16'500
4 th x 1	\$7'000	\$5'900	\$12'900
5 th x 4	\$5'500	\$4'500	\$10'000
9 th x 8	\$3'000	\$2'500	\$5'500
17 th x 8	\$2'000	\$1'700	\$3'700
25 th x 8	\$1'500	\$1'250	\$2'750
TOTAL	\$120,000	\$100,000	\$220,000

The 2013 Prize Money of the events will be paid by the FIVB to the athletes as per the below chart:

	Events	End Date	Payment due date
1	Fuzhou	28 April	13 May
2	Shanghai	5 May	20 May
3	Corrientes	26 May	10 June
4	The Hague	16 June	8 July
5	Rome	23 June	8 July
6	Stare Jablonki	7 July	22 July
7	Gstaad	14 July	29 July
8& 9	Long Beach & Anapa	28 July	12 August
10	Berlin	11 August	26 August
11	England*	18 August	2 September
12	Moscow	25 August	9 September
13	Vizag	8 September	23 September
14	Kampala*	29 September	14 October
15	Beijing	6 October	21 October
16	Sao Paulo	13 October	28 October
17	Xiamen	27 October	11 November
18	Phuket	3 November	18 November
19	Durban	15 December	30 December

*Events to be confirmed

In case of unsuccessful payment, after three (3) attempts to contact the player, the FIVB Finance Department sends an official letter (to the National Federation and the player) to inform them of the money transfer to the respective National Federation that will be debited within 5-10 days. In case of no response, the player's VISASP account is then debited and the FIVB Finance Department informs the FIVB IT Department to book the payment in VISASP.

**PRIZE MONEY
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FIVB Bonus Pool – Eligibility of Athletes

The following athlete eligibility requirements apply for the 2013 FIVB Bonus Pool:

- Mandatory registration for the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships;
- Mandatory participation in the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships for the eligible teams;
- Participation in a minimum of ten (10) FIVB Beach Volleyball events, including the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships, FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Grand Slam and FIVB Beach Volleyball Open events of the 2013 season.
- One (1) withdrawal for a Medical reason from any of the above mentioned eligible events per athlete during the 2013 season shall be accepted by the FIVB. A valid withdrawal for a Medical reason should be submitted to the FIVB no later than 14 days after the end of the event concerned by the National Federation of the athlete through a BVB-03 form accompanied by a Medical Certificate signed and sealed.

A decreasing % scale of 2013 FIVB Bonus Pool earned shall be applied for athletes that have taken part in less than ten (10) FIVB Beach Volleyball events, including FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships, FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Grand Slam and FIVB Beach Volleyball Open events during the 2013 season:

PARTICIPATION	BONUS POOL
10 - 1 event due to a Medical reason	100%
8 events	90%
7 events	80%
6 events	70%
1-5 events	0

If an athlete is declared ineligible (e.g. insufficient participations, disqualification, breach of athlete's commitment terms, etc.) the FIVB Bonus Pool will be retained by the FIVB and no further reallocation of the FIVB Bonus Pool will be permitted.

Any eventual enquiries concerning payment(s) must be sent to the Beach Volleyball Department (beach@fivb.org) and the Finance Department (finance.beach@fivb.org).

Payment Procedure

The 2013 FIVB Bonus Pool shall be paid to eligible athletes through a bank transfer with bank charges deducted in one instalment as follows:

– by December 20, 2013 for all eligible athletes.

When a Bonus Pool payment is wired to an athlete and the amount returns to the FIVB bank account, the FIVB Finance Department re-sends this amount to the athlete concerned after verifying the bank information provided. All payment procedures are enlisted in paragraph 10.2.

Cancellation of Events

In case an event is cancelled the FIVB has the right to retain the amount of unpaid Bonus Pool. The FIVB (or its Organizers) is not accountable for any reimbursements of airplane tickets booked for a cancelled event if the FIVB has informed all parties involved about the cancellation at least 30 days prior to the start of the event.

FIVB WORLD RANKING POINTS (PER ATHLETE)

Rank	Points earned
1 st	400
2 nd	360
3 rd	320
4 th	280
5 th	240
9 th	200
17 th	160
25 th	120
33 rd	80
37 th	40

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

WOMEN'S EVENT SCHEDULE**Monday, 10 June:**

Arrival of the Qualification Tournament teams

12:00-19:00: QT Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) – **at the information desk at the main entrance venue**

20:00 QT Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) – **Venue, in the VIP lounge**

Tuesday, 11 June:

Qualification Tournament and arrival of Main Draw teams

12:00 – 19:00: Preliminary Inquiry Main Draw Teams (mandatory attendance) – **Venue**

21:00: Technical Meeting Main Draw Teams (mandatory attendance) – **Official Hotel (Bel Air Hotel)**

Departure of teams not qualified for Main Draw

Wednesday, 12 June, Thursday, 13 June:

Main Draw Pool Play (48 matches)

Friday, 14 June:

Departure of teams knocked out in pool play round

Main Draw Single Elimination (Round of 16, Round of 24)

Saturday, 15 June:

Departure of teams knocked out in single elimination round

Quarter Final matches 1st Semi-final and 2nd Semi-final (2 matches)

Sunday, 16 June:

Departure of teams knocked out in Quarter final matches

Final 3rd - 4th place and Final 1st - 2nd place (2 matches)

Monday, 17 June:

Departure of remaining teams

Training courts available from : 8 June

Total # of competition courts: **4**

Total # of warm-up courts: **2**

MEN'S EVENT SCHEDULE	<p><u>Monday, 10 June:</u> Arrival of the Qualification Tournament teams 12:00-19:00: QT Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) –At the information desk at the main entrance venue 20:00 QT Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) – Venue, in the VIP lounge</p> <p><u>Tuesday, 11 June:</u> Qualification Tournament and arrival of Main Draw teams 12:00 – 19:00: Preliminary Inquiry Main Draw Teams (mandatory attendance) – Venue 21:00: Technical Meeting Main Draw Teams (mandatory attendance) –Official Hotel (Bel Air Hotel)</p> <p>Departure of teams not qualified for Main Draw</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 12 June, Thursday, 13 June:</u> Main Draw Pool Play (48 matches)</p> <p><u>Friday, 14 June:</u> Departure of teams knocked out in pool play round</p> <p>Main Draw Single Elimination (Round of 16, Round of 24)</p> <p><u>Saturday, 15 June:</u> Departure of teams knocked out in single elimination round</p> <p>Quarter Final matches 1st Semi-final and 2nd Semi-final (2 matches)</p> <p><u>Sunday, 16 June:</u> Departure of teams knocked out in Quarter final matches</p> <p>Final 3rd - 4th place and Final 1st - 2nd place (2 matches)</p> <p><u>Monday, 17 June:</u> Departure of remaining teams</p> <p>Training courts available from : 8 June Total # of competition courts: 4 Total # of warm-up courts: 2</p>
PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY	<p>Only players who sent in to the FIVB in due time the required forms (see below): 2013-2014 NF-Athlete's Commitment (http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp) duly signed by all parties and in good standing with the FIVB will be considered eligible to take part in the 2013 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Grand Slam / FIVB Beach Volleyball Open events. Newly registered athletes will be required to provide the 2013-2014 NF-Athlete's Commitment to the FIVB in due time.</p> <p>All athletes are required to send to the FIVB the Annual Health Certificate (BVB/10) to be eligible to participate in 2013 events (http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp). Moreover, players are required to clear any outstanding fines to be eligible to participate in the 2013 events.</p> <p>All athletes must present an FIVB Anti-Doping Certificate 30 days prior to the participation in FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Grand Slam, FIVB Beach Volleyball Open and/ or FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships events, after having successfully completed the FIVB's Anti-Doping education program "We play it clean!" online: http://www.fivb.org/RealWinner/</p>
ENTRY (FIVB WEBSITE)	<p>The confirmed team entry list as well as useful information related to this event are included in these Event's Regulations and available on the FIVB website (2013 Handbook, Chapter 9).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tentative NF Entry List -30 days: National Federations have until -30 days before the competition to enter their teams 2. Confirmed NF Entry List -21 days: The FIVB issues the Confirmed NF Entry List based on the FIVB NF Ranking. Teams are ranked according to their Entry Points, i.e. teams with the highest Entry Points are placed in the highest ranked place earned by their NF and so on. 3. NF-Team Confirmation -19 days: NFs which have qualified teams for the event have 2 days to confirm (if needed) their team(s) positions in the Confirmed NF Entry List. 4. Confirmed Team Entry List -18 days: The FIVB issues the Confirmed Team Entry List in accordance with the Confirmed NF Entry List and the NF-Team confirmations received.

FORFEIT & SANCTIONS	<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 BVB/03 form (from -13 days to the start of the event). 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>After the Friday (5pm Swiss time) before an FIVB Beach Volleyball event and until 1 minute before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of a Qualification Tournament (where applicable) or a Main Draw Tournament of the FIVB Beach Volleyball event, the participating National Federations may submit a withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request to the FIVB Technical Supervisor assigned to the FIVB Beach Volleyball event through the BVB/03 form for a team/athlete only if supported by a valid Medical Certificate.</p> <p>Failure to comply with the above requirements and deadlines for the last minute withdrawals/disbands or 'change of athlete' shall result in applied fines to the athlete(s) concerned:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="379 501 1493 562"> <tr> <td>Team/athlete in Qualification Tournament</td> <td>USD 500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Team/athlete in Main Draw Tournament</td> <td>USD 3'000</td> </tr> </table> <p>For details related to this regulation and its eventual sanctions please refer to Chapter 9 of the 2013 Handbook.</p>	Team/athlete in Qualification Tournament	USD 500	Team/athlete in Main Draw Tournament	USD 3'000
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Team/athlete in Main Draw Tournament	USD 3'000				
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY AND TECHNICAL MEETING	<p>All Athletes must attend the mandatory Preliminary Inquiry and Technical Meeting. If required, a drawing of lots will be carried out during the meeting to break any eventual ties in the seeding. Match up and finalized seeding and additional detailed information on the competition will be distributed at the Technical Meeting. Athletes may be requested to provide their ID card or passport during the Technical Meeting.</p>				
UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES	<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 players 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. For information on uniform regulations please refer to Chapter 4 of the 2013 Handbook.</p>				
SEEDING	<p>As per FIVB seeding regulations</p>				
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-300 (67 cm +1/-1)</p> <p>The 2013-2016 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 website: http://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/RulesOfTheGame_BVB.asp</p>				

WELCOME AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>Closest Airport: SCHIPHOL, AMSTERDAM Distance from airport to venue: 45 KM to the venue</p> <p>The travel form (BVB/31) has to be sent by the athletes to the Organizer at the latest three days before the start of the event. Please find the form via the following link:</p> <p>http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp</p>
TRANSPORTATION	<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, hotel, food and miscellaneous expenses</p> <p>The organizers will provide the Main Draw teams (including the 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 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 athletes.</p> <p>The FIVB strongly recommends that the organizers accommodate athletes in different hotels than the hotel for the FIVB officials and referees.</p>
MAIN DRAW HOTEL	<p>Address: Bel Air Hotel, Johan de Wittlaan 30, 2517 JR Den Haag, The Netherlands</p> <p>Tel: +3170-3525354</p>
QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT ATHLETES HOTELS	<p>Address 1: Bel Air Hotel, Johan de Wittlaan 30, 2517 JR Den Haag, The Netherlands Tel: +3170-3525354</p> <p>Address 2: Ibis Den Haag - Scheveningen Gevers Deynootweg 63 2586 BJ DEN HAAG - SCHEVENINGEN +3170 354 3300</p> <p>Address 3: Badhotel Scheveningen Badhotel Scheveningen Gevers Deynootweg 15 Tel: 070 351 22 21</p>
HOTEL FOR THE FIVB OFFICIALS, NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL REFEREES, ETC.	<p>Address: Bel Air Hotel, Johan de Wittlaan 30, 2517 JR Den Haag, The Netherlands Tel: +3170-3525354</p>
ACCREDITATION	<p>Organizers will provide all Organizing Committee members, FIVB Officials, referees, athletes, VIPs, 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. The appropriate forms (for coaches and physiotherapists) are available at the following link:</p> <p>http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp</p>

WITHDRAWALS AND SANCTIONS	<p>Confirmed Team Entry List (-18 days up to Friday preceding the event)</p> <p>Once the Confirmed Team Entry List is issued by the FIVB, the participating National Federations may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit a withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request to the FIVB through the BVB/03 form without a supporting Medical Certificate. - In case of an injury, submit a 'change of athlete' request to the FIVB through the BVB/03 form supported by a valid Medical Certificate. - In case of an injury each individual athlete is allowed to change partner and gain or retain a Main Draw spot only once in a season. - In case of a 'change of athlete' in a Qualification Tournament, a team is allowed to retain its spot only in case of sufficient Entry points. - An NF may not withdraw an athlete or a team entered in a Qualification Tournament or Main Draw Tournament (supported or not by a valid Medical Certificate) from an FIVB Beach Volleyball event to participate in another Beach Volleyball tournament/activity scheduled at the same time. - Reserve teams are added to the Confirmed Team Entry List and are constantly updated until the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament (where applicable) or Main Draw Tournament of an FIVB Beach Volleyball event. Reserve Teams must register and be present at the Preliminary Inquiry and the Technical Meeting of the Qualification Tournament (if applicable) or Main Draw Tournament of the FIVB Beach Volleyball event to be considered for the inclusion in the tournament, due to late withdrawals or no shows.
NO SHOW	<p>If an athlete fails to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and to notify the FIVB or the Organizers in advance, that athlete's team is eliminated from the tournament and a fine of USD 500 (Qualification Tournament) or USD 3,000 (Main Draw) is imposed on him/her, unless the FIVB accepts to the reason as "force majeure". The athlete has to prove the circumstances constituting the "force majeure".</p>
LATE ARRIVAL	<p>In the event that an athlete arrives late to the Technical Meeting (having gone through the procedures of the Preliminary Inquiry), as confirmed by the FIVB Technical Supervisor, a fine of USD 150 (Qualification Tournament) or USD 250 (Main Draw Tournament) may be imposed on him/her, depending on the reasons for the delay. Such fine shall be paid prior to participation in the first match of the tournament concerned.</p> <p>Special cases of late arrival may be considered upon proof of force majeure reason communicated to the FIVB Technical Supervisor and FIVB Beach Volleyball Department (before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry)</p>
INSURANCE	<p>Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurance.</p>
MEDICAL CONTROLS	<p>The FIVB reserves the right to perform random medical controls on the participating athletes and alcohol tests on the officials, as per FIVB rules and regulations.</p>
APPENDIX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official invitation letter to be addressed to the participating FIVB officials and National Federations • Confirmed Team Entry List (Main Draw, Qualification tournaments and teams in the Reserve) • List of hotels for the Qualification Tournament players, media and guests (see website) • Travel Itinerary Form (BVB/31). It is the responsibility of the athletes to inform the Promoters concerned about his/her travel itinerary accordingly.
OTHER	<p>For any eventual discrepancies, the 2013 version of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Handbook will prevail. http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/2013/Handbook.asp</p>