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**- 20 DAYS**



**2016 FIVB BEACH VOLLEBALL WORLD TOUR MAJOR  
SERIES IN POREČ, CROATIA**

**EVENT'S REGULATIONS**

***This form must be approved by the FIVB 30 days before the start of the event and sent out -20 days by the Organizers to all participating NFs, FIVB Sponsors and FIVB Delegates via e-mail.***

Promoter Web site link to the event: <https://hr.swatchmajorseries.com/>

FIVB Web site link to the event:

<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/2016/Event/index.asp?TournCode=MPOR2016>

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<b>VENUE</b>																						
<b>COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND FORMAT</b>	<p>Country Quota Playoff is played with a maximum of six (6) same country teams in a Single Elimination format, in case and NF has entered more teams than available NF spots in the Qualification Tournament at the time the Confirmed NF Entry List is issued.</p> <p>The Qualification Tournament is played in a Single Elimination format with a maximum of thirty-two (32) teams, after Country Quota calculations.</p> <p>The Main Draw Tournament of each gender is made up of 32 teams and is played through a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First phase of eight (8) pools of four (4) teams each (Round Robin). From the Round Robin phase the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked teams from each pool will advance to the single elimination phase (total: twenty-four (24) teams);</li> <li>- Second phase with twenty-four (24) teams playing in a Single Elimination format (the losers of the semi-final matches will play the bronze medal match, while the winners of the semi-final matches will play the gold medal match).</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Competition Phase</th> <th>Date for Women</th> <th>Date for Men</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Country Quota Playoff (if any)</td> <td>Monday, June 27</td> <td>Monday, June 27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Qualification Tournament</td> <td>Tuesday, June 28 @ 11:00AM</td> <td>Tuesday, June 28 @ 4:00PM - Wednesday, June 29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Main Draw Tournament</td> <td>Wednesday, June 29 - Saturday, July 2</td> <td>Thursday, June 30 - Sunday, July 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Semi-Finals</td> <td>Saturday, July 2</td> <td>Sunday, July 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Finals</td> <td>Saturday, July 2</td> <td>Sunday, July 3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Competition Phase	Date for Women	Date for Men	Country Quota Playoff (if any)	Monday, June 27	Monday, June 27	Qualification Tournament	Tuesday, June 28 @ 11:00AM	Tuesday, June 28 @ 4:00PM - Wednesday, June 29	Main Draw Tournament	Wednesday, June 29 - Saturday, July 2	Thursday, June 30 - Sunday, July 3	Semi-Finals	Saturday, July 2	Sunday, July 3	Finals	Saturday, July 2	Sunday, July 3
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**PRIZE MONEY**

For an event offering USD 400,000 Prize Money per gender(Grand Slams & Major Series) the following breakdown applies:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Prize Money per Team in USD</b>	<b>Total Prize Money per Place in USD</b>
<b>1st x 1</b>	57,000	57,000
<b>2nd x 1</b>	43,000	43,000
<b>3rd x 1</b>	32,000	32,000
<b>4th x 1</b>	24,000	24,000
<b>5th x 4</b>	17,000	68,000
<b>9th x 8</b>	11,000	88,000
<b>17th x 8</b>	7,000	56,000
<b>25th x 8</b>	4,000	32,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		400,000

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The 2016 Prize Money of the events will be paid by the FIVB to the athletes as per the below chart:

	<b>Events</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Payment due date</b>
<b>1</b>	Kish Island (IRI)	14-19 February	March 7
<b>2</b>	Maceio (BRA)	23-28 February	March 14
<b>3</b>	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	8-13 March	March 28
<b>4</b>	Vitoria (BRA)	15-20 March	April 4
<b>5</b>	Doha (QAT)	3-8 April	April 25
<b>6</b>	Xiamen (CHN)	12-17 April	May 1
<b>7</b>	Fuzhou (CHN)	19-24 April	May 9
<b>8</b>	Fortaleza (BRA)	26 April – 1 May	May 16
<b>9</b>	Sochi (RUS)	3-8 May	May 23
<b>10</b>	Antalya (TUR)	10-15 May	May 30
<b>12</b>	Cincinnati (USA)	17-22 May	June 6
<b>13</b>	Moscow (RUS)	24-29 May	June 13
<b>14</b>	Hamburg (GER)	7-12 June	June 27
<b>15</b>	City TBC (POL)	4-19 June	July 4
<b>16</b>	Porec (CRO)	28 June – 3 July	July 18
<b>17</b>	Gstaad (SUI)	5-10 July	July 25
<b>18</b>	Klagenfurt (AUT)	26-31 July	August 15
<b>19</b>	Long Beach (USA)	23-28 August	September 12
<b>20</b>	Puerto Vallarta (MEX)	11-16 October	October 31
<b>21</b>	WT Finals	25-30 October	November 14

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

The athlete is responsible for paying the relevant taxes for his/her earnings in his/her own country and he/she must update both his/her bank account details and his/her personal information at the beginning of the contract year through the FIVB Beach Volleyball web based system.

The tax at source might be implemented as per the fiscal regulations/laws in the countries where the tournament is held.

FIVB WORLD RANKING POINTS (PER ATHLETE)	Rank	Grand Slam / Major Series	Open
	1st	400	250
	2nd	360	225
	3rd	320	200
	4th	280	175
	5th	240	150
	9th	180	120
	17th	120	90
	25th	80	60
	33rd	40	30
	37th	-	-
	41st	20	15

WOMEN'S EVENT SCHEDULE	<p><b>Monday, June 27:</b> Latest arrival of the Country Quota Playoff (CQPO) teams  <b>Monday, June 27 @ 12:00:</b> CQPO Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) – <b>Court 2, Valamar</b></p> <p><b>Monday, June 27:</b> CQPO and latest arrival of the Qualification Tournament teams  <b>Monday, June 27 @ 14:00 - 18:30:</b> QT Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) – <b>Player's Area</b>  <b>Monday, June 27 @19:00:</b> QT Technical Meeting – <b>Player's Area</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, June 28:</b> Qualification Tournament and latest arrival of Main Draw teams  <b>Tuesday, June 28 @ 14:00-18:30:</b> Preliminary Inquiry Main Draw Teams (mandatory attendance) – <b>Player's Area</b>  <b>Tuesday, June 28 @ 19:30:</b> Technical Meeting Main Draw Teams - <b>Player's Area</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, June 29:</b> Departure of teams not qualified for Main Draw  <b>Wednesday, June 29:</b> Main Draw Pool Play (32 matches)  <b>Thursday, June 30:</b> Main Draw Pool Play (16 matches) + Single Elimination (Round of 24)  <b>Friday, July 1:</b> Departure of teams knocked out the day before  <b>Friday, July 1:</b> Main Draw Single Elimination (Round of 16, Quarter Final matches)  <b>Saturday, July 2:</b>  Departure of teams knocked out the day before  1st Semi-final and 2nd Semi-final (2 matches)  Final 3rd - 4th place and Final 1st - 2nd place (2 matches)</p> <p>Training courts: Valamar and Laguna / 2 Courts / Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  Total # of competition courts: <b>6</b>  Total # of warm-up courts: <b>2</b></p>
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<p><b>MEN'S EVENT SCHEDULE</b></p>	<p><b>Monday, June 27:</b> Latest arrival of the Country Quota Playoff (CQPO) teams  <b>Monday, June 27 @ 12:00:</b> CQPO Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) – <b>Court 5, Laguna</b></p> <p><b>Monday, June 27 @ 14:00:</b> CQPO  <b>Monday, June 27/ Tuesday, June 28:</b> latest arrival of the Qualification Tournament teams  <b>Tuesday, June 28 @ 11:00 - 13:00:</b> QT Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) – <b>Player's Area</b>  <b>Tuesday, June 28 @ 13:30:</b> QT Technical Meeting – <b>Player's Area</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, June 28 @ 16:00:</b> <b>first round Qualification Tournament</b>  <b>Wednesday, June 29:</b> second round Qualification Tournament  <b>Wednesday, June 29:</b> latest arrival of Main Draw teams  <b>Wednesday, June 29 @ 14:00-18:30:</b> Preliminary Inquiry Main Draw Teams (mandatory attendance) – <b>Player's Area</b>  <b>Wednesday, June 29 @ 19:30:</b> Technical Meeting Main Draw Teams - <b>Player's Area</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, June 30:</b> Main Draw Pool Play (32 matches)  <b>Friday, July 1:</b> Main Draw Pool Play (16 matches) + Main Draw Single Elimination (Round of 24)  <b>Saturday, July 2:</b> Departure of teams knocked out the day before  <b>Saturday, July 2:</b> Main Draw Single Elimination (Round of 16, Quarter Final matches)  <b>Sunday, July 3:</b>  Departure of teams knocked out the day before  1st Semi-final and 2nd Semi-final (2 matches)  Final 3rd - 4th place and Final 1st - 2nd place (2 matches)</p> <p>Training courts available from : Valamar and Laguna / 2 Courts / Sunday, Monday, Tuesday / 1 Court Wednesday  Total # of competition courts: <b>6</b>  Total # of warm-up courts: <b>2</b></p>
<p><b>PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY</b></p>	<p>All athletes participating in an FIVB beach volleyball sanctioned event must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hold the citizenship of the country they represent;</li> <li>- Register with their respective NF;</li> <li>- Register with the FIVB through their respective NF;</li> <li>- Submit the 2015-2016 Beach Volleyball NF-Athlete's Commitment (BVB-01) signed by the NF and the athlete minimum 30 days before the first event's participation in 2016 season;</li> <li>- Submit an annual health certificate (BVB-10) minimum 30 days before the first event's participation in 2016 season.</li> <li>- Undertake the FIVB Anti-Doping education program "We play it clean!" For further information, please access FIVB online Anti-Doping education program here: <a href="http://www.fivb.org/RealWinner/">http://www.fivb.org/RealWinner/</a></li> <li>- Complete and modify his/her personal data (such as his/her exact coordinates, bank account information, etc.) through the FIVB beach volleyball Web based application system (<a href="http://www.fivb.org/visasp">http://www.fivb.org/visasp</a>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>ENTRY (FIVB WEBSITE)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Tentative NF Entry List -30 days:</b> NF enters eligible athletes/teams in the Tentative NF Entry List through the Volleyball Information System (VIS): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The qualified place(s) therefore belong to the National Federation(s) concerned; however the points always remain with the athlete(s).</li> <li>b. NF can enter/delete or change teams' composition once an entry has been completed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b>Confirmed NF Entry List -21 days:</b> The FIVB NF Entry Ranking is used to determine which National Federations have earned berth(s) into a Tournament and the Reserve list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Confirmed NF Entry List determines the NF place(s) earned in the tournament (Main Draw Tournament and Qualification Tournament), as well as reserve list. .</li> <li>- Entered athletes/teams are placed in the Main Draw and in the Qualification Tournament as per the sum of individual Entry points. Teams are placed in the Reserve List as per the FIVB NF Entry ranking.</li> <li>- In case an NF has entered more teams in the FIVB beach volleyball event than earned NF places in the Qualification Tournament thus causing a Country Quota Playoff, these teams are entered in the Qualification Tournament as per the sum of Individual Entry points and marked with a Country Quota Playoff code (CQ).</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Confirmed NF Entry List -20 days:</b> Host NF forwards the Confirmed NF Entry List, the approved Official Invitation letter and the Specific Event's Regulations of the FIVB Beach Volleyball event to the participating NFs, FIVB Officials and Sponsors.</li> </ol>

<p><b>FORFEIT &amp; SANCTIONS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If a team withdraws due to an injury before or during a match or gets disqualified during a match it will earn 1 match point and will keep the sets and points earned up to that moment, but the sets and points against will be the maximum. For example, if a team wins the first set 21:19 and is injured and forfeits the match when they are winning the second set 6:4, this injured team would earn 1 match point with sets of 1:2 and rally points of 21:19, 6:21 and 0:15. In this example, the winning team would get 2 match points with sets of 2:1 and rally points of 19:21, 4:6, 0:0. In addition, its match result will be marked with "INJ/DSQ".</li> <li>- If the injury occurs before the match begins, the match will be marked "INJ/DSQ" and the losing team will be awarded 1 match point with sets of 0:2 and rally points of 0:21, 0:21. In this case, the winning team will be awarded 2 match points with sets of 2:0 and rally points of 0:0, 0:0.</li> <li>- If a team withdraws without a valid reason before a match (e.g. no show) or during a match they will lose by forfeit 0-2 (0:21, 0:21) and will earn 0 match points. In addition, this match result will be marked with "DSQ". The winning team will receive 2 match points with sets of 2:0 and rally points of 0:0, 0:0.</li> <li>- In the case of an athlete requesting a medical injury time-out or forfeiting a match due to injury, immediately following the relevant score sheet administration, he/she will be given a copy of the BVB-49 form by the match Referee (the exception to this rule being the use of medical injury time-out due to blood injury). Upon receipt, the athlete will then be responsible for filling in the reasons for the medical injury time-out request or the forfeit of the match and must then sign it and present him/herself along with the form at the tournament's medical office. After going through a check by the official medical doctor, the athlete will then be responsible for giving the form, duly signed by the official medical doctor, to the FIVB Technical Supervisor who shall assess the situation (if needed together with the event's Organizing Committee, the official medical doctor and the FIVB Medical Delegate, if present), and make a copy of the form to be attached to the Technical Supervisor report together with the relevant match score sheet. The athlete will receive the original BVB-49 form for submission to their medical doctor(s) who will then be responsible for clearing the athlete by confirming that he/she is in good health and can participate without putting his/ her own health at risk. The athlete must then present the form duly completed to the FIVB Technical Supervisor before he/she plays their next match either in the same tournament or at the Preliminary Inquiry for the next event he/she wishes to participate in. In the case that the medical doctor(s) for the team concerned is not available, the athlete must get the written approval of the tournament's official medical doctor or the FIVB Medical Delegate, if present.</li> <li>- A maximum of two medical injury time-outs per athlete within a 12-month period are allowed. Extra medical injury time-outs will be sanctioned according to the following monetary fee scale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o USD 1,000 for 3rd injury time-out within a rolling 12-month period;</li> <li>o USD 2,000 for 4th injury time-out within a rolling 12-month period;</li> <li>o USD 3,000 for 5 or more injury time-outs within a rolling 12-month period.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The FIVB is entitled to deduct the sanction from the payment of the Prize Money.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PRELIMINARY INQUIRY AND TECHNICAL MEETING (IF APPLICABLE)</b></p>	<p>The athletes' attendance at the Preliminary Inquiry (Country Quota Playoff, Qualification and Main Draw) is mandatory. Both athletes of the team must present at the Preliminary Inquiry and confirm their presence by signing at the Preliminary Inquiry.</p> <p><b>Women: Tuesday, June 28 @ 19:30: Technical Meeting Main Draw Teams - Player's Area</b>  <b>Men: Wednesday, June 29 @ 19:30: Technical Meeting Main Draw Teams - Player's Area</b></p> <p>If required, a drawing of lots will be carried out in the same room where the Preliminary Inquiry is held, to break the ties on the seeding immediately after the approval of final list of eligible participating teams, within 1 hour after the completion of the completion of Preliminary Inquiry.</p> <p>Finalized seeding list and the match up &amp; additional detailed information on the competition will be distributed on the FIVB website immediately once the seeding list is established, possibly within 1 hour after the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry or eventually after the drawing of lots (if applicable).</p>
<p><b>UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES</b></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 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.</p> <p>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 2016 FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Regulations.</p>



<b>SEEDING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once all the participating teams are known and their presence is confirmed during the mandatory Preliminary Inquiry held before the Country Quota Playoff/ Qualification Tournament /Main Draw Tournament, the seeding of the participating teams is based on the sum of the individual Athlete Entry Points on that team on the date of the Preliminary Inquiry. In case of a tie; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in Athlete Entry Points/ Seeding Points of two or more teams, sum of the Individual Technical Ranking is used to break the tie;</li> <li>- if the tie still persists, the drawing of lots is executed to break the tie.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Wild Cards maintain their natural seeding;</li> <li>- The eight (8) teams that qualify for the Main Draw Tournament will be seeded as per their Seeding Points on the date of the Preliminary Inquiry;</li> <li>- If a Host Country team is ranked within the first eight (8) teams, then it would receive seed #1 (Pool A) and the rest of the host country teams will be seeded as per its Seeding Points; otherwise the Host Country teams are seeded in seed #8 (Pool H) and the rest of the teams by their Seeding Points;</li> <li>- Any additional Host Country team(s) must never be placed in the same pool. The 2<sup>nd</sup> , 3<sup>rd</sup> , 4<sup>th</sup> and any other eventual host country team (s) will have their seed increased (for example from #15 to #16) until they are in a different pool then the other Host Country teams. Should reducing the seed not work (or not be possible) then the seed is reduced (for example from #32 to 31) until the host country team is in a different pool then the other Host Country Teams. The relative seeding of the host country teams must be respected and preserved after the host country teams have been placed in a separate pools;</li> <li>- Seeding in the pool is implemented in accordance with the serpentine principle;</li> <li>- Every team plays the three other teams in their pool. The ranking of teams within their pools will be determined by the total number of match points.</li> </ul> <p>For more details, please refer to the Chapter 2 of the 2016 FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Regulations.</p>
<b>RULES OF THE GAME AND OFFICIAL BALL</b>	<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"> <li>- 21 Points</li> <li>- switch every 7 points</li> <li>- one technical time-out of 30" at third court switch (sum of 21 points)</li> <li>- one time-out of 30" per team/set</li> </ul> <p>b) Third eventual set</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 points</li> <li>• switch every 5 points</li> <li>• one time-out per team</li> </ul> <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 2015-2016 FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules approved by the 34<sup>th</sup> FIVB World Congress held in 2014, as well as the Beach Volleyball Referee Guidelines, are posted on the FIVB website: <a href="http://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/RulesOfTheGame_BVB.asp">http://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/RulesOfTheGame_BVB.asp</a></p>
<b>WELCOME AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<p>Closest airport with shuttle service: Airport Ljubljana (SLOVENIA) <a href="http://www.lju-airport.si/en/Main">http://www.lju-airport.si/en/Main</a> Distance from airport to venue: <b>180 km / approx 2 hours (Ljubljana)</b></p> <p>Shuttle for Main Draw Players and Officials will be provided</p> <p>The travel form (BVB/31 – Athletes &amp; BVB/31b - Delegation) has to be sent to the Organizer at the latest three days before the start of the event. Please find the form via the following link: <a href="http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp">http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp</a></p>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<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>

<b>BOARD AND LODGING</b>	<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><b>MEN: Organizers will provide Hotel for 16 teams advancing to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of qualification.</b></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>
<b>MAIN DRAW HOTEL</b>	<p>MEN: Hotel Laguna Molindrio  <a href="http://lagunaporec.com/hotel-laguna-molindrio-porec?bs=221">http://lagunaporec.com/hotel-laguna-molindrio-porec?bs=221</a>  Address: Zelena Laguna, 52440 Poreč, Croatia  Hotline: 00385-52-410 102  Mail   <a href="mailto:reservations@lagunaporec.com">reservations@lagunaporec.com</a></p> <p>WOMEN: Hotel Valamar Zagreb  <a href="http://www.valamar.com/en/hotels-porec/zagreb-hotel">http://www.valamar.com/en/hotels-porec/zagreb-hotel</a>  Pical 1, 52440 Poreč, Croatia  Hotline: 00385-52-465 130  Mail   <a href="mailto:beachvolleyball@valamar.com">beachvolleyball@valamar.com</a></p>
<b>HOTEL FOR THE FIVB OFFICIALS, NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL REFEREES, ETC.</b>	<p>Hotel Valamar Zagreb  <a href="http://www.valamar.com/en/hotels-porec/zagreb-hotel">http://www.valamar.com/en/hotels-porec/zagreb-hotel</a>  Pical 1, 52440 Poreč, Croatia  Hotline: 00385-52-465 130  Mail   <a href="mailto:beachvolleyball@valamar.com">beachvolleyball@valamar.com</a></p>
<b>ACCREDITATION</b>	<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:  <a href="http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp">http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp</a></p>

**WITHDRAWALS  
AND SANCTIONS**

**Confirmed NF Entry List (-21 days up to the Monday 6:00 PM Swiss Time of the week before the event)**

Once the Confirmed NF Entry List is issued by the FIVB, the participating NFs may:

- Submit a withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request to the FIVB through the BVB/03 form without a supporting Medical Certificate. If the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/ team in the Main Draw tournament, and in case the sum of the new team's individual Athlete Entry points is not sufficient to maintain their Main Draw position, the team shall be placed in the Qualification Tournament.
- If the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/ team in the Qualification tournament, the team is allowed to retain its spot in the Qualification Tournament. However, if the team has enough Athlete Entry points to enter Main Draw, it will be placed as a top team in the Qualification Tournament.
- If a withdrawal (s) causes a Country Quota Playoff team to move into the Main Draw tournament, depending on the NF available places in the tournament, Country Quota Playoff may be cancelled.
- 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 NF 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 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.
- The FIVB website will be updated after every withdrawal and substitution of players approved by the FIVB after the confirmed list has been issued. In case of a withdrawal of a team, its position in the tournament will be maintained and another team of the same country (if any are in the Reserve List) will then replace the withdrawn team (the new team is placed in either the Main Draw or the Qualification Tournament based on the sum of their individual Entry points). In case there is no replacement team from the same country in the Reserve List, the next team in the NF ranking will be eligible to enter in the Qualification Tournament unless a Main Draw team is replaced and the sum of the individual Entry points of the replacement team from the Reserve List is greater than the top team in the Qualification Tournament eligible to move up to the Main Draw (not prevented by Country Quota) in which case the replacement team will enter the Main Draw.

**After Monday 6:00 PM Swiss time of the week before and up to Thursday 12:00 AM (midnight, Swiss Time) of the week before the event**

After Monday 6:00 PM (Swiss time) of the week before and up to Thursday 12:00 AM (midnight, Swiss time) of the week before the tournament, the participating NFs may:

- Submit a withdrawal, disband and 'change of athlete' request to the FIVB through the BVB-03 form. However, the following fines will be applied to the athlete/team concerned regardless of the reason:

Team in Qualification Tournament	USD 500 per athlete
Team in Main Draw Tournament	USD 1,000 per athlete

- If the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/ team in the Main Draw tournament, and in case the sum of the new team's individual Athlete Entry points is not sufficient to maintain their Main Draw position, the team shall be placed in the Qualification Tournament.
- If the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/ team in the Qualification tournament, the team is allowed to retain its spot in the Qualification Tournament. However, if the team has enough Athlete Entry points to enter Main Draw, it will be placed as a top team in the Qualification Tournament. In case an NF has qualified only one place to the tournament and if a withdrawal (s) opens up a place in the Main Draw for a Country Quota Playoff team with sufficient Athlete Entry points, the Country Quota Playoff would be held among all the Country Quota Playoff teams of that NF to qualify the team entering the Main Draw tournament.
- Reserve teams picked up in case of withdrawals after Monday 6:00 PM (Swiss timing) of the week before the tournament shall not be subject to the above fines.

**Last Minute Withdrawals**

After the Thursday 12:00 AM (midnight, Swiss time) of the week before an FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour event (Grand Slam, Major Series or Open) until the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of a Country Quota Playoff (where applicable), Qualification Tournament (where applicable) or a Main Draw Tournament of the FIVB beach volleyball event, the participating NFs 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 with a copy to FIVB Beach Volleyball Department.

- If the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the Main Draw tournament, and in case the sum of the new teams' individual Athlete Entry Points is not sufficient to maintain their Main Draw position, the team shall be placed in the Qualification tournament.
- For the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request received after the Thursday 12:00 AM (midnight, Swiss time) of the week before the tournament, the following fines will apply to the athlete/team concerned:

Team in Qualification Tournament	USD 1,000 per athlete
Team in Main Draw Tournament	USD 3,000 per athlete

- Reserve teams picked up in case of withdrawals after Thursday 12:00 AM (midnight, Swiss time) before the event shall not be subject to the above fines.
- In addition to the above fines, the last minute withdrawals/disbands or 'change of athlete' shall result in the event being counted as zero (0) points for the Athlete Entry point calculations among the best six (6) of last eight (8) results considered for entry and seeding purposes at the FIVB beach volleyball tournaments.
- Any applied fine is payable to the FIVB before the next participation in an FIVB beach volleyball event or before the Preliminary Inquiry of the next FIVB beach volleyball event directly to the FIVB Technical Supervisor, at the latest. An athlete/team may be prevented from participating in case of outstanding fines.
- In case of withdrawal(s) of team(s), in the Qualification Tournament, the next eligible team(s) in the Reserve in the Confirmed NF Entry List shall be picked up. In case there are no eligible Reserve teams physically present at the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification Tournament, Reserve teams may be picked up to fill the roster regardless the country quota regulations.
- In case of withdrawal(s) of team(s) in the Qualification Tournament and no eligible teams in the Reserve, the Country Quota Playoff teams that did not qualify to the Tournament shall be eligible to be picked up to fill the roster.
- In case of withdrawal(s) of team(s) in the Qualification Tournament, no eligible teams in the Reserve and no Country Quota Playoff teams that did not qualify to the Tournament, the 2 Host NF teams in the reserve list of the tournament will be entered upon agreement between the Promoter and the Technical Supervisor.
- In case of withdrawal(s) of team(s) in the Main Draw Tournament after the start of the Qualification Tournament, extra team(s) shall qualify to the Main Draw Tournament from the Qualification Tournament under the Lucky Loser draw regulations. The extra team(s) with the highest seed in the Qualification Tournament among the teams failing to qualify to the Main Draw Tournament by losing the last round of the Qualification Tournament, provided they attend the Preliminary Inquiry of the Main Draw Tournament, shall qualify to the "Lucky Loser" Draw. A "Lucky Loser" Draw procedure is implemented by the FIVB Technical Supervisor. The FIVB Technical Supervisor must draw between the two highest seeded teams among the eligible "Lucky Losers". For each additional available spot from the Qualification Tournament to the Main Draw Tournament, the next highest seeded team must be drawn against the loser of the previous draw. This procedure continues until all additional open spots are filled.
- The Qualification and Main Draw Tournaments are deemed to have started once the seeding has been confirmed and no further changes are allowed.

**NO SHOW**

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 1,000 (Qualification Tournament) or USD 3,000 (Main Draw Tournament) 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".  
In addition to the above fines, No-Show teams without an approved Force Majeure shall have the event count as zero (0) points for the Athlete Entry point calculations among the best six (6) of last eight (8) results considered for entry and seeding purposes at the FIVB beach volleyball tournaments.

**LATE ARRIVAL**

In the event that an athlete arrives late to 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.  
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).

<b>INSURANCE</b>	Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurance.
<b>MEDICAL CONTROLS</b>	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.
<b>APPENDIX</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official invitation letter to be addressed to the participating FIVB officials and National Federations</li> <li>• Confirmed NF Entry List (Main Draw, Qualification tournaments and teams in the Reserve)</li> <li>• List of hotels for the Qualification Tournament players, media and guests (see website)</li> <li>• Travel Itinerary Form (BVB/31 and BVB/31b).</li> </ul> <p><b>It is the responsibility of the athletes to inform the Promoters concerned about his/her travel itinerary accordingly.</b></p>
<b>OTHER</b>	For any eventual discrepancies, the 2016 version of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Regulations and the 2016 FIVB Beach Volleyball Handbook will prevail.