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**SWATCH BEACH VOLLEBALL FIVB WORLD TOUR FINALS
2016 IN TORONTO, CANADA**

EVENT'S REGULATIONS

VERSION II



Promoter Web site link to the event: www.swatchmajorseries.com
FIVB Web site link to the event: <http://worldtour.2016.fivb.com/en/417>

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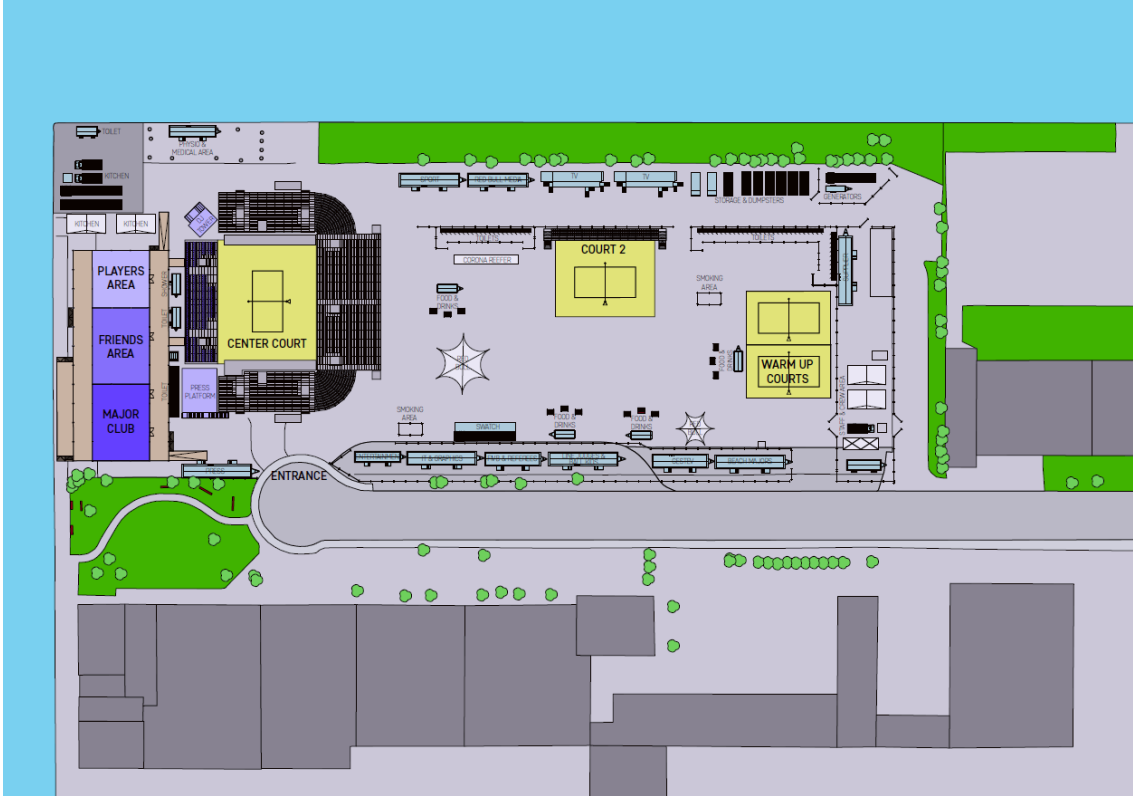
VENUE

Address:
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of training courts: 2

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Closest airport: Toronto Pearson Airport (YYZ) or Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (YTZ)
 Distance from airport to venue: 29km (YYZ) & 5km (YTZ)



The floor plan shows a large indoor sports facility. On the left side, there are three stacked areas: 'PLAYERS AREA' (top, blue), 'FRIENDS AREA' (middle, purple), and 'MAJOR CLUB' (bottom, blue). To the right of these is the 'CENTER COURT' (yellow). Further right are 'COURT 2' (yellow) and 'WARM UP COURTS' (yellow). The facility includes multiple 'SMOKING AREA's, 'TOILET's, 'RESTROOM's, 'FIRST AID', 'MEDICAL AREA', and 'PRESS PLATFORM's. An 'ENTRANCE' is marked at the bottom center. The entire venue is surrounded by green landscaping and a parking area with several cars.

TEAM ENTRY/ QUALIFICATION

Twelve (12) teams per gender will compete for the title of “Swatch World Tour Finals Champions”. Eight (8) teams are qualified via the FIVB World Tour Ranking – [Men](#) & [Women](#). Last qualifying tournament being the Long Beach Grand Slam in CA, USA on 23-28 August 2016. Teams (not individual athletes) are qualified to the event.

Four (4) Wild Cards shall be granted at the discretion of the FIVB and the Organiser. A country quota of two (2) teams per nation per gender (including Wild Cards) is applied.

NFs are not required to enter teams via the VIS system. FIVB will directly issue the Confirmed NF/ Team Entry list **on 29 August 2016**.

**COMPETITION
SCHEDULE AND
FORMAT**

Four (4) pools of three (3) teams each compete in a Round Robin format. The winner of each pool advances directly to the quarter finals (2nd Round played in a Single Elimination format).

2nd & 3rd will play in the Round 16 played in Single Elimination format. 2nd will face 3rd placed team in each Pool.

Competition Phase	Date for Women	Date for Men
Pool Play	WED, 14 SEPT – THU, 15 SEPT (12 matches)	WED, 14 SEPT – FRI, 16 SEPT (12 matches)
Round 16 & Quarter Finals	FRI, 16 SEPT (8 matches)	SAT, 17 SEPT (8 matches)
Semi-Finals & Finals	SAT, 17 SEPT (4 matches)	SUN, 18 SEPT (4 matches)

PRIZE MONEY

For an event offering USD 250,000 Prize Money per gender the following breakdown applies:

Rank	# Teams		PM amount per team/ USD	Total PM for Men / USD	Total PM for Women
1	1	x	100'000	100'000	100'000
2	1	x	50'000	50'000	50'000
3	1	x	20'000	20'000	20'000
4	1	x	14'000	14'000	14'000
5	4	x	9'000	36'000	36'000
9	4	x	7'500	30'000	30'000
TOTAL				250.000,00	250.000,00

The Prize Money is paid by the FIVB to the athletes **by October 3rd 2016**.

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 Volleyball Information System (VIS).

FIVB WORLD RANKING POINTS	There are no FIVB World Ranking points attributed.
WOMEN'S EVENT SCHEDULE	<p><i>Note: There is a trial on Tuesday, Sep 13, at 5pm between the Canadian teams; Pavan/Humana-Paredes and Bansley/Wilkerson to decide the definitive team who will take the Wild Card.</i></p> <p>MON, 12 SEP Arrival of teams</p> <p>TUE, 13 SEP Media Day – MANDATORY for all teams TUE, 13 SEP from 9AM – 1PM - Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) at Fairmount Hotel – Meeting room TUE, 13 SEP at 8:00 PM – Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) at Fairmount Hotel – Meeting room</p> <p>WED, 14 SEP – THU, 15 SEP: Pool Play</p> <p>FRI, 16 SEP: Round of 16 (Single Elimination) & Quarter Finals</p> <p>SAT, 17 SEP: Semi-Finals & Finals</p> <p>SUN, 18 SEP: Departure of teams</p> <p>Training courts: 2 / available from Monday, Sept 12, 9:00am Total # of competition courts: 2 Total # of warm-up courts: 1</p>
MEN'S EVENT SCHEDULE	<p>MON, 12 SEP Arrival of teams</p> <p>TUE, 13 SEP Media Day – MANDATORY for all teams TUE, 13 SEP from 9AM – 1PM - Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) at Fairmount Hotel – Meeting room TUE, 13 SEP at 7:30 PM – Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) at Fairmount Hotel - Meeting room</p> <p>WED, 14 SEP – FRI, 16 SEP: Pool Play</p> <p>SAT, 17 SEP: Round of 16 (Single Elimination) & Quarter Finals</p> <p>SUN, 18 SEP: Semi-Finals & Finals</p> <p>MON, 19 SEP: Departure of teams</p> <p>Training courts: 2 / available from Monday, Sept 12, 9:00am Total # of competition courts: 2 Total # of warm-up courts: 1</p>
PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY	<p>All athletes participating in an FIVB beach volleyball sanctioned event must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold the citizenship of the country they represent; - Register with their respective NF; - Register with the FIVB through their respective NF; - 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; - Submit an annual health certificate (BVB-10) minimum 30 days before the first event's participation in 2016 season. - Undertake the FIVB Anti-Doping education program "We play it clean!" For further information, please access FIVB online Anti-Doping education program here: http://www.fivb.org/RealWinner/

<p>FORFEIT & SANCTIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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". - 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. - 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. - 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. - 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"> o USD 1,000 for 3rd injury time-out within a rolling 12-month period; o USD 2,000 for 4th injury time-out within a rolling 12-month period; o USD 3,000 for 5 or more injury time-outs within a rolling 12-month period. - The FIVB is entitled to deduct the sanction from the payment of the Prize Money.
<p>PRELIMINARY INQUIRY AND TECHNICAL MEETING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Athletes must attend the mandatory Preliminary Inquiry and Technical Meeting. - 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 Preliminary Inquiry. - Finalized seeding list and the match up & 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>UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 colour 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. - For information on uniform regulations please refer to Chapter 4 of the 2016 FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Regulations.

<p>SEEDING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals, seeding will be based on the sum of Athlete Entry points as per the Confirmed Team Entry List. - In case of a tie; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · in Athlete Entry Points/ Seeding Points of two or more teams, sum of the Individual Technical Ranking is used to break the tie; · if the tie still persists, the drawing of lots is executed to break the tie. - The best ranked host Country team will be seeded #4 if not already among the top four teams. If the best host Country team is seeded among top four, then it will be seeded #1. - Teams will be placed in the four pools in a serpentine system. - Wild Cards maintain their natural seeding. - The 2nd host country team will have its natural seeding unless the team is in the same pool, the following regulation will be implemented. - Teams from the host countries will not be placed in the same pool. The 2nd host country team will have its seed increased (for example from seed #6 to seed #7, etc.) until the team is in a different pool than the other host country teams. Should increasing the seed not work (or not be possible) then the seed is reduced (for example from seed #12 to seed #11) until the host country team is in a different pool than the other host country team.
<p>RANKING IN THE POOLS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the completion of each match during pool play, 2 points will be awarded to the winner, 1 point will be awarded to the loser, 0 points will be awarded to the forfeited team. The ranking of teams within their pools will be determined by the total number of match points. - If a tie should occur during the team ranking process, the following processes will be followed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>During the Pool Play Phase:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the teams are tied in the match points, then the ties will be broken by the rally point's ratio of all played matches in the pool. • If a tie still exists then the teams have the same position in the ranking. <i>At the end of the Pool Play phase:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between three (3) teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teams are ranked (1, 2 & 3) by the rally points' ratio of all matches in the pool. ➤ If a tie still exists then the teams ranking is determined by the draw.

DRAW AFTER THE POOL PLAY

The following steps are taken after the Pool Play phase:

- 1st team in Pool A is seeded #1
- 1st team in Pool B is seeded # 2
- 1st team in Pool C is seeded # 3
- 1st team in Pool D is seeded # 4
- Draw 1: between the 2nd ranked teams from Pool A, B, C and D to be seeded #5-#8.
- Draw 2: between the 3rd ranked teams from Pool A, B, C and D to be seeded #9-#12.
- Teams from the same pool will not meet in Round of 16 and Quarter Finals.
- In addition to the above: teams ranked 1st and 2nd in the Pools will not meet in the semi-finals.

Single elimination phase – (round of 16)

After the pool play phase teams will be placed in the Round of 16 as follows:



<p>RULES OF THE GAME AND OFFICIAL BALL</p>	<p><u>Playing system</u></p> <p>Rally Point System 2 out of 3 sets as follows:</p> <p>a) First and second sets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 21 Points - switch every 7 points - one technical time-out of 30" at third court switch (sum of 21 points) - one time-out of 30" per team/set <p>b) Third eventual set</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points • switch every 5 points • one time-out per team <p>All sets win by 2 points Intervals between sets to be of 1 minute</p> <p>Official Ball: NEW MIKASA VLS-300 (67 cm +1/-1)</p> <p>The 2015-2016 FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules approved by the 34th FIVB World Congress held in 2014, as well as the Beach Volleyball Referee Guidelines, are posted on the FIVB website: http://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/RulesOfTheGame_BVB.asp</p> <p>Challenge System shall apply for the competition. Please refer to the 2016 FIVB Challenge System Regulations.</p>
<p>WELCOME AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION</p>	<p>To book your shuttle from the airport please refer to: https://anmeldung.co.at/wtf/arrival</p> <p>The travel form (BVB/31 – Athletes & 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: http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp</p>
<p>TRANSPORTATION</p>	<p>Athletes will be eligible free of charge for all local transportation to/from the airport and to/from the hotel through the Event Organisers.</p> <p>Athletes (or their National Federations) will be requested to apply early enough for their entry visas, whenever needed and will be accountable for all visa expenses.</p>
<p>BOARD AND LODGING</p>	<p>The organizers will provide the teams with hotel accommodation (double room) in the Organizer's designated Hotel and with meals, from Monday September 12 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>
<p>ATHLETE HOTEL</p>	<p>Fairmont Royal York 100 Front St W, Toronto, Canada</p>
<p>HOTEL FOR THE FIVB OFFICIALS, INTERNATIONAL REFEREES, ETC.</p>	<p>Fairmont Royal York 100 Front St W, Toronto, Canada</p>
<p>ACCREDITATION</p>	<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.</p> <p>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: http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms.asp</p>

<p>WITHDRAWALS AND SANCTIONS</p>	<p>Wild Card Teams</p> <p>In case of an injury of one or both athletes of the Wild Card team, the Wild Card is not transferrable to the new player/ team. FIVB will determine on a case by case basis the new team that will be awarded the wild card if this happens.</p> <p>Withdrawal Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Once the Confirmed Team Entry list is issued, a list of 6 reserve teams per gender will be confirmed based on the FIVB World Tour Ranking. - In case of withdrawal (Late or Last Minute), the next eligible team from the Reserve List shall be picked up; - Teams that have not qualified because country quota of 2 pairs will be also considered reserve in case of withdrawals of a team from the countries concerned; - Request of disband or 'change of player' shall not be allowed for World Tour Finals unless otherwise approved by FIVB for exceptional cases. <p>Late Withdrawals</p> <p>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, the participating NFs may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit a withdrawal 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: <table border="1" data-bbox="488 775 1350 808"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Team in Main Draw Tournament</td> <td>USD 1,000 per athlete</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <p>Last Minute Withdrawals</p> <p>After Thursday 12:00 AM (midnight, Swiss time) of the week before the event until the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of the event, the participating NFs may: Submit a withdrawal to the FIVB Technical Supervisor assigned to the event through the BVB-03 form for a team with a copy to FIVB Beach Volleyball Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the withdrawal 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: <table border="1" data-bbox="512 1167 1366 1200"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Team in Main Draw Tournament</td> <td>USD 3,000 per athlete</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	Team in Main Draw Tournament	USD 1,000 per athlete	Team in Main Draw Tournament	USD 3,000 per athlete
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<p>INSURANCE</p>	<p>Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurance.</p>				
<p>MEDICAL CONTROLS</p>	<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>				
<p>APPENDIX</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official invitation letter to be addressed to the participating FIVB officials and National Federations • Confirmed NF Entry List (Main Draw and teams in the Reserve) • Travel Itinerary Form (BVB/31 and BVB/31b). <p>It is the responsibility of the athletes to inform the Promoters concerned about his/her travel itinerary accordingly.</p>				
<p>OTHER</p>	<p>For any eventual discrepancies, the 2016 version of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Regulations and the 2016 FIVB Beach Volleyball Handbook will prevail.</p>				