

# FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

Nanjing 13-18 June 2017

## QUALIFICATION PROCESS – CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

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1. It is mandatory for the Continental Confederations to sanction Continental Age Group events to select the teams participating in an FIVB Age Group World Championship.
2. The Continental Confederations will be required to select the best ranked teams per gender through UNDER 21 Continental ranking.
3. In case a Continental Confederation does not have sufficient time to organize the above-mentioned Continental events in 2017, it can use the event ranking of the 2016 season. Should a Continental Confederation not have a ranking of the 2016 season, it may follow the FIVB criteria selection (points A to D – see below).

The FIVB is entitled to request at any time from the Continental Confederations the exact criteria applied to select their respective teams under their quota and to request the results of their events leading towards the selection of the teams.

Therefore, teams will be selected to play in the events in priority as follows:

1. **Based on (any eventual) UNDER 21 Continental Championships (or UNDER 21 Continental Tour) event ranking issued before the FIVB Beach Volleyball Under 21 World Championships 2017;**  
*(If point 1 above cannot be applicable)*
2. **Continental Confederation or the FIVB (in case the Continental Confederation does not use the entire quota of 5 teams per gender in the main Draw and 4 teams in the qualification, the FIVB may fill the roster of the event through reserve teams (in priority from the top to the bottom) or host countries reserve teams:**
  - A. National Federation hosting FIVB Beach Volleyball SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017 and FIVB Beach Volleyball 2017 events (in priority 5 STARS, 4 STARS, 3 STARS...);
  - B. National Federations hosting Challenger and/or Satellite events and/or Continental Cup;
  - C. National Federations with the best players featured in the FIVB World Ranking;
  - D. National Federations promoting continental events at grass roots activities.

## ATHLETES' ELIGIBILITY

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**AGE LIMIT FOR UNDER 21**      Must be born on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1997 and thereafter

The athletes are required to:

- complete the on-line Anti-Doping Educational program (<http://www.fivb.org/RealWinner/>);
  - have a valid passport;
  - complete the BVB-01 Athletes' Commitment;
  - complete the BVB-10 Athletes' Health Certificate;
- ➔ the above documents should be uploaded by the respective National Federation of Volleyball in the VIS

## QUALIFICATION PROCESS – NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

-60 days  
(14.04.17)

- **Continental Confederations** to send the dedicated forms listing the Main Draw / Qualification and Reserve teams (if you do not have the names of the players yet you can just list the country).
- **Invitation Letter (Visa purpose):** Participating NFs can already request from the Hosting NF an invitation letter for visa purposes

from -59 to  
-46 days  
(15-30.04.17)

- Participating NFs to **enter on the VIS** the respective names of the players. In case of delay, the FIVB may reallocate the vacancy concerned to another Confederation
- NF to upload as well necessary documents for Athlete's eligibility in the VIS.

-45 days  
(01.05.17)

- FIVB issues **the tentative team entry list** (team roster with all teams in the Main Draw, Qualification tournament and reserve list, with team names). Teams without FIVB players number will be removed. Should a team fail to comply, the respective place will be granted to the next eligible team as of -46 days.

-31 days  
(13.05.17)

- Teams featured in the tentative team entry list must provide to the organizer their **confirmed travel arrangements and a valid entry visa** (or visa application in progress) at least 31 days before the event. The organizer will inform the FIVB of the participating teams that have not sent their confirmed travel arrangements. The FIVB will then inform those NFs and give them 24 hours to send the confirmations. Should a team fail to comply, the respective place will be granted to the next eligible team.

-30 days  
(15.05.17)

Hosting NF to send out the **confirmed entry list** & events regulations to all participating NF's / Confederations and Officials.

The NFs must be informed by their respective Continental Confederations about the Qualification Process (as per above).

## COMPETITION FORMAT

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**The competition format is based on a qualification tournament and a main draw.**

### *Qualification tournament*

1 day single elimination with a maximum of 24 teams to qualify 4 teams and to fill any vacancy (ies) in the Main Draw due to withdrawals of Main Draw teams;

The participating teams of the qualification tournament must bear all costs related to their international travel, board and lodging.

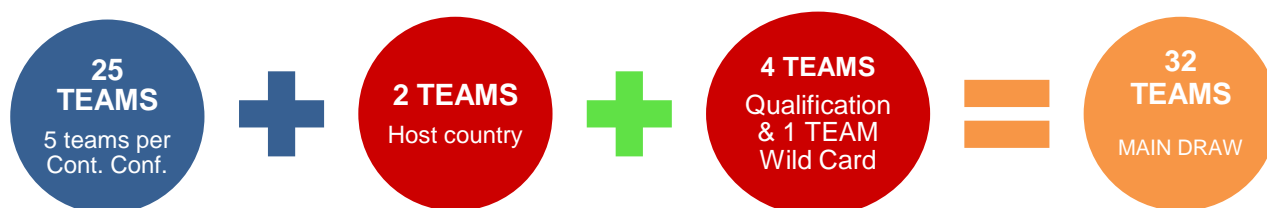
Twenty-four (24) teams – QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT played in a Single Elimination format qualifying four (4) teams to the MAIN DRAW

### *Main Draw*

Thirty-two (32) teams – MAIN DRAW playing in 8 pools of 4 teams in each pool (Round Robin system). The best 3 ranked teams in each pool (a total of 24 teams) will advance to the next phase of Single Elimination

Twenty four (24) teams will proceed to the single elimination phase which will be played until the bronze and gold medal matches.

In the main draw any different competition format other than the one above must be agreed upon by the FIVB and the ORGANIZER.



### CONTINENTAL QUOTA

- In the main draw 5 teams per gender per Continental Confederation, in the qualification 4 teams per gender per Continental Confederation and as reserve 4 teams per gender per Continental Confederations;
- 2 teams per gender for the host country will not count towards the continental quota.

### COUNTRY QUOTA

- 1 team per gender's event per country is accepted; however, a 2<sup>nd</sup> team from a same country may be selected if needed to fill the roster (maximum 2 teams per country per gender will be eventually accepted)
- 2 host country teams per gender's event. 2 additional host country teams may be entered in the reserve to fill in the qualification tournament if necessary.
- Wild card is granted outside of the Country Quota (host and foreign) set for FIVB Age Group World Championships.

### SEEDING

The seeding regulations will be featured in the Handbook and in the event's regulations for FIVB Beach Volleyball Age Group World Championships.

## RULES OF THE GAME

Current FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules apply

## COACHING

Coaches will be allowed in all Age Group events. An accredited coach may interact with his/her players only during warm-up, change of set, between rallies, at switch of the court and during time outs. The Coach sits at the designated Team seating areas, and must remain seated during the play and during intervals between rallies, except when switching courts, during set intervals and while instructing players during time outs. During court switches, the Coach switches with the teams. The coach may also, in addition to the game captain, request time outs. In this instance, the contacting official is the 2nd referee. The Coach may not stand during play to talk to the team members

Further details will be featured in the Handbook and in the Events' regulations.

## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

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- A head of delegation must be appointed to travel with athletes who have not yet reached legal age;
- The organizer will bear the costs of board & lodging for all the **athletes in the Main Draw**;
- The participating teams of the qualification tournament (or entered to fill the roster or as reserve teams) should bear all the costs related to board & lodging;
- Each NF is responsible for the international travel of their teams and head of delegation;
- The participating teams are requested to start **well in advance the visa procedures** (if any) and travel arrangements to avoid any inconvenience and to inform the FIVB in case of difficulties;
- Coaches will receive an accreditation only if the dedicated form will be sent by the participating NFs in due time to the organizers concerned.

*Note: The FIVB and the organizers reserve the rights to amend the information featured in this document when issuing the Handbook (January 2017) and the Event's Regulations and confirmed teams' list (-30 days prior the event).*

## EVENT

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U21 World Championships 2017 – Nanjing (China) 13-18 June 2017

### Deadlines

#### U 21 Nanjing

- -60 days → 14 April 2017
- -45 days → 1st May 2017
- -31 days → 13 May 2017
- -30 days → 15 May 2017

## USEFUL LINKS

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VIS2009 : <http://www.fivb.org/vis2009/>

2016 Handbook (new version for 2017 will be available in January 2017):  
[http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Document/2016\\_AGWCHS\\_HANDBOOK\\_final.pdf](http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Document/2016_AGWCHS_HANDBOOK_final.pdf)