

# FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL AGE GROUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

## QUALIFICATION PROCESS – CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

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1. **The Continental Confederations to select the best six ranked teams per gender** through the last UNDER 19/21/23 Continental Championships (or UNDER 19/21/23 Continental Tour) event ranking.

In case a Continental Confederation will not have sufficient time to organize the above mentioned events in 2013, it can use the event ranking of the 2012 season. Should a Continental Confederation not have a ranking of the 2012 season, it may follow the FIVB criteria selection (points A to E of the selection criteria – see below).

2. The Continental Confederations to inform the FIVB and their NFs by latest **25<sup>th</sup> February 2013** about their Qualification Process to qualify the 6 best ranked teams (per gender).
3. The Continental Confederations to enter their selected teams in the BVIS **by latest -60 days** prior the event, **and** upload the necessary documents for the athletes' eligibility in the VIS2009.



## QUALIFICATION PROCESS – NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

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1. The NFs will be informed by their respective Continental Confederations about the Qualification Process (as per above).
2. The NFs to collaborate directly with their respective Continental Confederation and provide them the necessary documents and information concerning the athletes' eligibility in due time (**latest -60 days** prior the event).
3. Should a Qualification Tournament be held to fill any vacancy in the Main Draw (from unused quota of the Continental Confederations), the FIVB will inform the NFs (**latest -55 days prior** the event).  
Each NF will have the possibility to enroll its team(s) to take part in the Qualification Tournament (regardless of the country and continental quotas), by entering their teams directly in the BVIS **by latest -45 days** prior the event, **and** uploading the necessary documents for athletes' eligibility in the VIS2009.
4. If no Qualification Tournament will be organized and all 32 teams' places are filled, the NFs can still enter their team(s) as reserved team(s).

## QUALIFICATION PROCESS – FIVB

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1. In case a Qualification Tournament will not be organized, the FIVB will fill in the vacancies (if any) with the National Federation's team(s) entry in accordance with the selection criteria (points A-E – see below) regardless of their Continental Confederation.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

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Teams will be selected to play in the event in priority as follows:

1. **Based on (any eventual) UNDER 19/21/23 Continental Championships (or UNDER 19/21/23 Continental Tour) event ranking issued before the FIVB Beach Volleyball Under 19/21/23 World Championships 2013;**

*(If point 1 above cannot be applicable)*

2. **Continental Confederation or the FIVB (in case the Continental Confederation will not use the entire quota of 6 teams per gender and no QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT is organized) may then use the below requirements to select the teams (in priority from the top to the bottom):**

- A. FIVB Beach Volleyball SWATCH Youth/Junior World Championships 2012 events ranking;
- B. National Federations hosting FIVB Beach Volleyball SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013 and FIVB Beach Volleyball 2013 events (in priority WORLD TOUR GRAND SLAM and then OPEN events);
- C. National Federations hosting Challenger and/or Satellite events and/or Continental Cup;
- D. National Federations with the best players featured in the FIVB World Ranking;
- E. National Federations promoting continental events at grass roots activities.

## ATHLETES' ELIGIBILITY

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**AGE LIMIT FOR UNDER 23**      Must be born on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1991 and thereafter

**AGE LIMIT FOR UNDER 21**      Must be born on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1993 and thereafter

**AGE LIMIT FOR UNDER 19**      Must be born on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1995 and thereafter

The athletes are required to:

- complete the on-line Anti-Doping Educational Programme (<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 VIS2009.



## ENTRY CRITERIA

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Following the Beach Volleyball Commission in December 2011, a new system of qualification was implemented, as per below, and will be maintained in 2013 for the following categories: U19/U21/U23 World Championships.



### MAIN DRAW OF 32 TEAMS

- 6 teams per gender per Continental Confederation
- 2 teams per gender host country

### QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT (if any)

- 8 (min) or 16 (max) teams per gender in QT

In case a Continental Confederation does not use the entire quota of 6 teams per gender (-60 days prior the event), a QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT (of min 8 teams and max 16 teams) will be organized (if agreed by both FIVB and Promoter).

### CONTINENTAL AND COUNTRY QUOTAS

- 6 teams per gender per Continental Confederation, from which only 1 team per gender per country is accepted;
- 2 host country teams per gender;
- The above continental and country quotas do not apply in case of QT or FIVB selection (to fill the roster if needed).


## ENTRY LISTS DEADLINES


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**-60 days** the Continental Confederations to enter teams by name in the BVIS;

**-45 days** the National Federations to enter their team(s) by name in the BVIS in case a Continental Confederation does not use the total quota of 6 teams per gender or in case the NFs wish to be in the reserve teams in case of a last minute withdrawal;

**-30 days** the FIVB issues the confirmed teams' lists.

 <b>FIVB Beach Volleyball U23 World Championships Myslowice, Poland 2013 6-9 June, 2013</b>		
-60 days	<b>07.04.13</b>	the Continental Confederations to enter <u>teams by name</u> in the BVIS;
-45 days	<b>22.04.13</b>	the National Federations to enter their team(s) by name in the BVIS in case a Continental Confederation does not use the total quota of 6 teams per gender <u>or</u> in case the NFs wishes to place their team in the reserve list in case of any last minute withdrawals;
-30 days	<b>07.05.13</b>	the FIVB issues the confirmed teams lists.

 <b>FIVB Beach Volleyball U21 World Championships Umag, Croatia 2013 20-23 June, 2013</b>		
-60 days	<b>21.04.13</b>	the Continental Confederations to enter <u>teams by name</u> in the BVIS;
-45 days	<b>06.05.13</b>	the National Federations to enter their team(s) by name in the BVIS in case a Continental Confederation does not use the total quota of 6 teams per gender <u>or</u> in case the NFs wishes to place their team in the reserve list in case of any last minute withdrawals;
-30 days	<b>21.05.13</b>	the FIVB issues the confirmed teams lists.

 <b>FIVB Beach Volleyball U19 World Championships Larnaka, Cyprus 2013 11-14 July, 2013</b>		
-60 days	<b>12.05.13</b>	the Continental Confederations to enter <u>teams by name</u> in the BVIS;
-45 days	<b>27.05.13</b>	the National Federations to enter their team(s) by name in the BVIS in case a Continental Confederation does not use the total quota of 6 teams per gender <u>or</u> in case the NFs wishes to place their team in the reserve list in case of any last minute withdrawals;
-30 days	<b>11.06.13</b>	the FIVB issues the confirmed teams lists.

## COMPETITION FORMAT

### QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT (if any)

1 day single elimination with a minimum of 8 teams and a maximum of 16 teams for any vacancy/(ies) in the Main Draw due to unused quota of the Continental Confederations; this tournament must be agreed by both the FIVB and the promoter.

### MAIN DRAW

#### *Preliminary phase*

2 days - 8 groups of 4 teams, each playing round robin with 32 teams – 2 top ranked teams of each group will qualify for the final phase, plus the best 8 teams ranked third.

#### *Final phase*

2 days - single elimination with 24 qualified teams, including the bronze and gold medal matches

Any different competition format other than the one above must be agreed by the FIVB and the ORGANIZER.

## SEEDING

Please, refer to the 2013 Handbook for FIVB Beach Volleyball Age Group World Championships which will be soon release.

## RULES OF THE GAME

Current FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules apply.

## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- 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 reserved 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 to start **well in advance the visa procedures** (if any) and travel arrangements in order to avoid any inconvenience and to inform the FIVB in case of difficulties.

*The FIVB and the organizers reserve the rights to amend the above information when issuing the Event's Regulations and confirmed teams' list (-30 days prior the event).*

## SUMMARY

-60 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS</b> to enter by name 6 teams per gender in the tournament in the BVIS and upload complete application in the BVIS</li> </ul>
-45 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scenario 1 (no QT): National Federations</b> to enter by name team(s), not qualified by the Continental Confederation, in the tournament in the BVIS and upload complete application(s) to fill the roster (if needed) or as reserve team(s).</li> <li>• <b>Scenario 2 (QT): National Federations</b> to enter by name team(s), not qualified by the Continental Confederation, in the tournament in the BVIS and upload complete application(s) in the BVIS to participate in the qualification tournament.</li> </ul>
-30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FIVB</b> to issue the confirmed teams' lists</li> </ul>