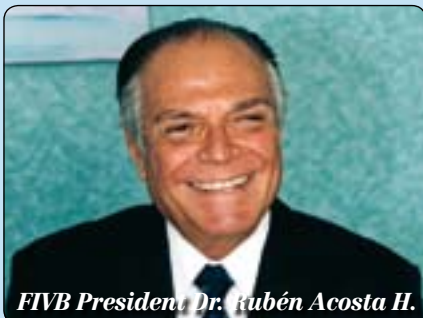


Algeria, Russia, Serbia and the U.S.A. on the road to Beijing

The thrilling Olympic path

It is a thrilling period for many of our National Federations and our five Confederations. The road to Beijing is a



FIVB President Dr. Rubén Acosta H.

highly exciting path, with unexpected results: the goal of the Olympics is a big chance for every team. The double qualification for Venezuela was definitely unpredictable and it is the perfect example to explain the hard-fought challenge.

The last Continental Qualification, which is the Men's CAVB event, is just ending and now we should wait until May to have the complete grid. We are ready for the last step, the AVC qualifications and the four World Olympic Tournaments: in Germany, Portugal and Japan, the country which will host the double gender event.

We are also waiting for the restart of the Beach Volleyball Olympic process, which began last year with the SWATCH FIVB World Tour and will continue in a few weeks with the new World Tour season. Some teams have nearly achieved their goal, but still the battle continues. There is only space for the best 48 pairs of the world and every single dig, every single serve will be important to win the tickets for Beijing. 14 different tournaments will offer points for the qualification, before the drawing of lots that the FIVB will hold in Gstaad.

We offer to the Volleyball fans, the media and all the FIVB family the daily updated situation of the qualification process on the homepage of our website, www.fivb.org. Follow all the games live and online, walk with us until August, when Volleyball and Beach Volleyball will try to set up a new record for ticket sales and TV ratings.

Dr. Rubén Acosta H.
FIVB President

New teams have obtained their Olympic berths, winning the respective Continental Olympic Qualification Tournaments. The women's teams from Algeria and Russia and the Men's teams from the U.S.A. and Serbia have now their tickets for Beijing.

The U.S.A. showed a fantastic performance in the Norceca Men's Qualification Tournament, played in Puerto Rico, by winning all the games 3-0. Even Cuba, met in the Semi-finals, was not a steady obstacle for McCutcheon's team. By the way, the winners were almost two: an incredible audience of 10.000 people gathered in Caguas to push their team to the Final. The fans gave this tournament some unforgettable sensations.

Serbia was the brilliant winner among the tough competitors in the CEV Men's Continental Olympic Qualification, staged in Izmir,

Turkey. A straight victory against The Netherlands was the last gate to Beijing International Airport. The European Champion Spain was forced to the 2nd place, while the World Vice-Champion Poland was only 5th and the former three times World Champion Italy was confined in the last place.



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Russia celebrating



The attack of Podrascanin against the Netherlands

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The Russian Women's team overpowered Poland in the final of the Women's European Olympic Qualification Tournament played in Halle, Germany, and claimed the European ticket for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. The Russian Rockets led 2-0 after two sets, before the Poles bounced back with an outstanding fighting spirit. At the end the Russian block made the difference, carrying Russia to a 15-12 tiebreak win. Poland left Halle with nothing but will still have a chance together with Serbia in the FIVB World Qualification Tournament in May, in Japan.

The Algerian Women's Volleyball team surprised the whole world by getting their Olympic berth in Blida, Algeria. They clinched their first ever Olympic ticket following their straight victories in the African Olympic qualifications, while Kenya won their last match over their compatriots Cameroon to get the second position leaving Cameroon in the 3rd place.



The Cuban team celebrates

VOLLEYBALL CONTINENTAL OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENTS

(The winner of each tournament gets the Olympic berth)

NORCECA - Men: January 6-11, Puerto Rico

Teams: Barbados, Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Trinidad & Tobago, USA
Winner: U.S.A.

NORCECA - Women: Dec. 17-22, Monterrey, Mexico

Teams: Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Trinidad & Tobago
Winner: Cuba

CSV - Men: January 3-7, Formosa, Argentina

Teams: Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela
Winner: Venezuela

CSV - Women: January 3-7, Lima, Peru

Teams: Bolivia, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela
Winner: Venezuela

CEV - Men: January 7-13, Izmir, Turkey

Teams: Spain, Italy, Poland, Netherlands, Turkey, Serbia, Germany, Finland
Winner: Serbia

CEV - Women: January 15-20, Halle, Germany

Teams: Serbia, Russia, Romania, Croatia, Germany, Poland, Netherlands, Turkey
Winner: Russia

CAVB - Men: February 3-9, Johannesburg, South Africa

Teams: Algeria, Cameroon, Gabon, Egypt, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tunisia

CAVB - Women: January 23-26, Blida, Algeria

Teams: Algeria, Cameroon, Kenya, Senegal, South Africa
Winner: Algeria

AVC * - Men: May 31 - Jun. 8, Tokyo, Japan

Teams: Japan, Australia, Korea, Iran, Thailand

AVC * - Women: May 17-25, Tokyo, Japan

Teams: Japan, Thailand, Korea, Kazakhstan

VOLLEYBALL WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENTS

Men: tournaments in Germany, Portugal, Japan

* May 23-25, Dusseldorf, Germany

4 teams: Germany + 3 teams decided by drawing of lots

* May 30 - June 1, Espinho, Portugal

4 teams: Portugal + 3 teams decided by drawing of lots

* May 31 - June 8, Tokyo, Japan

8 teams: Japan + 4 Asian teams best ranked in the Asian Continental Championship (Australia, Korea, Iran, Thailand) + 3 teams decided by drawing of lots.

Drawing of lots: 3 best ranked teams from Europe, 2 from Norceca, 1 from South America, 1 from Africa, 2 from Asia (Indonesia, Chinese Taipei). The drawing of lots will be conducted in February 2008 in Japan, at the end of all Continental Olympic Qualification Tournaments

Women: May 17-25, Tokyo, Japan *

8 teams: Japan + 3 Asian teams best ranked in the Asian Continental Championship (Thailand, Korea, Kazakhstan) + 4 best World ranked teams.

Best World ranked teams: 2 best ranked teams from Europe, 1 from Norceca, 1 from South America or Africa.

The 4 Olympic berths are assigned to the best 3 teams plus the best Asian team.

*The tournaments in Japan are valid also as Asian Qualification Tournaments.

Volleyball Olympic Entry List Men

1	China		Host country
2	Brazil		1. World Cup
3	Russia		2. World Cup
4	Bulgaria		3. World Cup
5	African Continental Qualification Tournament		
6	Asian Continental Qualification Tournament *		
7	Serbia		European Cont. QT Winner
8	U.S.A.		Norceca Cont. QT Winner
9	Venezuela		South American QT Winner
10	World Olympic Qualification Tournament - Germany		
11	World Olympic Qualification Tournament - Japan		
12	World Olympic Qualification Tournament - Portugal		

Volleyball Olympic Entry List Women

1	China		Host country
2	Italy		1. World Cup
3	Brazil		2. World Cup
4	U.S.A.		3. World Cup
5	Algeria		African Cont. QT Winner
6	Asian Qualification Tournament *		
7	Russia		European Cont. QT Winner
8	Cuba		Norceca Cont. QT Winner
9	Venezuela		South American QT Winner
10	World Olympic Qualification Tournament		
11	World Olympic Qualification Tournament		
12	World Olympic Qualification Tournament		

* The Asian Continental Qualification Tournaments are played combined with the World Olympic Qualification Tournaments in Japan

NORCECA Men's Results - Continental Olympic Qualifications

Pool A Preliminary Round		
6-January	Dominican Rep. - U.S.A.	0-3
6-January	Puerto Rico - Barbados	3-0
7-January	U.S.A. - Barbados	3-0
7-January	Puerto Rico - Dominican Rep.	3-0
8-January	Barbados - Dominican Rep.	0-3
8-January	U.S.A. - Puerto Rico	3-0
Pool B Preliminary Round		
6-January	Canada - Trinidad & Tobago	3-0
6-January	Cuba - Mexico	3-0
7-January	Trinidad & Tobago - Mexico	0-3
7-January	Cuba - Canada	1-3
8-January	Trinidad & Tobago - Cuba	0-3
8-January	Mexico - Canada	0-3
Quarterfinals		
9-January	Dominican Rep. - Cuba	0-3
9-January	Puerto Rico - Mexico	3-2
Classification 5/8		
10-January	Mexico - Barbados	3-0
10-January	Dominican Rep. - Trinidad & Tobago	3-0
Semifinals		
10-January	Cuba - U.S.A.	0-3
10-January	Canada - Puerto Rico	0-3
Classification 7/8		
11-January	Barbados - Trinidad & Tobago	2-3
Classification 5/6		
11-January	Mexico - Dominican Rep.	3-1
Finals		
11-January	Cuba - Canada	3-1
11-January	U.S.A. - Puerto Rico	3-0
Final Standing		
1 U.S.A.	5 Mexico	
2 Puerto Rico	6 Dominican Rep.	
3 Cuba	7 Trinidad & Tobago	
4 Canada	8 Barbados	



The Algerian women's team

CEV Men's Results - Continental Olympic Qualifications

Pool A		
7-January	Italy - Netherlands	3-0
7-January	Spain - Poland	3-2
8-January	Poland - Italy	3-0
9-January	Italy - Spain	2-3
9-January	Netherlands - Poland	3-2
10-January	Spain - Netherlands	1-3
Pool B		
7-January	Turkey - Finland	2-3
8-January	Serbia - Finland	3-0
8-January	Germany - Turkey	3-2
9-January	Serbia - Germany	2-3
10-January	Finland - Germany	3-0
10-January	Turkey - Serbia	1-3
Crossed Semi-Finals		
12-January	Spain - Finland	3-1
12-January	Serbia - Netherlands	3-0
Final		
13-January	Spain - Serbia	2-3
Final Standing		
1 Serbia	5 Germany	
2 Spain	6 Poland	
3 Netherlands	7 Italy	
Finland	Turkey	



Gabriel Gardner of the USA digs

CEV Women's Results - Continental Olympic Qualifications

Pool A		
15-January	Croatia - Romania	2-3
16-January	Croatia - Russia	0-3
16-January	Romania - Serbia	2-3
17-January	Serbia - Croatia	3-1
17-January	Romania - Russia	1-3
18-January	Russia - Serbia	3-1
Pool B		
15-January	Germany - Turkey	3-0
15-January	Netherlands - Poland	1-3
16-January	Poland - Germany	3-2
17-January	Turkey - Netherlands	3-1
18-January	Turkey - Poland	1-3
18-January	Germany - Netherlands	1-3
Crossed Semi-Finals		
19-January	Russia - Germany	3-0
19-January	Poland - Serbia	3-1
Final		
20-January	Russia - Poland	3-2
Final Standing		
1 Russia	5 Netherlands	
2 Poland	Romania	
3 Germany	7 Turkey	
Serbia	Croatia	



10.000 fans in Caguas, Puerto Rico for the Norceca Qualifier

CAVB Women's Results - Continental Olympic Qualification

Round Robin		
22-January	Kenya - Senegal	3-0
22-January	Algeria - Cameroon	3-0
23-January	Cameroon - South Africa	3-0
23-January	Kenya - Algeria	0-3
24-January	South Africa - Kenya	0-3
24-January	Algeria - Senegal	3-1
25-January	Senegal - Cameroon	1-3
25-January	Algeria - South Africa	3-0
26-January	South Africa - Senegal	0-3
26-January	Cameroon - Kenya	0-3
Final Standing		
1 Algeria	4 Senegal	
2 Kenya	5 South Africa	
3 Cameroon		

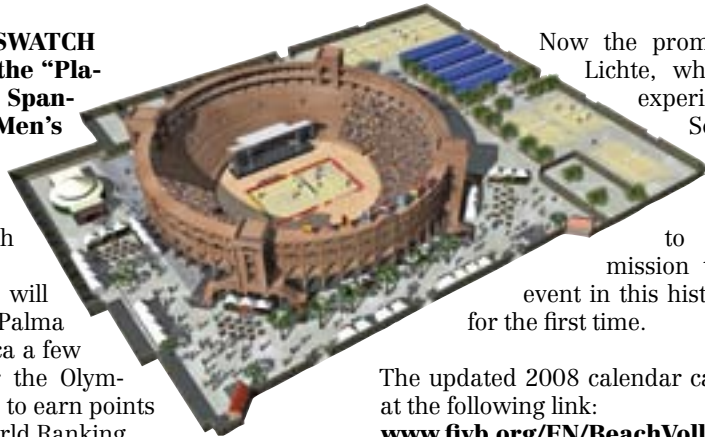
BEACH VOLLEYBALL MEN

2008 SWATCH FIVB World Tour Time for a bullfight: Mallorca's new venue debut

The FIVB announces a new tournament in the 2008 SWATCH FIVB World Tour calendar. From 2 to 7 September the "Plaza de toros", the legendary bullfight arena in the Spanish island of Mallorca, will host for the first time a Men's Open.



The world's best Beach Volleyball Players will gather in Palma de Mallorca a few days after the Olympic Games to earn points for the World Ranking.



Now the promoter Frank Lichte, who has also experience in South Africa as event organiser, managed to obtain permission to hold the event in this historical place for the first time.

The updated 2008 calendar can be found at the following link:
www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/BVB_Calendar_WT2008.htm?sm=13

The Swatch FIVB World Tour is back in

BEACH VOLLEYBALL WOMEN

Beach Volleyball road to Beijing Misty May bears out: "The competition is so fierce..."

It's a long and winding road which will lead the world's best 48 Beach Volleyball teams to Beijing. The Olympic Qualification process started last year and will continue in 2008 with the upcoming 2008 FIVB SWATCH World Tour, which will have its opening in Adelaide (25-30 March).

The rules are simple: each pair is free to play in the events they wish to get the best 8 results to compose the ranking. They can select any tournament of the SWATCH FIVB World Tour 2007 and 2008, from last year's season until next July 20 (finals of the double gender Marseille Open). Even one of the two European Championship masters held over the 2007 and 2008 can be counted on to win Olympic points.

The best 24 Women's and 24 Men's pairs will know their Olympic schedule directly in Gstaad, when the drawing of lots will take place on 26 July to compose the pools for Beijing. No more than two pairs for each gender per country are allowed to enter the list, which adds a fascinating National fight to the amazing International battle. The complete Provisional Olympic Ranking is published on the FIVB website, linked directly to the home page.

One team that will be for sure in Beijing (8 valid results, 7 gold medals) is the U.S.A. team composed by Misty May Treanor and Kerri Walsh, winner of the gold medal in Athens 2004 and the 2003, 2005 and 2007 SWATCH-FIVB World Championships. It is one of the best teams ever in the Beach Volleyball era. Since forming their partnership in 2001, May-Treanor and Walsh have compiled a 90-match winning streak

(July 2003 to June 2004) while winning 83 pro Beach Volleyball titles in 117 domestic and international starts together to become the winningest women's Beach Volleyball team in recorded history. During this period, May-Treanor and Walsh have compiled a 618-35 (90.1) match mark in the SWATCH FIVB World Tour competition.

Misty May-Treanor, 30 years old from Florida, tells about the next steps of the Golden Girls.



How is the preparation going for the new FIVB season?

"Kerri and I are very excited about the 2008 season. We are both getting ready physically and mentally for the tough road ahead of us. I feel that we are preparing very well and will be ready."

Is Kerri OK after the surgery?

"Kerri is doing fine. Her shoulder is coming along nicely. I have no doubt she will be ready to go."

On which FIVB tournaments are you going to focus?

"We plan on hitting most of the FIVB Grand Slams with some earlier and later regular FIVB tournaments in there as well. We would like to focus on all of them, they are equally as important."

Your thoughts about Beijing?

"I am very excited about going to Beijing. I have never been there. Kerri and I have put so much into preparing for these Games. It can be very difficult to stay focused for four years but Kerri and I are very dedicated to being the best we can as a team. Kerri and I have had tremendous focus and with our new coach, we feel we are back on the right track and progressing to new levels individually and collectively as a team. We are very excited to represent the USA again."

Who could be the big surprise on both sides (Men and Women) in Chaoyang Park?

"On the Women's side, I feel that every country is a threat. The Olympic Games brings out the best in people and all the teams that we face are great. On the Men's side, it would be awesome to see the USA on top but again, the competition is so fierce."

Behind your team there is a big fight for the second U.S.A. Women's pair. Who's going to prevail?

"I can't say who will prevail but it is going to be a battle. Three great teams are fighting for one spot. It is going to be fun to watch each of these teams come into their own and it will be great for the fans to follow as they race for the chance of an Olympic berth."

Montreal cancelled

The Montreal Open, scheduled in the calendar from 8 to 13 July, has been cancelled due to financial problems faced by *Volleyball Canada*, which forced this National Federation to also withdraw from the 2008 World League.

At this stage, the CEV Championship Final scheduled on 10-13 July in Hamburg (included in the Olympic Games qualification system) will be held without any clashes with the World Tour as it was in 2007.

Adelaide Australia Open



Schedule confirmed

The competition schedule for the Adelaide Australia Open is now confirmed:

- 25 March: Men and Women's Country Quota Play-off and Qualification Tournament.
- 30 March: Men and Women's medal matches.

For the complete event schedule, www.fivb.org

BEACH VOLLEYBALL MEN & WOMEN

Launching the World Tour

New tentative 2008 calendar for Challengers and Satellites

The FIVB Beach Volleyball Department has released the tentative 2008 Calendar of Challenger / Satellite Events. These tournaments are all officially sanctioned by the FIVB and are divided into Challengers (tournaments with 30,000 USD prize Money), Satellites (10,000 USD) or simply Exhibitions, international events with no fixed prizes.

Interesting events for all the local and international players, they are also useful testing platforms for the National Federations and the promoters. In the past, it occurred several times that a promoter, after testing its organization in one of these events, decided to ask the FIVB to organise a SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open. The events are also a great occasion for players to show their skills on the international

stage, since the top 24 men's teams / 16 women's teams in the FIVB World Ranking (as per the standings 30 days before the start of the competition) are not allowed to take part in Challenger events, while the same rule is applied to the top 48 men's teams / 32 women's teams in Satellite events.

The updated 2008 tentative calendar can be found at the following link:

http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/competitions/challengers/2008/comp_cal_chall_sat_m-w.htm?sm=113

Women's tentative Calendar

Country	Event	Dates	Qualification	Main Draw	Number of teams in the qualification	Number of teams in the main draw	Site	Prize Money
Brazil	Exhibition	February 3	N/A	February 3	N/A	4	Ipanema Beach, Rio de Janeiro	N/A
Northern Marianas Islands	Country vs. Country	February 22-24	February 22	February 23-24	2	2	Saipan	USD 4,000
Spain	Satellite	June 27-29	June 27	June 28-29	24	16	San Sebastián	USD 10,000
Switzerland	Exhibition	July 12	N/A	July 12	N/A	4	Lausanne	CHF 7,000
Egypt	Challenger	July 23-25	July 23	July 24-25	16	16	Hacienda Bay Beach	USD 30,000
Russia	Challenger	July 30 - August 3	July 30	August 1 - 3	32	16	Vladivostok	USD 30,000
Liechtenstein	Satellite	August 6-9	August 6	August 7-9	16	16	Vaduz	USD 10,000

Men's tentative Calendar

Country	Event	Dates	Qualification	Main Draw	Number of teams in the qualification	Number of teams in the main draw	Site	Prize Money
Brazil	Exhibition	January 12-13	N/A	January 12-13	N/A	6	Guarujá, São Paulo	N/A
Oman	Exhibition	January 23-25	N/A	January 23-25	N/A	19	Muscat	N/A
Brazil	Exhibition	February 10	N/A	February 10	N/A	4	Ipanema Beach, Rio de Janeiro	N/A
Northern Marianas Islands	Country vs. Country	February 22-24	February 22	February 23-24	2	2	Saipan	USD 4,500
France	Country vs. Country	May 16-18	N/A	May 16-18	N/A	N/A	Montpellier	USD 4,000
Czech Rep.	Challenger	July 3-6	July 3	July 4-6	64	24	Brno	USD 30,000
Switzerland	Satellite	July 10-13	July 10	July 11-13	16	16	Lausanne	USD 15,000
Estonia	Challenger	July 17-20	July 17	July 18-20	32	16	Pärnu	USD 30,000
Russia	Challenger	July 30 - August 3	July 30	August 1 - 3	32	16	Vladivostok	USD 30,000
Liechtenstein	Satellite	August 7-10	August 7	August 8-10	16	16	Vaduz	USD 10,000
Switzerland	Country vs. Country	September 4-6	N/A	September 4-6	N/A	N/A	Frauenfeld	N/A

7 Women's Events / 11 Men's Events

DEVELOPMENT

FIVB Volleyball Cooperation Programme: New Technical e-library launched

The FIVB Technical Department and the Technical Commission in a fruitful collaboration with our partners are launching a new technical e-library which will serve as the basis for the future didactic material that will be produced.

The first material to be published is the Women's Volleyball project which is developed to show and teach coaches as well as players how to do specific Volleyball movements in Women's Volleyball, with a

special focus on the individual techniques and the player's role within the team. All the videos that will be on the website are free to use for National Federations, coaches, and players worldwide and the material is fully downloadable.

The video clips that form this technical e-library can be seen in slow motion and frame by frame motion which allows the users to exploit the material to the full extent. This material will serve as an elite Volleyball material to show how and to

teach how modern Volleyball is played at international level. Figures indicate that women's Volleyball is extremely popular and the need for a specialized women's Volleyball material has been recognized. We are sure that this material will become extremely popular among coaches as they can now easily show the movement skill, side-steps, cross steps and various footwork and body techniques while watching and enjoying some of the world best women's players at the same time.

The link to this material is:

www.fivb.org/EN/Technical/eLibrary

Enjoy and let's keep the ball flying for women also!



A new e-library

DEVELOPMENT

Volley All Festivals: National Federations to promote Mass Volleyball

Last year, in a joint venture with many National Federations, the FIVB Development Commission had 44 National Federations participating in the yearly Volley All Festivals. Last year's events showed that many Federations are working actively on youth development and they are promoting good events that attract both media interest as well as helping the Federations to obtain their future customers.

Volleyball is truly a universal sport which can be played anywhere, from parks, to squares, all the way down to the Beach.

Russia, Senegal, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Ukraine, USA, Vanuatu, Yemen, Uganda, Philippines, Palestine.

The *Volley All Festival* is truly a unique open event without any limitations and no quotas are applied. This is the event where the National Federations are the shining stars!

"We will keep on promoting mass Volleyball for children and we will monitor National Federation's development in this aspect. It is a priority that our member Federations motivate the youth actively



Volley All Festival in Portugal

Last year the following countries conducted a *Volley All Festival*:

Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Congo, Costa Rica, France, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, England, Fiji, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Guyana, Haiti, India, Iceland, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Paraguay, Portugal,

and continuously. We look forward to promoting Volleyball in every Continent in 2008", commented Helgi Thorsteinsson, the Technical & Development Director on this occasion.

The National Federations interested in taking part in the 2008 Volley All Festival are requested to send their enquires to:

technical.development@fivb.org

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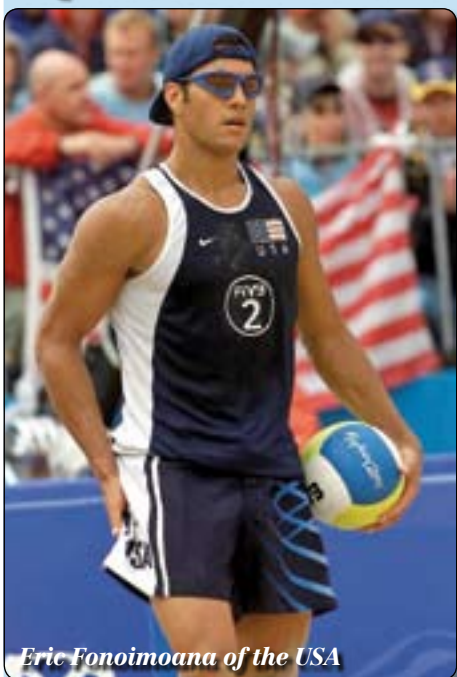
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QuickSets



Eric Fonoimoana of the USA

Olympic champion retires

38-year old Eric Fonoimoana has decided to retire from Beach Volleyball courts. He will probably face his last match this year, before dedicating himself to his real estate career and to the amazing project "Dig for Kids", which helps kids in inner cities excel in school and Volleyball.

Together with Dain Blanton, he won the 2000 Beach Volleyball tournament in the Olympic Games in Sydney, 2000, beating Ze Marco-Ricardo in the gold final.



Leila Barros of Brazil

FIVB Technical Courses and Volleyball Cooperation Programme Calendar - February-March 2008

COUNTRY	TYPE	DATES		DAYS
		From	To	
Libya	Coaches Level I	2-February	13-February	12
Niger	VCP Young Players	11-February	16-February	6
Thailand	Coaches Level II	15-February	27-February	13
Bulgaria	Refereeing IRCC	17-February	25-February	9
Ecuador	VCP Teachers	22-February	27-February	6
Trinidad & Tobago	VCP Beach Volleyball	1-March	6-March	6
Palau	VCP Beach Volleyball	1-March	6-March	6
Nepal	Coaches Level I	3-March	14-March	12
Equatorial Guinea	VCP Teachers	10-March	15-March	6
Panama	VCP Teachers	15-March	20-March	6
Yemen	VCP Young Players	17-March	22-March	6
Cape Verde	VCP Coaches	22-March	27-March	6
Madagascar	VCP Young Players	24-March	29-March	6
Dominica	VCP Young Players	25-March	30-March	6

2008 Global Calendar - Competitions and Events - Volleyball & Beach Volleyball

DATES	EVENT	COUNTRY	ORG.	M/W
February 3-9	Continental Olympic Qualification Tournament	South Africa	CAVB	M
February 8-10	Beach Volleyball Circuit	Chile	CSV	M/W
February 12-14	Indesit European Champions League - Playoffs 12 t. - Home	Various	CEV	W
February 12-14	Challenge Cup Women - 1/4 Finals - Home	Various	CEV	W
February 12-14	Indesit European Champions League - Playoffs 12 t. - Home	Various	CEV	M
February 12-14	CEV Cup Men - Challenge Round - Home	Various	CEV	M
February 12-14	Challenge Cup Men - 1/4 Finals - Home	Various	CEV	M
February 15-17	Beach Volleyball Circuit	Uruguay	CSV	M/W
February 19-21	Indesit European Champions League - Playoffs 12 t. - Away	Various	CEV	M
February 19-21	CEV Cup Men - Challenge Round - Away	Various	CEV	M
February 19-21	Indesit European Champions League - Playoffs 12 t. - Away	Various	CEV	W
February 19-21	Challenge Cup Women - 1/4 Finals - Away	Various	CEV	W
February 19-21	Challenge Cup Men - 1/4 Finals - Away	Various	CEV	M
March 4-6	Indesit European Champions League - Playoffs 6 t. - Home	Various	CEV	M/W
March 11-13	Indesit European Champions League - Playoffs 6 t. - Away	Various	CEV	M/W
Mar 15-16	CEV Cup Women - Final Four	Belgrade	CEV	W
Mar 15-16	Challenge Cup Women - Final Four	TBD	CEV	W
March 19-24	II NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit	Dominican Rep.	NORCECA	M/W
March 21-23	2008 Junior Men U20 ECH Small Countries. - Final Round	Malta	CEV	M
March 22-23	CEV Cup Men - Final Four	TBD	CEV	M
March 22-23	Challenge Cup Men - Final Four	TBD	CEV	M
March 25-29	2008 Junior Women U19 ECH - Qualif. Tourn. - 2nd Round	Israel	CEV	W
March 25-29	2008 Junior Women U19 ECH - Small Countries - Final Round	Liechtenstein	CEV	W
March 26-31	2008 Junior U19 ECH - Qualification Tournaments - 2nd Round	Estonia, Slovakia, Finland	CEV	W
March 26-31	2008 Junior U20 ECH - Qualification Tournaments - 2nd Round	Austria, Croatia, Germany, Romania	CEV	M
March 29-30	Indesit European Champions League Final Four Men	Lodz, Poland	CEV	M

New Brazilian pairs on the sand

With an eye on the Beijing Olympic Games, in August, a new Brazilian Beach Volleyball pair has been formed.

Leila Barros and Sandra Pires decided to combine efforts to fight for a place in the Olympics.

Not an easy task, as according to the country quota rules established by the FIVB, only two teams from each country can participate.

Currently, Brazil's two spots belong to world ranking leaders Juliana and Larissa, and Renata and Talita.

Until the deadline for the definition of the qualified teams there will be 12 events in the SWATCH FIVB World Tour and Sandra, 34, and Leila, 36, need to be on the podium in, at least, eight of them.

Sandra Pires could play her fourth Olympics: in Atlanta, 1996, with Jacqueline, she won the gold and four years later the bronze medal in the Sydney Olympics, with Adriana Samuel.

Leila Barros' greatest achievements were in Volleyball: two Olympic bronze medals with the Brazilian national team (Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000).

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