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**FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL SWATCH  
WORLD TOUR – 1TO1 ENERGY GRAND  
SLAM 2011**



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FIVB Web site link to the event:

<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/2011/Event/index.asp?TournCode=MGST2011>

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## COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND FORMAT

Country Quota Playoff: to be played after 2:00 pm the day before the Qualification Tournament in conjunction with the practical part of the referee clinic.

Qualification Tournament:

Women: Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Men: Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Main Draw and Finals:

Women:

Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 2011 Pool Play

Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 Single Elimination, 2pm – 5 pm ¼ finals

Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 Semi- Final 1 at 11am and Semi-Final 2 followed by (local time)

Bronze medal match at 2pm (local time) and Gold medal match at 3pm (local time)

Men:

Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 Pool Play

Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 Single Elimination, 5.30pm ¼ finals

Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 Semi- Final 1 at 10am (local time) and Semi-Final 2 followed by

Bronze medal match at 1.30pm (local time) and Gold medal match at 3pm (local time)

The Qualification Tournament (1 day) will be preceded by the “Country Quota Playoff” matches (with a single elimination format) to determine the teams eligible to participate in the Main Draw through the Qualification Tournament.

The Qualification Tournament (i.e. max. 32 teams for Grand Slam Events at the completion of the “Country Quota Playoff” matches) will consist of a single elimination format.

The Main Draw (4 days) will be based on the pool play format.

The winners of the 2 semi-finals will play the finals for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place while the losers will play the finals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### Rules for Pool Ranking (Grand Slam and World Championships)

—Winner earns 2 match points, Loser earns 1 match point.

—In case of an injury forfeit of a team (team is at the court on time for the start of their match, however cannot start the match due to injury), the winning team will be awarded 2 match points for the win, a set score of 2:0, and points of 0:0, 0:0. The losing team will be awarded 1 match point, a set score of 0:2, and points of 0:21. 0:21. The scoresheet however will reflect the standard application of rule 7.4.

—In case of an injury forfeit or an eventual disqualification of a team after the start of the match (as an example BRA is leading AUS 6:4 in the first set and AUS is injured at this point and cannot continue the match), the winning team will be awarded 2 points for the win, a set score of 2:0, and little points of 6:4, 0:0. The losing team will be awarded 1 match point, a set score of 0:2, and points of 4:21. 0:21. The scoresheet however will reflect the standard application of rule 7.4.

—In case of a forfeit due to no show of the team before the start of their match, the winning team will be awarded 2 points for the win, a set score of 2:0, and points of 0:0, 0:0. The losing team will be awarded 0 match points, a set score of 0:2, and points of 0:21. 0:21. The scoresheet however will reflect the standard application of rule 7.4. The forfeiting team will also be subject to a sanction.

**In case of a tie in the Pools (match points), during the Round Robin, the following rules will apply:**

—Between two teams:

—If teams have played against each other, the winner of the head to head match is ranked higher.

—If teams concerned have not played against each other, their ranking is determined by the points ratio **between all teams in the pool.**

—If a tie still exists by points ratio then the teams have the same position in ranking.

—Between three teams:

—If three teams have a tie in the main points, then the top ranked team is determined by the points ratios in the matches **between the three tied teams.**

—If a tie still exists then the teams have the same position in the ranking.

—Between four teams:

—The ranking is determined by the points ratio **between all teams in the pool.**

—If a tie still exists then the teams have the same position in the ranking.

**In case of a tie in the Pools (match points), at the end of Round Robin, the following rules will apply:**

—Between two teams:

—The winner of the head to head match is ranked higher.

—Between three teams:

—Teams are ranked by the points ratios in the matches between the three tied teams.

—If a tie still exists then the top ranked team is determined by the points ratio **between all teams in the pool.**

—If a tie still exists then the top ranked team is determined by the tournament seeding (the highest seed of the tied teams is the top ranked teams).



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**PRIZE MONEY AND BONUS POOL**

The 2011 Prize Money of the events of a certain month will be paid by the FIVB to the athletes as per below chart

	<b>Events</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Payment due date</b>
1	Brasilia	23rd April	9th May
2	Sanya & Shanghai	8th May	23rd May
3	Prague & Myslowice	22th May	6th June
4	Beijing	12th June	27th June
5	Rome & Stavanger	3rd July	18th July
6	Gstaad & Moscow	17th July	1st August
7	Quebec & Stare Jablonki	31th July	15th August
8	Klagenfurt	7th August	15th August
9	Aland & City of the Hague	28th August	12th September
10	Morocco	9th October	24th October
11	Phuket	6th November	21st November

Please note that taxes will apply as per the Swiss Law.

The Country Quota Play-Off matches, Qualification Tournament, and Main Draw are counting towards the minimum number of events to become eligible in accordance with the FIVB Bonus Pool Regulations. If for any reason whatsoever an athlete is declared non-eligible (i.e. disqualification, breach of athlete's commitment terms, etc.) the FIVB Bonus Pool will be retained by the FIVB and no further reallocation of the FIVB Bonus Pool will be foreseen.

In 2011, the FIVB shall pay the Bonus Pool in their full amounts to the eligible athletes who will play in all 2011 tournaments minus 4 events of the 2011 SWATCH FIVB events as follows:

—Mandatory registration and mandatory participation for the eligible teams to the World Championship (in the year of the World Championship).

—Participation to the majority of the Grand Slam events.

—Participation to all remaining events (Open and/or Grand Slam) to reach the minimum events participation requirements.

Eligible players missing the World Championship, majority of the Grand Slam and the Open events (in 2011) not reaching the minimum events participation requirement lose all Bonus Pool unless the athlete already entered in the provisional and confirmed list requests an exception proving with medical certificate his or her injury. In this latter case, the injured player can only miss two events (resulting in total 4 + 2 events due to the injury) during the entire season. For such a case of "force majeure" a medical certificate must be sent to the FIVB by the corresponding National Federation. A player through the National Federation must declare 15 days after the event concerned his/her injury to the FIVB and send to the FIVB the appropriate Medical Certificate. Upon declaration, an approximate time frame must be stipulated in order to determine the 2 events he/she will miss. Late requests which are sent to the FIVB after 15 days from the date of the injury will not be taken into consideration by the FIVB. In the situation where the playing partner is affected, the FIVB will make a decision on a case by case basis for his/her eligibility for Bonus Pool. Moreover, an athlete can be eligible for his/her Bonus Pool in case he/she enter in the event but she/he will not have enough entry points to enter in certain World Tour events due to the limitation of the maximum number of teams participation featured in the event's regulations, but the team was physically present at a Preliminary Enquiry and/or Technical Meeting of the respective tournament. Any eventual claims of payment(s) must be sent to the Beach Volleyball Department ([beach@fivb.org](mailto:beach@fivb.org)) and the Finance Department ([finance.beach@fivb.org](mailto:finance.beach@fivb.org)).

**Extra Bonus Pool**

Following the Executive Committee meeting in Japan (22 November 2009), a further fidelity program, called Extra Bonus Pool, has been created for those players participating at the of World Tour events in 2010 and onwards as follows:

<b>PARTICIPATION</b>	<b>BONUS POOL</b>
Total Nr. of Events - (minus) 4 withdrawals - (minus) 2 withdrawals + medical certificates	100%
Total Nr. of Events - (minus) 4 withdrawals	110%
Total Nr. of Events - (minus) 2 withdrawals	120%
Total Nr. of Events	130%

Further information is available into the 2009-2012 NF-Player's Commitment (<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms/Athletes/2009-2012NF-Player's%20Commitment.pdf>) or Chapter 10 of the 2011 Handbook.



**FIVB WORLD RANKING POINTS (PER ATHLETE)**

		Grand Slam
Rank	%	Pool Play
1	100.00%	400
2	90.00%	360
3	80.00%	320
4	70.00%	280
5	60.00%	240
7	50.00%	-
9	40.00%	160
13	30.00%	-
17	20.00%	80
25	10.00%	40
33	5.00%	20
37	4.00%	-
41	3.00%	12
57	1.00%	4

Note: Minor adjustments to the above chart may apply at a later stage

**WOMEN'S EVENT SCHEDULE (IF ANY)**

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> Arrival of the Qualification Tournament teams  
 12:30 Meeting for Country Quota Play-Off teams at the side courts(if any)  
 14:00 Country Quota Play-Off matches (if any)  
 18:00 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance)  
 at the Hotel Bellevue for the Qualification Tournament teams  
 19:00 Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance)  
 at the Hotel Bellevue for the Qualification Tournament teams

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> Qualification Tournament  
 Arrival of Main Draw teams  
 19:00 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance)  
 at Hotel Bellevue for the Main Draw teams  
 20:00 Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance)  
 at Hotel Bellevue for the Main Draw teams (mandatory attendance)

Wed, 6<sup>th</sup> Main Draw (32 matches)

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> Main Draw (24 matches)

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> .. Main Draw (12 matches)  
 Departure of the persons concerned

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> Semi finals and finals

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> Departure of the persons concerned

Training courts available since (date): Friday, July 1st 2011  
 Total # of competition courts: 6  
 Total # of warm-up courts: 4  
 Side Events (Beach Party) Friday and Saturday in the Parking "Unter-Gstaad" just next to the Center Court 10pm => free for all players



<b>MEN'S EVENT SCHEDULE (IF ANY)</b>	<p>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> Arrival of the Qualification Tournament teams  12:30 Meeting for Country Quota Play-Off teams at the side courts(if any)  14:00 Country Quota Play-Off matches (if any)  18:00 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) at the Hotel Bellevue for the Qualification Tournament teams  19:00 Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) at the Hotel Bellevue for the Qualification Tournament teams</p> <p>Wed, 6<sup>th</sup> Qualification Tournament  Arrival of Main Draw teams  19:00 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) at Hotel Bellevue for the Main Draw teams  20:00 Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) at Hotel Bellevue for the Main Draw teams (mandatory attendance)</p> <p>Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> Main Draw (32 matches)  Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> Main Draw (24 matches)  Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> Main Draw (12 matches)  Departure of the persons concerned</p> <p>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> Semi finals and finals  Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> Departure of the persons concerned</p> <p>Training courts available since (date): Friday, July 1st 2011  Total # of competition courts: 6  Total # of warm-up courts: 4  Side Events (Beach Party) Friday and Saturday in the Parking "Unter-Gstaad" just next to the Center Court 10pm =&gt; free for all players</p>
<b>PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY</b>	<p>Only players who sent in to the FIVB in due time the required forms NF-Player's Commitment (<a href="http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms/Athletes/2009-2012NF-Player's%20Committment.pdf">http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms/Athletes/2009-2012NF-Player's%20Committment.pdf</a>) duly signed by all parties and in good standing with the FIVB will be considered eligible to take part in the 2011 FIVB Beach Volleyball SWATCH World Tour events. New registered athletes will be required to provide the NF/Player's Commitment to the FIVB in due time.</p> <p>All athletes are required to send to the FIVB the Annual Health Certificate (WT-10) to become eligible to participate in the 2011 events (<a href="http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms/Athletes/WT-10HealthCertificate.pdf">http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms/Athletes/WT-10HealthCertificate.pdf</a>).</p> <p>Moreover, players are required to clear their outstanding fines to be to become eligible to participate in the 2011 events.</p> <p>All athletes must present an FIVB Anti-Doping Certificate 30 days prior to the participation in an FIVB Swatch World Tour and/ or Swatch World Championships, after having successfully completed FIVB's Anti-Doping education program "We play it clean!" online: <a href="http://www.fivb.org/RealWinner/">http://www.fivb.org/RealWinner/</a></p>
<b>ENTRY (FIVB WEBSITE)</b>	<p>The confirmed teams' entry list as well as useful information related to the event are enclosed to this Event's Regulations and available on the FIVB website (2011 Handbook, Chapter 9).</p> <p>Entry Points are the sum of individual ranking points based on the best 4 results out of the last 5 FIVB SWATCH WORLD TOUR (Open and Grand Slam), SWATCH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, recognized Continental Tour and recognized Satellite/Challenger (see point 9.1.B.1 above), and participations within the last 365 days</p> <p>The Points earned on the occasion of recognized Continental Tour (including the Final and other events part of this tour) and recognized Satellite/Challenger events (see Chapter 9 point 9.1.B.1 above), if these are a benefit for the team, count towards the teams' entry in the Qualification Tournament or the Main Draw of the FIVB Beach Volleyball SWATCH WORLD TOUR or FIVB Beach Volleyball SWATCH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS events, determined – 14 days prior to the start of the competition (i.e. Open, Grand Slam, and World Championships).</p>
Olympic Qualification	<p>The latest version of the Olympic Qualification System approved by IOC in May 2011 is available online on the links below:  English version:  <a href="http://www.fivb.org/en/BeachVolleyball/Document/FIVB_OG2012_Qualification_System_BVB_ENG.PDF">http://www.fivb.org/en/BeachVolleyball/Document/FIVB_OG2012_Qualification_System_BVB_ENG.PDF</a>  French version:  <a href="http://www.fivb.org/en/BeachVolleyball/Document/FIVB_OG2012_Qualification_System_BVB_FRE.PDF">http://www.fivb.org/en/BeachVolleyball/Document/FIVB_OG2012_Qualification_System_BVB_FRE.PDF</a></p>



<b>FORFEIT</b>	<p>Each National Federation is responsible for informing immediately both the FIVB and the Organizers in case of forfeit of an enrolled team through the WT/03 form (from -13 days to the start of the event). No medical certificate or proof of "force majeure" is needed within this period of time (-14 days up to Friday preceding the event).</p> <p>Starting from 5 pm (Swiss time) on Friday preceding an event, the National Federation will need to communicate directly (by using the appropriate form and medical certificate) to the Technical Supervisor assigned to the concerned event copying the FIVB (at beach@fivb.org or fax +41 345 3548) until 1 minute (e.g. 12.59pm) before the day of the Country Quota Play Off meeting to withdraw without a penalty. For details related to this regulation and its eventual sanction please refer to Chapter 9 and 11 of the 2011 Handbook.</p>
<b>PRELIMINARY INQUIRY AND TECHNICAL MEETING</b>	<p>All Athletes must attend the mandatory Preliminary Inquiry.</p> <p>Athletes' attendance at the Technical Meeting is mandatory. If required, a drawing of lots will be made during the meeting to break any eventual ties concerning the seeding. Match-up seeding and additional detailed information on the competition will be distributed on the occasion of the Technical Meeting.</p> <p>Athletes may be requested to provide their ID card or passport during the Technical Meeting.</p>
<b>UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES</b>	<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 tank 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.</p> <p>For details related to the uniform's regulation, please refer to Chapter 4 of the 2011 Handbook.</p>
<b>SEEDING</b>	<p>In the Qualification Tournament (Grand Slam and Open Events), teams will be seeded as per the players' 365 day FIVB World Ranking points on the day before the event (Technical Meeting).</p> <p>In the Main Draw all teams will be seeded as per the players' most recent Main Draw finish (best 4 out of 5 last finishes) over the last 12 months in FIVB Beach Volleyball SWATCH World Tour and FIVB Beach Volleyball SWATCH World Championships events on the day before the start of the event (Technical Meeting).</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 FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules approved by the FIVB Board of Administration are included in the Beach Volleyball Referee Guidelines and posted on the FIVB Web site at <a href="http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Rules/rules.htm">http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Rules/rules.htm</a></p>



<p><b>WELCOME AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION</b></p>	<p><u>Main Draw Players</u>  The Promoter has the pleasure to welcome all main draw players arriving in Switzerland at the Geneva, Berne or Zurich airport and will take care of the local transportation from the airport to Gstaad. Please send all travel information, arrival time, flight number before <b>June 30<sup>th</sup></b> by fax or mail, Fax +41 33 744 06 42, e-mail: <a href="mailto:transportation@beachworldtour.ch">transportation@beachworldtour.ch</a></p> <p>The airport shuttle service is for main draw players available from Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12pm from Zurich and 2pm from Geneva and Berne.</p> <p><u>Qualification Players</u>  For qualification player we <b>only</b> provide transportation from the <b>Geneva airport</b> and take care of the local transportation from the airport to Gstaad. Please send all travel information, arrival time, flight number before <b>June 30<sup>th</sup></b> by fax or mail, Fax +41 33 744 06 42, e-mail: <a href="mailto:transportation@beachworldtour.ch">transportation@beachworldtour.ch</a></p> <p>The airport shuttle service is for qualification players available from Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm from Geneva.</p> <p>The travel form (WT/31) has to be sent by the athletes to the Organizer at the latest three days before the start of the event.</p> <p>Local transportation for any other persons, like coaches, players' guests, teams' physiotherapists, friends or family members will not be under the responsibility of the promoter. Should the promoter have enough means also for coaches, family members, etc. he/she will be entitled to apply a fare for such transportation/additional service.</p>
<p><b>TRANSPORTATION</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>BOARD AND LODGING</b></p>	<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>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 athlete.</p> <p>The FIVB strongly recommends that the organizers accommodate athletes in different hotels than the hotel for the FIVB officials and referees.</p>
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<b>ACCREDITATION</b>	Organizers will provide all Organizing Committee members, FIVB Officials, referees, athletes, VIP's, 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> .			



**WITHDRAWAL  
AND SANCTIONS****3. Confirmed List (-14 days up to Friday preceding the event)**

—Once the confirmed list of teams is issued by the FIVB (-14 days), the FIVB is then the only entity accountable for receiving through the WT/03 Form (duly completed) any withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes requests entered in the Main Draw and the Qualification Tournament and to apply any modifications to the Confirmed List.

—No official withdrawal will be accepted by the FIVB if not requested in time and in writing through the WT/03 form.

—In case of withdrawal of an athlete entered in a World Tour event, the National Federation/athletes concerned must inform the FIVB whether the athlete will be substituted or not through the WT/03 form.

—National Federations entering teams through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Web based application system are responsible for any eventual sanctions related to the non-fulfillment of the FIVB Regulations.

—No medical certificate or proof of “force majeure” is needed within this period of time (-14 days up to Friday preceding the event). Anyhow, a player cannot withdraw from a World Tour/World Championships event to participate in another tournament (i.e. at National or Continental level), during the period of the World Tour/World Championships concerned.

—In the qualification tournament, should the disbanding of a team happens after the announcement of the confirmed list, the new team has the right to remain in the 32 or 64 qualification tournament teams only if they have enough points, otherwise they will be reserve teams

—Reserve teams are featured onto the confirmed list and are constantly updated until the Preliminary Inquiry of the Country Quota Play-Off. Reserve Teams must register at the respective Preliminary Inquiry and be present at the commencement of the respective Qualification Tournament Technical Meeting to be eligible for possible inclusion in the Qualification Tournament, subject to late withdrawals or no shows by any teams (note if a country has participated in Country Quota Play-Offs, no team from the same Country from the Reserve List would be eligible to participate in the Qualification Tournament in case of any withdrawals or no shows).

Note:

*All deadlines concerning withdrawals are calculated from the start of the Country Quota Tournament and backwards.*

**Last Minute Withdrawal (Friday preceding the Event up to - 1 minute before the Country Quota Play Off Technical Meeting)**

Withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes need to follow the below criteria:

- a) Athletes who fail to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and the Technical Meeting of the Qualification Tournament will be exempted from any fine only if the concerned National Federation provides to the FIVB via fax and email a proof of “force majeure” or medical certificate (using the appropriate form) related to the withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athlete entered in the Qualification Tournament. Starting from 5 pm (Swiss time) on Friday preceding the event, the National Federation will need to communicate directly (by using the appropriate form and medical certificate) to the Technical Supervisor assigned to the concerned event copying the FIVB (at [beach@fivb.org](mailto:beach@fivb.org) or fax +41 345 3548) until – 1 minute (e.g. 12.59pm) of the day of the Country Quota Play Off meeting to withdraw without a penalty. Withdrawals due to “force majeure” are subjected to FIVB approval, a written notification is needed to justify such a case. Should a Qualification player withdraw after the above deadline without providing in a medical certificate or a satisfactory proof of “force majeure” a fine of USD 500 will be applied by the FIVB. All players withdrawing due to a medical reason must send to the FIVB the concerned certificate (of the time of the injury) 15 days after the event concerned in order to be eligible for the Bonus Pool. Once a player withdraw from a World Tour/World Championships, he/she cannot play in a different tournament during the World Tour/World Championships event's concerned. If a player is found participating in a different tournament, a fine will be issued by the FIVB. Reiterated case by the same athlete may lead to a suspension from major FIVB events. The FIVB Technical Supervisor is requested to notify immediately the situation to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department. The concerned player must pay the fine to the FIVB either before arriving at his/her next event, or on-site to the FIVB Technical Supervisor of his/her next event, before the Technical Meeting concerned (i.e. Qualification Tournament or Main Draw depending on which event player is participating first). The player concerned will only be accepted by the FIVB to play in his/her next event if the amount due is received and officially acknowledged by the FIVB (in advance) or the FIVB Technical Supervisor (on-site) before the start of the event.

	<p>b)</p> <p>Athletes who fail to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and the Technical Meeting of the Main Draw Tournament will be exempted from any fine only if the National Federation provides to the FIVB via fax and email a proof of "force majeure" or medical certificate (using the appropriate form) related to the withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athlete entered in the Main Draw Tournament. Starting from 5 pm (Swiss time) on Friday preceding the event, the National Federation will need to communicate directly (by using the appropriate form and medical certificate) to the Technical Supervisor assigned to the concerned event copying the FIVB (at <a href="mailto:beach@fivb.org">beach@fivb.org</a> or fax +41 345 3548) until – 1 minute (e.g. 12.59pm) of the day of the Country Quota Play Off Technical meeting to withdraw without a penalty. Withdrawals due to "force majeure" are subject to FIVB approval, a written notification is needed to justify such a case. Finally, should a Main Draw player withdraw without providing in due time a medical certificate or a satisfactory proof of "force majeure" after the above deadline a fine of USD 3,000 will be applied by the FIVB. All players withdrawing due to a medical reason must send to the FIVB the concerned certificate (of the time of the injury) 15 days after the event concerned in order to be eligible for the Bonus Pool. Once a player withdraw from a World Tour/World Championships, he/she cannot play in a different tournament during the World Tour/World Championships event's concerned. If a player is found participating in a different tournament, a fine will be issued by the FIVB. Reiterated case by the same athlete may lead to a suspension from major FIVB events. The FIVB Technical Supervisor is requested to notify immediately the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department. The concerned player must pay the fine to the FIVB either before arriving at his/her next event, or on-site to the FIVB Technical Supervisor of his/her next event and before the Technical Meeting concerned (i.e. Qualification Tournament or Main Draw depending on which event player is participating first). The player concerned will only be accepted by the FIVB to play in his/her next event if the amount due is received and officially acknowledged by the FIVB (in advance) or the FIVB Technical Supervisor (on-site) before the start of that event, otherwise the player will not be eligible to play. In any case, athletes withdrawing either with a medical certificate or "force majeure", are not allowed to participate any Beach Volleyball (and if required any Volleyball) events at any level until the end of the week of the concerned events.</p> <p>The FIVB Web site will be updated after every withdrawal and substitution of players approved by the FIVB once the confirmed list issued. For further details please refer to Chapter 9 and 11 of the 2011 Handbook.</p>
<b>INSURANCE</b>	Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurances.
<b>MEDICAL CONTROLS</b>	The FIVB reserves the right to perform random medical controls to the participating athletes, as per FIVB rules and regulations and alcohol test to the officials.
<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 teams list (Main Draw and Qualification tournament)</li> <li>• List of hotels for the Qualification Tournament players, media and guests (see web site)</li> <li>• Travel Itinerary Form (WT/31). <b>It is responsibility of the athletes to inform the concerned promoters accordingly about his/her travel itinerary.</b></li> </ul>
<b>OTHER</b>	<p>For any eventual discrepancies, the FIVB Handbook version 2011 will prevail.</p> <p><a href="http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/2011/Handbook.asp">http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/2011/Handbook.asp</a></p>