

# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE VOLLEYBALL

## *Beach Volleyball*

### A. Events (2)

MEN'S EVENTS (1)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (1)
24-team tournament	24-team tournament

### B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	46 (23 teams)	2 (1 team)	48 (24 teams)
Women	46 (23 teams)	2 (1 team)	48 (24 teams)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92 (46 teams)</b>	<b>4 (2 teams)</b>	<b>96 (48 teams)</b>

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	4 (2 teams)
Women	4 (2 teams)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8 (4 teams)</b>

### C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.</li> <li>2. The minimum age for a Beach Volleyball athlete is 14 years old, on the first day of the competition at the Olympic Games.</li> <li>3. To be eligible for participation in the Olympic Games, a competitor must comply with the rules of the International Volleyball Federation and must be entered by his/her NOC.</li> <li>4. To be eligible to qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games in London, from the Olympic ranking, athletes must have participated in at least twelve (12) FIVB official Olympic Qualification Tournaments as an individual (World Tour/World Championships/recognized Continental Finals) scheduled from 1 January 2011 until 17 June 2012. Once a quota place is earned, an NOC/NF must choose its athletes from its best six (6) eligible pairs in the World Ranking issued on 18 June 2012.</li> <li>5. To be eligible to qualify through the Continental Beach Volleyball Cup (CBVC), FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup athletes must have at least 12 participations as an individual in CBVC, National and/or Continental and/or FIVB events scheduled from 1 June 2010 until 24 June 2012.</li> </ol>

**D. Qualification System**

**QUALIFICATION PATHWAY**

Qualification Places are allocated to National Olympic Committees.

All teams composed of two (2) athletes registered in each gender will be able to accumulate World Ranking points or win qualification tournaments held world-wide from **1 June 2010 to 1 July 2012**. During this period, quota places for the Olympic Games can be obtained as follows:

<p><b>16 Places</b></p>	<p><b>16 highest ranked NOCs/NFs (with a maximum of two (2) teams per NOC/NF) in the Olympic Ranking as of 18 June 2012</b></p> <p><b>The Olympic Ranking is established based on the best 12 results as a team in the World Championships, World Tour events and recognized Continental Tour Finals (best of the two results) within the Olympic Qualification period from 1 January 2011 until 17 June 2012.</b></p> <p>In the event of a tie in the established Olympic Ranking between two or more NOCs/NFs the following criteria will apply in the following order, to determine the eligible NOC/NF (s) which qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games in London:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The total qualification points accumulated as a team through the Olympic Qualification tournaments from 1 January 2011 to 17 June 2012</li> <li>2. The total number of Olympic Qualification tournaments the team has participated in from 1 January 2011 to 17 June 2012</li> <li>3. The best finishes as a team in the Olympic qualification tournaments from 1 January 2011 to 17 June 2012</li> </ol>
<p><b>5 Places</b></p>	<p><b>CBVC</b></p> <p>The CBVC will take place between 1 June 2010 and 24 June 2012, with a direct elimination competition format where the winning NOC/NF(s) moves on to the next phase. The competition will consist of three phases: Sub zone, Zone and Continental Final. The five winning NOCs/NFs (one per Continental Confederation territory) per gender will qualify.</p> <p>At the CBVC Final, NOCs/NFs which have already obtained two quota places will compete in a bracket separate from those NOCs/NFs still seeking a quota place(s).</p> <p>NOCs/NFs may register to participate in the CBVC until 31 May 2010. Registration forms (BVBCP-01) are available on the FIVB website, and must be completed and returned to the respective Continental Confederation.</p>
<p><b>2 Places</b></p>	<p><b>FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup Olympic Qualification</b></p> <p>The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) ranked NOCs/NFs from each of the CBVC Finals, which have not yet already obtained two quota places through the Olympic Ranking and/or CBVC, will qualify for the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup Olympic Qualification event. The two best ranked teams per gender from the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup Olympic Qualification will qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games.</p>

**National Olympic Trials**

NOCs/ NFs having obtained Olympic place/s may organize National Olympic Trials to determine the representing teams at the Olympic Games. Athletes qualifying through the National Olympic Trials must comply with the eligibility requirements (page 1 Section C, point 1-3 and point 4 and/or point 5).

**HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION**

Great Britain, as a host country has the right to enter one place per gender at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, in compliance with the athlete eligibility requirements. Great Britain also has the right to participate in all qualification events in the above scheme to earn a second quota place, respecting the maximum number of quota places set for each NOC/NF.

**E. Confirmation process for quota places****CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES**

The FIVB will confirm the NOCs/NFs having earned quota places through the Olympic Ranking on 18 June 2012. The NOCs/ NFs must confirm the obtained quota places through the Olympic Ranking by 25 June 2012.

The FIVB will confirm NOCs/NFs having earned quota places through the CBVC or FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup by 2 July 2012. The NOCs/ NFs must confirm the obtained quota places through the Continental Beach Volleyball Cup or FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup by 6 July 2012.

NOCs/NFs should send the above confirmations directly to the FIVB and copy LOCOG.

If joint confirmation for any quota place is not provided by the respective deadline through the entry by name form, the FIVB will replace the quota place with the next highest ranked NOC/NF not already qualified with the maximum quota places for the Olympic Games in accordance with the reallocation procedure described in Section F.

In case of an injury of one (1) athlete of the confirmed quota place, the NOC/NF will maintain the quota place and will have the right to replace the injured athlete, respecting the eligibility requirements.

**F. Reallocation of unused quota places****REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES**

Any unused IF quota place among the 16 places obtained through the Olympic Ranking will be allocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC/NF (corresponding to the technical requirements) in the Olympic Ranking as per 18 June 2012, respecting the maximum number of quota places per NOC/NF.

Any unused IF quota place from the CBVC or the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup Olympic Qualification will be allocated to the next highest ranked NOC/NF of the respective competition, respecting the maximum number of quota places per NOC/NF.

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES**

Should the host country decide not to participate or if they obtain two (2) quota places through qualification, this quota place(s) will be granted to the next highest ranked eligible NOC/NF in the Olympic Ranking (as per 18 June, 2012) of the same gender, respecting the maximum number of quota places per NOC/NF.

**G. Qualification timeline**

DATE	MILESTONE
31 May 2010	Deadline for NOCs/NFs to apply to participate in the CBVC.
1 June 2010 - 24 June 2012	CBVC (Sub zone, Zone and Continental Final phases)
1 January 2011 - 17 June 2012	Olympic Ranking established by the FIVB
15 October 2011	The FIVB to receive (tentative) applications from NOCs/NFs to implement National Olympic Trials
18 June 2012	FIVB to confirm places to NOCs/NFs obtained through the Olympic Ranking
18 June – 6 July 2012	NOCs/ NFs having obtained Olympic Places may organize National Olympic Trials to determine representing teams
25 June 2012	Deadline for NOCs/ NFs qualified via the Olympic ranking to confirm their participation in the London 2012 Olympic Games.
27 June - 1 July 2012	FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup (Tortoli, ITA)
2 July 2012	FIVB to confirm places obtained through the Continental Beach Volleyball Cup and FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup Olympic Qualification.
6 July 2012	Deadline for NOCs/NFs to confirm all places (including the place (s) of the Host Country) obtained through the Continental Beach Volleyball Cup, and the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup Olympic Qualification
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms