



EVENT REGULATIONS

FIVB Women's Intercontinental Exhibition

LONDON, UK, 9-14 AUGUST 2011

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<p>VENUE:</p>	<p>Horse Guards Parade London England The venue will be composed of 1 centre court (1500 seats), 2 warm up courts and 2 training courts, facilities for Media and officials.</p>						
<p>EVENT OFFICE:</p>	<p>London 2012 One Churchill Place Canary Wharf London E14 5LN Tel: +44 (0) 203 2012 000 Website: http://www.londonpreparesseries.com/</p> <p>Event Staff</p> <p>Volleyball Sport Manager: Bob Clarke bob.clarke@london2012.com</p> <p>Beach Volleyball Manager: Andy Burdin andy.burdin@london2012.com Mobile: +44 (0) 7703 614 061</p> <p>Beach Volleyball Technical Operations Manager: Roberto Reggiani roberto.reggiani@london2012.com Mobile: TBC</p> <p>Beach Volleyball Services Manager: Brian Stalker brain.stalker@london2012.com Mobile: +44 (0) 7889 945 866</p> <p>FIVB Officials</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="576 1973 1235 2069"> <tr> <td>Technical Delegate</td> <td>Vicente ARAUJO (POR)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Control Committee</td> <td>Angelo SQUEO (ITA)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Control Committee</td> <td>José CASANOVA (POR)</td> </tr> </table>	Technical Delegate	Vicente ARAUJO (POR)	Control Committee	Angelo SQUEO (ITA)	Control Committee	José CASANOVA (POR)
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CLOSEST AIRPORT	<p>Closest Airports: London Heathrow, London Gatwick, London City</p> <p>Players are responsible for transfer from the port of arrival to the hotel and from the hotel to the port of departure. Each player will be provided with a £200 travel supplement, in the form of a prepaid VISA card at the preliminary enquiry on the 8th August 2011 to support travel expenses.</p> <p>Available modes of transport include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Players can catch a taxi at their own cost. - Players can catch trains from the various airports. The nearest tube station to the athlete hotel is Charing Cross. 	

PARTICIPATING TEAMS										
2640	1	3.25	Xue-Zhang Xi	Chen Xue	Xi Zhang	CHN		6860		
2360	2	4.00	Kessy-Ross	Jennifer Kessy	April Ross	USA		6020		
1320	3	10.50	Vivian-Lima	Vivian Danielle da Conceição Cunha	Taiana Lima	BRA		2320		
	4	25.00	Clancy-Hynes	LE	Taliqua Clancy	Eliza (Karley) Hynes	AUS		0	
560	5	20.00	Candelas-Garcia	Candelas Bibiana	Mayra Garcia	MEX		1484		
440	6	16.00	Mullin-Dampney	Shauna Mullin	Zara Dampney	GBR		1054		
620	7	14.50	Bansley-Maloney	Heather Bansley	Elizabeth Maloney	CAN		1274		
500	8	17.50	Lili-Vieira	Liliane Maestrini	Angela Vieira	BRA		635		
138	9	18.00	Boulton-Johns	Lucy Boulton	Denise Johns	GBR		748		
190	10	22.67	Wang Fan-Y.Y. Ma	Fan Wang	Yuanyuan Ma	CHN		487		
459	11	12.66	Cook-Hinchley	Natalie "Nat" Cook	Tamsin Hinchley	AUS		922		
158	12	25.00	MacTavish-Rodrigue	Kacie MacTavish	Julie Rodrigue	CAN		315		
148	13	25.00	Elwin-Matauatu	Miller Elwin	Linline Matauatu	VAN		211		
168	14	25.00	Santiago Yarleen-Acevedo	Yarleen Santiago	Dariam Acevedo	PUR		186		
116	15	25.00	Roubanis-Papageorgiou	Christina Roubanis	Joanna Papageorgiou	GRE		200		
147	16	25.00	Broder-Voth	Jamie Lynn Broder	Ashley Voth	CAN		165		
57	17	25.00	Zhang CH. N.-DING Jingjing	Chanqning Zhang	Jingjing DING	CHN		69		
68	18	25.00	Shun Thing-Teck Hua	BEH SHUN THING	LUK TECK HUA	MAS		68		
600	19	16.25	Hochevar-Rutledge	Brittany Hochevar	Lisa Rutledge	USA		755		
84	20	25.00	Graumann-Anu	Mari-Liis "Mari" Graumann	Anu Ennok	EST		108		
68	21	25.00	Simon-Andrea	Alejandra Simon	Andrea García Gonzalo	ESP		77		
32	22	25.00	Sinnema-Wiltens	Jolien Sinnema	Marqo Wiltens	NED		34		
	23	25.00	NAMMANDA-Alice	Josephine NAMMANDA	Alice Gitta Okecho	UGA		0		
	24	25.00	Hunkus-Lowe	Tealle Hunkus	Heather Lowe	USA		0		
Reserve Teams										
No teams in Reserve currently.										
The Team Names above will be used on scoreboards, draw boards and in daily bulletins.										

<p>COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND COMPETITION FORMAT:</p>	<p>A similar competition format as the London 2012 Olympic Games will be adopted.</p> <p><u>Preliminary Phase:</u> Twenty-four (24) teams will be competing into six (6) pools, with four (4) teams per pool to determine the sixteen (16) teams advancing to the Round of 16. Pool system (Round Robin) will be used for the Preliminary Phase. By Round Robin, two (2) best teams of each pool, plus two (2) best 3rd ranked team in the pools, will directly advance to the Round of 16. The other two (2) vacancies will be determined by Lucky Loser matches between the remaining four (4) 3rd ranked teams.</p> <p>The Round of 16 will be played in a single elimination format to qualify eight (8) teams for the quarterfinals. Seeding of teams after the Preliminary round will be in accordance with the FIVB Regulations.</p> <p>The four (4) winners of the quarterfinals will then advance to the semi-finals. The winners of the semi-finals will play the gold match and the losers will play the bronze medal match.</p> <p>It is mandatory for the top three ranked teams to participate at the Awarding</p>
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	<p>Ceremony that will take place on the centre court immediately after the gold medal match.</p> <p>9th August Preliminary Phase (12 matches) 10th August Preliminary Phase (12 matches) 11th August Preliminary Phase (12 matches) Lucky Loser Matches (2 matches)</p> <p><u>Round of 16 & Finals:</u> Single elimination format will be adopted to determine the final rankings.</p> <p>12th August Round of 16 (8 matches): 13th August Quarter-finals (4 matches) 14th August Semi-finals (2 matches) 14th August Bronze Medal Game Gold Medal Game Awarding Ceremony</p>																				
<p>PRIZE MONEY:</p>	<p>USD\$ 10,000 - prize money to be paid to the teams as per the following breakdown at the venue during the event:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="564 685 976 965"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>(USD 10,000)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Rank</td> <td>Total/team</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st</td> <td>1,800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd</td> <td>1,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd</td> <td>800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4th</td> <td>600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 x 5th</td> <td>500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8 x 9th</td> <td>300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 x 17th</td> <td>200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 x 19th</td> <td>150</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The ORGANISER will pay teams the equivalent of USD10,000 in GBP (net of any taxes) by Visa prepaid debit card.</p> <p>The payment of prize money to all teams taking part in the medal matches will be made at the venue at the conclusion of the awarding ceremony on Sunday 14th August 2011 .For all remaining teams payments will be made to players at 12 noon at the venue on the day after their elimination from the event.</p>		(USD 10,000)	Rank	Total/team	1st	1,800	2nd	1,100	3rd	800	4th	600	4 x 5th	500	8 x 9th	300	2 x 17th	200	6 x 19th	150
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<p>WORLD RANKING POINTS:</p>	<p>No World Ranking Points will be attributed to the participating athletes. No 2012 Olympic Qualification ranking points will be attributed to the participating athletes.</p>																				
<p>TRANSPORTATION:</p>	<p>Players are responsible for their own international and domestic airfare and for any airport taxes or visa expenses. Players are requested to apply early enough for their entry visas, whenever needed.</p> <p>Players will be provided with a £200 travel supplement, in the form of a prepaid VISA card at the preliminary enquiry on the 8th August 2011 to support travel expenses.</p> <p>The organiser will arrange and be responsible for local transportation for players, FIVB Delegates and referees, between the official hotel(s) and the venue. The hotels are all within walking distance to the venue.</p> <p>For information purposes, players are requested to forward their itineraries (and other information) via BVB-02 form by 29th July 2011 to the event office (To: andy.burdin@london2012.com, brian.stalker@london2012.com, Copy: roberto.reggiani@london2012.com) through the BVB-02 form.</p>																				
<p>BOARD & LODGING:</p>	<p>Athletes The organisers will provide all the players taking part in this event with hotel accommodation (twin room) with breakfast in the Strand Palace Hotel from the <u>afternoon</u> of their arrival (7th August, 2011) until the <u>morning</u> of the 15th August 2011.</p> <p>The Strand Palace Hotel</p>																				

	<p>Address: 372 Strand, St. James London WC2R 0JJ RESERVATIONS: +44 (0) 20 7379 4737 SWITCHBOARD: +44 (0) 20 7836 8080 http://www.strandpalacehotel.co.uk</p> <p>Wireless internet access will be available to the athletes at no charge at the hotel.</p> <p>Wireless internet access will also be available to the athletes at no charge at the venue.</p> <p>All players are however personally responsible for all and any extras at the hotel such as mini-bar, phone calls, laundry, etc that must be paid at checkout.</p> <p>All players will be provided with a per diem of £35 per day to cover lunch and dinner (for 8 days) in the form of a prepaid VISA card at the preliminary enquiry on the 8th August 2011 (£280).</p> <p>Coaches If rooms are required at the athlete hotel for coaches and accompanying members of athlete delegation these will be at your own expense. The organiser has 1 twin room reserved and available per delegation at a preferred rate but must release the rooms back to the hotel by <u>22nd July 2011</u>.</p> <p>If you are interested to secure a room at a preferred rate please contact Peter McLoughlin, Conference & Events Manager, at the Strand Palace Telephone: +44 (0) 207 379 4737 and Email: peter.mcloughlin@strandpalacehotel.co.uk .</p> <p>Officials The officials hotel will be as follows:</p> <p>Park Plaza Westminster Bridge 200 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7UT, United Kingdom Reservations: +44 (0)844-415-6780 Europe Toll-free: 800-169-6128 Meetings: +44 (0)844-415-6792 Telephone: +44 (0)844-415-6790 Fax: +44 (0)844-415-6791 http://www.parkplaza.com/london-hotel-gb-se1-7ut/gbwestmi</p> <p>Wireless internet access will be available to the officials at no charge at the hotel.</p> <p>Internet wired ports will be available for the officials at the venue in the ITO and NTO lounges (cables not supplied).</p>
EVENT SCHEDULE	<p>Please note: FIVB and organiser reserve the right to modify the following event schedule.</p> <p>5th August Arrival of FIVB Officials</p> <p>6th August Arrival of International Referees / Line Judges / Scorers</p> <p>7th August Arrival of Participating teams (Athlete Hotel / Venue) 7th August 08:15 - Payment of per diems to ITO/NTO (Official's Hotel) 7th August 09:00 -12:00 ITO/NTO Theory Clinic (Official's Hotel) 7th August 09:00 - FIVB Control Committee / LOCOG Meeting (Venue) 7th August 14:00 - 17:00 ITO/NTO Practical Clinic (Venue) 7th August 17:00 - 18:00 FIVB Referee Delegate / FOP SSV Meeting (Venue) 7th August 08:00 - 22:00 Athlete Training (Venue)</p> <p>8th August 09:00 - 12:00 ITO/NTO Practical Clinic (Venue) 8th August 09:00 FIVB Control Committee / LOCOG Meeting (Venue) 8th August 08:00 - 16:00 - Athlete Training (Venue)</p> <p>8th August 10:00-11:00 Drawing of lots to establish the Pools composition at Press Centre, Horse Guards Parade Venue 8th August 14:00 -16:00 Full Dress Rehearsal (Venue) 8th August 16:00-18:00 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) (Athlete Hotel). Payment of per diems / travel supplements to players</p> <p>8th August 19:00-20:00 Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) (Athlete Hotel)</p> <p>9th – 11th August Preliminary Phase (Round Robin, 36 matches)</p>

	<p>Lucky Loser Matches (2 matches) 1 hour after the last match - 2nd Technical Meeting and drawing of lots to establish the 16 Team single elimination bracket will be held at Press Conference room at the Venue.</p> <p>12th August Round of 16 13th August Quarter Finals 14th August Semi Finals Bronze Medal Match Gold Medal Match Victory Ceremony</p> <p>15th August Departure of teams</p> <p>Training courts will be available from 7th of August (noting certain courts will be used for clinics and dress rehearsals at certain times) are:</p> <p>Competition court: 1 court Warm-up courts: 2 courts Training courts: 2 courts</p> <p>Teams willing to book training times in advance to their arrival in London may send a request via email to andy.burdin@london2012.com, brian.stalker@london2012.com, Copy: roberto.reggiani@london2012.com)</p>
<p>PRELIMINARY INQUIRY & TECHNICAL MEETING:</p>	<p>Players must attend the Preliminary Inquiry and present the following information during such inquiry:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) BVB-02 Team Entry List (to be submitted to LOCOG and FIVB by <u>29th July 2011</u>) 2) Athletes' passport; 3) Agreement for Technical Video Camera; 4) Player's agreement WT-01 and annual Health certificate (WT-10) if not yet submitted to the FIVB; 5) M-8; <p>Players must attend the Technical Meeting.</p> <p>If required, draws may be made during the drawing of lots and/or technical meeting, if there are teams that have a tie in their seeding; seeding and detailed information on the competition will be distributed to players during the meeting.</p>
<p>UNIFORMS:</p>	<p>Athlete Uniforms Uniforms and accessories will be checked during the Preliminary Inquiry.</p> <p>Players of the same team must wear the same colour and style of briefs. The display of players' sponsors' logos on shorts and accessories is free as long as it complies with FIVB advertising regulations.</p> <p>The Organiser will provide a minimum of 3 player tops numbered 1 and 2 to all athletes.</p> <p>For the Test Event the Rule 51 (<i>the Guidelines regarding authorised identifications for the Olympic Games</i>) will <u>not</u> apply. The FIVB world event regulations will apply instead.</p> <p>Officials Uniforms The Organiser will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 T-shirts and 1 Jacket to the National Technical Officials (Line Judges & Scorers) - FIVB Control Committee members and International Referees will wear their FIVB World Tour uniforms to officiate.
<p>TRANSPORTATION</p>	
	<p>Local Transportation Schedule</p> <p><u>Technical Officials Training and Competition Bus Schedule</u></p>

Saturday 6/08/11	
NO SERVICE	

Sunday 7/08/11	
From Park Plaza	From Horse Guards Parade
06:30	18:00
Every 30 minutes until	18:30
08:30	19:00

Monday 8/08/11	
From Park Plaza	From Horse Guards Parade
06:30	16:30
Every 30 minutes until	Every 30 minutes until
08:30	18:00

Monday 8/08/11	
From Park Plaza to the Strand Palace	
18:30	
From the Strand Palace to Park Plaza	
20:30	

Tuesday 9/08/11 until Thursday 11/08/11	
From Park Plaza	From Horse Guards Parade
06:30	22:00
Every 30 minutes until	Every 30 minutes until
08:30	23:00

Friday 12/08/11	
From Park Plaza	From Horse Guards Parade
09:30	20:00
10:00	20:30
10:30	21:00

Saturday 13/08/11	
From Park Plaza	From Horse Guards Parade
10:30	19:00
11:00	19:30
11:30	20:00

Sunday 14/08/11	
From Park Plaza	From Horse Guards Parade
07:30	17:00
08:00	17:30
08:30	18:00

Athletes Training and Competition Bus Schedule

Sunday 7/08/11	
From The Strand Palace	From Horse Guards Parade
07:30	08:00
Every 30 Minutes Until	Every 30 Minutes Until
22:00	22:30

Monday 08/08/11*	
From The Strand Palace	From Horse Guards Parade
07:30	08:00
Every 30 Minutes Until	Every 30 Minutes Until
15:30	16:30

Tuesday 9/08/11	
From The Strand Palace	From Horse Guards Parade
07:30	08:00

Wednesday 10/08/11	
From The Strand Palace	From Horse Guards Parade
07:30	08:00

Every 30 Minutes Until 22:00	Every 30 Minutes Until 22:30	Every 30 Minutes Until 22:00	Every 30 Minutes Until 22:30
Thursday 11/08/11		Friday 12/08/11	
From The Strand Palace	From Horse Guards Parade	From The Strand Palace	From Horse Guards Parade
07:30	08:00	07:30	08:00
Every 30 Minutes Until	Every 30 Minutes Until	Every 30 Minutes Until	Every 30 Minutes Until
23:00	23:30	20:30	21:00
Saturday 13/08/11		Sunday 14/08/11	
From The Strand Palace	From Horse Guards Parade	From The Strand Palace	From Horse Guards Parade
07:30	08:00	07:30	08:00
Every 60 Minutes Until	Every 60 Minutes Until	Every 30 Minutes Until	Every 30 Minutes Until
11:30	12:00	17:00	17:30
Every 30 Minutes Until	Every 30 Minutes Until		
19:00	19:30		

<p>ACCREDITATION:</p>	<p>Accreditation will be issued to all athletes and will provide access to designated areas at the venue and will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competition court - Warm up courts - Training courts - Athlete Change Rooms - Athlete Lounge - Athlete Medical Areas - Reserved seating in the stand (Limited seats will be available for athletes and coaches and this area will also be used for team video cameras) <p>Accreditation will be available for one coach per team only. This accreditation will provide access to designated areas at the venue and will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competition court - Warm up courts - Training courts - Athlete Change Rooms (Female only) - Athlete Lounge - Athlete Medical Areas - Reserved seating in the stand (Limited seats will be available for athletes and coaches and this area will also be used for team video cameras) <p>Accreditation will be issued for International Technical Officials and National Technical Officials. This accreditation will provide access to designated areas at the venue and will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competition court - Warm up courts - Training courts - ITO/NTO Change Rooms (Male and Female) - ITO/NTO Lounges - Reserved seating in the stand (Limited seats will be available)
<p>ENTRY (FIVB WEBSITE)</p>	<p>Each NF is required to enter teams via the FIVB BVIS system by 9th June 2011.</p> <p>The confirmed team entry list as well as useful information related to the event are available on the FIVB website:</p>

	<p>http://www.fivb.org/en/olympics/london2012/test_event_BVB.asp To pick up teams in the Main Draw in case of eventual withdrawals, the following criteria will be followed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teams having registered by 9th June 2011 to the event and teams which are not registered for the 2011 CEV Beach Volleyball European Championship Final in Kristiansand 2. Late entry teams 3. Any teams that might be eventually released by the CEV at a later stage and therefore reinstated in the tournament 4. Additional GBR teams attending the Preliminary Enquiry and Technical Meeting
RULES OF THE GAME & OFFICIAL BALL:	<p><u>Playing system</u> - Rally Point System 2 out of 3 sets as follows: a) First and second sets - 21 Points - switch every 7 points - one technical time-out of 30" at third court switch (sum of 21 points) - one time-out of 30" per team/set b) Third eventual set - 15 points - switch every 5 points - one time-out per team All sets win by 2 points Intervals between sets to be of 1 minute Official Ball: MIKASA VLS-300 (67 cm +1/-1) The FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules approved by the FIVB Board of Administration including the Beach Volleyball Referee Guidelines and the various specific regulations, posted on the FIVB Web site at http://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing.asp</p>
COURT SIZE	8M X 16M
FORFEIT:	Each NF is responsible for informing immediately both the FIVB and organisers in case of a last minute forfeit of an enrolled team.
COACHING	<p><u>Coaching</u>: National Federations can designate one coach per team who must be accredited by the FIVB; coach accreditation request is to be sent to andy.burdin@london2012.com, brian.stalker@london2012.com, roberto.reggiani@london2012.com by Friday 29th July 2011; and Promoters to give accreditation that allows coaches to be seated in a designated area on the centre court. On the outside courts, coaches must stay within a designated area decided by FIVB Technical Delegate. A mixed zone should be foreseen (e.g. tent, secured area etc...) where coaches can meet their athletes</p>
MEDICAL CONTROLS	The FIVB reserves the right to perform random medical controls, as per FIVB rules and regulations.
PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY	<p>Only players who sent in to the FIVB in due time the required forms NF-Player's Commitment (http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms/Athletes/2009-2012NF-Player's%20Commitment.pdf) duly signed by all parties and in good standing with the FIVB will be considered eligible to take part to the Visa Beach Volleyball International. 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 (http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms/Athletes/WT-10HealthCertificate.pdf). Moreover, players are required to clear their outstanding fines to be 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</p>

	education program "We play it clean!" online: http://www.fivb.org/RealWinner/																														
SEEDING REGULATIONS BEFORE THE EVENT AND AFTER THE POOLS PHASE	<p>Technical Ranking on the day of the Technical meeting will be used to conduct the drawing of lots.</p> <p>Seeding before the start of the event:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="646 286 1398 571"> <thead> <tr> <th>Pool A</th> <th>Pool B</th> <th>Pool C</th> <th>Pool D</th> <th>Pool E</th> <th>Pool F</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Seed #1 ** GBR</td> <td>Seed #2</td> <td>Seed #3</td> <td>Seed #4</td> <td>Seed #5</td> <td>Seed #6 **GBR</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Draw #2 between Seed 10 - 12</td> <td colspan="3">Draw #1 between Seed 7 - 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Draw #3 between Seed 13 -17</td> <td>Draw #4 between Seeds 18-24</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="6">Draw #4 between Seeds 18-24 (4 from Continental Cup and 2 from FIVB World Cup Olympic Qualification)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The principle of drawing of lots of pools for London Olympic Game will be adopted to seed the teams into the pools and it will be communicated to the teams prior to the start of the draw. The adaptation on the drawing of lots regulations applying for the Test Event will be communicated at a later stage.</p> <p>Seeding the Host Country Teams and Foreign Teams in Pools:</p> <p>** The best Host Country team will be seeded No 6 in the Technical ranking if they are all featured below the top 6 countries of the Technical ranking. The best Host Country team will be seeded No 1 in the seeding if they are featured among the top 6 pairs of the final Olympic ranking.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All the remaining teams will then be seeded in accordance with their respective seeding which will be eventually adapted for the seeding of the first host country team if such a pair is eligible to the above special placements. Any eventual second GBR team qualified for the Beach Volleyball tournaments will then be seeded as per its Olympic Ranking without giving them any special seeding. However, two GBR teams should not be placed in the same pool while for foreign teams this may happen. In principle, teams from the same country shall not be drawn into the same pool by defining same country teams as "blocked" teams where possible. If a team drawn is "blocked" from being placed in its draw position, the team will be placed aside and a new team drawn until an eligible team is drawn. <p>The seeding regulations of 16 Teams bracket will be communicated at the Technical Meeting.</p> <p>In case one or more withdrawal will take place after the pool composition (between 15.07.11 and the start of the Preliminary Inquiry), the teams following criteria enlisted in Entry regulation for the reserve list will replace the one spot available in the pool, regardless of the actual seeding of the team.</p>	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F	Seed #1 ** GBR	Seed #2	Seed #3	Seed #4	Seed #5	Seed #6 **GBR	Draw #2 between Seed 10 - 12			Draw #1 between Seed 7 - 9			Draw #3 between Seed 13 -17					Draw #4 between Seeds 18-24	Draw #4 between Seeds 18-24 (4 from Continental Cup and 2 from FIVB World Cup Olympic Qualification)					
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RANKING IN THE POOLS	For all matches the final team ranking will be determined in accordance with results of matches (won or lost). For each match won the winning team will earn 2 points, for each match lost the losing team will earn 1 point and for each forfeited match the winning team will earn 2 points while the forfeited team will have 0 point.																														
INSURANCE	It is mandatory that all athletes have their own liability and medical insurance. The FIVB will not be held responsible for any medical expenses incurred while competing in a tournament.																														
WITHDRAWAL AND SANCTIONS	Withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes entered in the Main Draw is not allowed once the confirmed list has been announced, except in case of "force majeure" or in case an athlete is injured. In such cases, a Medical Certificate or a declaration of good faith must be provided to the FIVB by the respective National Federation via email (beach@fivb.org) before the beginning of the Preliminary Enquiry.																														

In case of withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes entered in the Main Draw once the confirmed list has been announced without any Medical Certificate or declaration of good faith presented before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry, the FIVB will apply a USD 500 fine. This fine must be paid before the start of the following event in which a team wants to enter (if no events are staged, the fine must be paid no later than 30 days from the notification of the sanction). The proof of the wire must be sent via fax to the FIVB.

Athletes in the Main Draw may be replaced by any team member for reasons of "force majeure" or injury.

No official withdrawal will be accepted by the FIVB if not requested in time and in writing by the respective National Federation through the FIVB email: beach@fivb.org.

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.

Reserve teams are featured onto the confirmed list and are constantly updated until the Preliminary Inquiry. Reserve Teams must register at the respective Preliminary Inquiry and be present at the commencement of the respective Tournament Technical Meeting to be eligible for possible inclusion in the Tournament, subject to late withdrawals or no shows by any teams.

Athletes who have not communicated their travel itineraries to the organisers and who arrive late for the Technical Meeting (i.e. after the seeding is made) will be excluded from the event by the FIVB Technical Supervisor for "no show" or fined.

Athletes failing to attend the Technical Meeting and who have not sent via fax the appropriate "force majeure" documents before the start of the event concerned will be sanctioned by the FIVB.

Should it be proven that a National Federation is responsible for not communicating to the FIVB a Player's medical certificate for the withdrawal from an event, the National Federation shall be fined instead of the concerned Player.

No changes between the teams enrolled in the Main Draw Tournaments will be made after the beginning of the Technical Meeting.

The FIVB Web site will be updated after every withdrawal and substitution of players approved by the FIVB once the confirmed list issued.

In case one or more withdrawals take place, the reserve team(s) (after having declared his/her presence at the Preliminary Inquiry and attending the Technical Meeting) will be eligible in priority to fill the roster respecting the criteria set out for Reserve teams in Entry. Amongst the seeded team(s), the one(s) with the highest technical ranking points will be replacing the highest vacant seeding position and so on until the roster will be filled in accordingly. This replacement will be done at the respective Technical Meeting once the final number of vacant positions is established due to withdrawals from the drawing of lots to the start of the Technical Meeting (without changing for all remaining teams the seeding previously established).

Notification for last minute withdrawals (i.e. on the day of a Technical Meeting) must be sent via fax to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department (+ 41 21 345 35 48) as well as to the organisers of the event and the FIVB Technical Supervisor at the venue office.