



FIVB MEN'S WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PREVIEWS DAY 7 – JUNE 5, TOKYO

Iran - Venezuela

Head-to-head

- Iran won the previous encounter with Venezuela at the World Olympic Qualification. In Tokyo in 2012, Iran defeated Venezuela in straight sets.
- Their most recent meeting came at the 2015 World Cup when Iran won in straight sets.

Iran

- Iran have qualified for their first ever Olympic Games after their 3-1 win against Poland.
- Iran will be the fifth team representing the AVC at the Olympic Games, after Australia, China, Japan and Korea.
- Iran can win three successive matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament for the third time after 2008-2012 and 2012-2016.
- Only Antonin Rouzier (FRA, 113) and Thomas Edgar (AUS, 103) have scored more points at the 2016 World Olympic Qualification tournament in Tokyo than Shahram Mahmoudi (96).
- Seyed Mohammad Mousavi Eraghi is the best blocker in the competition with an average by set of 1.00.

Venezuela

- Venezuela have lost all of their six matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament and have failed to qualify for the Olympic Games in Rio.
- At their last three participations at the World Olympic Qualification tournament (2000, 2004 and 2012), Venezuela won at least one match.
- Venezuela's last match was a tight five-setter against France, winning two sets in a single match for the first time this tournament.
- Kervin Martin Piñeda Urbina (75) is the only Venezuelan player to have scored more than 45 points this tournament.



Canada - China

Head-to-head

- China won the previous encounter with Canada at the World Olympic Qualification. In Tokyo in 2004, China defeated Canada in straight sets.
- These teams met at the 1984 Olympic Games when Canada won in straight sets.
- Their most recent encounter came at the 2014 World Championship when Canada won in straight sets.

Canada

- Canada, Australia and China will fight for the last ticket available at the Tokyo tournament for the Olympic Games.
- Canada have participated three times at the Olympic Games (1976, 1984 and 1992). Their best result came in 1984 when they finished in fourth place.
- Canada recorded their third victory at the 2016 World Olympic Qualification tournament in their last match against Japan (3-1).
- Only Antonin Rouzier (FRA, 113) and Thomas Edgar (AUS, 103) have scored more points at the 2016 World Olympic Qualification tournament in Tokyo than Gavin Schmitt (96).
- Gavin Schmitt (57.04 success rate) is the second-best spiker in the competition behind France's Antonin Rouzier (59.77%).

China

- China, Canada and Australia will fight for the last ticket available at the Tokyo tournament for the Olympic Games.
- China have been present at two Olympic Games - in 1984 (8th) and 2008 (5th).
- China lost their last three matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament against Poland (3-2), Iran (3-2) and Australia (3-1), losing three in a row in this tournament for the first time this century.
- In total, China have won two and lost four matches at the tournament this year. At the 2012 World Olympic Qualification tournament they lost four of their seven matches and failed to qualify.
- Chen Zhang has scored most points for China this tournament (82).



Australia - Poland

Head-to-head

- The most recent meeting between these teams came at the 2015 World Cup when Poland won in straight sets en route to their bronze medal.
- Poland also recorded a straight sets win in the first round of the 2014 World Championship.
- These teams met at the last Olympic Games in London when Australia won 3-1.

Australia

- Australia, China and Canada will fight for the last ticket available at the Tokyo tournament for the Olympic Games.
- They were previously present at the Olympic Games of 2000 (8th), 2004 (11th) and 2012 (9th).
- Australia could win three successive World Olympic Qualification matches for the first time since winning the first three of 2012.
- Only France's Antonin Rouzier (113) has scored more points this tournament than Thomas Edgar (103).
- Luke Perry is the best digger in the competition with an average by set of 1.91.

Poland

- Poland lost their first match of the 2016 World Olympic Qualification tournament after a 3-1 defeat against Iran.
- Poland already qualified for the Olympic Games in Rio, their ninth participation in the tournament.
- Poland have not lost successive matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament in the past 20 years.
- Bartosz Kurek (56.52 success rate) is the third-best spiker in the competition behind France's Antonin Rouzier (59.77%) and Canada's Gavin Schmitt (57.04%).
- Michal Kubiak is the best receiver in the competition with a success rate of 52.38%.



France - Japan

Head-to-head

- France won the most recent encounter with Japan at the World Olympic Qualification tournament by 3-2 in Tokyo in 2004.
- In 2015, these teams met four times in the World League with France winning all. They won three times in straight sets and once in a five-setter.
- These teams met twice at the Olympic Games, both in the group stage. In Seoul 1988, France won 3-1 and in Barcelona 1992, France won 3-2.

France

- France have qualified for their fourth Olympic Games, after 1988, 1992 and 2004.
- France could win five consecutive matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament for the first time since a run of eight in 2004-2012.
- France have scored most points this tournament (573).
- Antonin Rouzier (113 points) is the most scoring player in this tournament. He also has the best success rate in spikes (59.77%).

Japan

- Japan failed to beat Canada in their last match at this tournament (3-1). With just one win, they cannot qualify for the Olympic Games.
- Japan have now failed to win any of their last five matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- They have only won their opening match against Venezuela (3-1). The last time they won only one match at a World Olympic Qualification tournament was 1996.
- Only France's Kevin Le Roux and Canada's Gavin Schmitt (both 10) have produced more aces in the competition than Kunihiro Shimizu (8).