



## FIVB WOMEN'S WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PREVIEWS DAY 1 – MAY 14

### Korea Republic - Italy

#### Head-to-head

- The last time Korea and Italy met at a World Olympic Qualification tournament was in 2004. Korea beat Italy in five sets. Both teams qualified for the Olympic Games in Athens, Korea as the Asian continental qualifier and Italy as one of the three best teams.
- Korea's win in 2004 was one of two victories against Italy at world level tournaments in the past 15 years. Their only other win came in the quarterfinal of the London 2012 Olympic Games (3-1).
- Italy's last win over Korea came at the 2011 World Cup when they won in three sets.

#### Korea Republic

- Korea have been present at 10 of the previous 13 Olympic Games. They were not present at the 1980, 1992 and 2008 Olympic Games.
- Korea won their only Olympic medal at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal when they finished in third place. In London, four years ago, they lost the bronze medal match 3-0 to Japan.
- Korea qualified for the Olympic Games in three of the last four World Olympic Qualification tournaments, finishing in second place in each of those.
- Korea have won their last four World Olympic Qualification matches, losing only one set in this run.
- Korea have lost their last four World Olympic Qualification matches against teams representing the CEV, since their 3-2 win against Italy.

#### Italy

- Italy are hoping to go to their fifth consecutive Olympic Games.
- Italy were present at the Olympic Games of 2000 and 2004 after qualifying at the World Olympic Qualification tournament. They won the qualification tournament in 2000 and finished fourth in 2004.
- Italy qualified for the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games as reigning World Cup winners.
- The 3-2 defeat against Korea at the World Olympic Qualification tournament of 2004 is Italy's only loss in their last six matches in this competition.
- Italy have won at least one set in each of their matches at the 2000 and 2004 World Olympic Qualification tournaments.



## Thailand - Dominican Republic

### Head-to-head

- Thailand have won two of their last three matches against Dominican Republic at world level tournaments.
- Thailand won 3-0 at the 2012 World Grand Prix and 3-1 at the 2014 World Grand Prix. Dominican Republic won in straight sets at the 2013 Grand Champions Cup.
- Thailand have won three of their four World Olympic Qualification matches against NORCECA sides, only losing to Dominican Republic in 2008 (3-0).
- That was their only previous meeting at a World Olympic Qualification tournament.

### Thailand

- Thailand are hoping to qualify for their first Olympic Games. They could become the seventh team representing the AVC to participate at the Olympic Games.
- Thailand finished in fifth place at the 2004 and 2012 World Olympic Qualification tournament and in seventh place in 2008.
- Thailand have won four of their last six World Olympic Qualification matches.

### Dominican Republic

- Dominican Republic have been present at the Olympic Games in 2004 and 2012.
- In 2008, Dominican Republic just missed out on qualification after finishing fourth at the World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- In 2004 and 2012 they qualified as respectively the South American qualifier (invitation by FSV) and North American qualifier.
- Dominican Republic have won their last three World Olympic Qualification matches.



## Kazakhstan - Netherlands

### Head-to-head

- Kazakhstan and Netherlands will meet for the first time at a World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- These teams last met at the 2014 World Championship in the first round. Netherlands won in straight sets.
- Netherlands also won in straight sets at the 2013 World Grand Prix.

### Kazakhstan

- Kazakhstan are eyeing their second Olympic Games participation after 2008.
- They qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing after finishing in fifth place at the World Olympic Qualification tournament, making them the Asian qualifier representative.
- Kazakhstan lost their first five matches at the 2008 World Olympic Qualification tournament, but managed to win their last two against Korea Republic and Thailand.

### Netherlands

- Netherlands have been present at the Olympic Games on two occasions: 1992 and 1996.
- In Barcelona 1992, they participated as the European champions. In Atalanta 1996, they qualified at the World Olympic Qualification tournament, after finishing second behind Japan.
- Netherlands have won at least one set in each of the matches at the last two World Olympic Qualification tournaments they participated in.



## Japan - Peru

### Head-to-head

- Japan and Peru met at the 2012 World Olympic Qualification tournament which was won by Japan in straight sets.
- Their most recent meeting came at the 2015 World Cup. Japan won in straight sets.
- These teams have met five times at the Olympic Games (1968-1988) of which Japan won four. Peru won their last meeting at the Olympic Games in the 1988 semifinals en route to their only Olympic medal (silver).

### Japan

- Japan are hoping to participate at the Olympic Games for a record 12th time. They won Olympic gold the first time volleyball was on the Olympic programme in 1964 and in 1976.
- Japan have won a record-equalling six medals at the Olympic Games (G2-S2-B2) alongside Soviet Union (G4-S2).
- In London four years ago, Japan won their first Olympic volleyball medal since 1984. They beat Korea Republic in the bronze medal match.
- Japan qualified for the Olympic Games at the World Olympic Qualification tournament in four of the last five Games. They won the tournament in 1996 and 2004, finished in third place in 2008, and qualified as the Asian qualifier in 2012 (4th place).
- Japan have won at least one set in 21 of their last 23 World Olympic Qualification matches. They only suffered straight set defeats against Russia (2004 and 2012).

### Peru

- Peru have participated in seven Olympic Games, but not since 2000.
- In 1996 and 2000 they qualified for the Olympic Games in the South American qualification.
- Peru have won one Olympic medal, silver at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul. They beat Japan in the semifinals (3-2).
- At the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles they finished in fourth place after losing the bronze medal match to Japan (3-1).
- At the 2012 World Olympic Qualification tournament Peru won only one of their seven matches, a 3-0 win against Chinese Taipei.