



## FIVB WOMEN'S WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PREVIEWS DAY 1 – MAY 20, SAN JUAN

### Kenya - Colombia

#### Head-to-head

- Kenya and Colombia most recently met at the 2015 World Grand Prix when Colombia won in straight sets.
- That match was for Colombia the only meeting at a world level tournament with an African side.
- Kenya have won two of their last three matches against South American opponents. They won against Peru at the 2015 World Grand Prix (3-1) and the 2015 World Cup (3-2).

#### Kenya

- Kenya have participated twice at the Olympic Games. They finished joint-11th in both 2000 and 2004.
- Kenya are one of the two African teams that have participated at the Olympic Games alongside Algeria. Both teams never won a match at the Olympic Games.
- Kenya failed to qualify in 2008 and 2012 after finishing second at the African Olympic Qualification, both times behind Algeria.
- This year, Kenya finished in third place at the African Olympic Qualification Tournament in February, behind Cameroon and Egypt.
- Kenya have won the African Championship a record nine times, including five of the last six editions.

#### Colombia

- Colombia have never been present at an Olympic Games.
- Colombia can become the fourth South American side to participate at the Olympic Games after neighbours Peru, Venezuela and Brazil.
- Colombia placed third at the South American Olympic Qualification Tournament behind Argentina and Peru.
- Colombia made their debut at the World Grand Prix in 2015. They won the match for third place in Group 3 against Australia (3-0).
- Colombia won a bronze medal at the 2015 South American Championship.



## Puerto Rico - Algeria

### Head-to-head

- Puerto Rico and Algeria have never met at a world level tournament.
- Puerto Rico have won all of their matches against African sides at major tournaments. They beat Kenya at the 2002 and 2010 World Championship (3-1, 3-0) and Cameroon at the 2006 World Championship (3-0).
- Puerto Rico won their last World Olympic Qualification match against a team from Africa. They beat Nigeria in straight sets in 2004.
- Algeria played five matches against teams from North and Central America in 2015, failing to win any of them. They only managed to win a set against Mexico at the 2015 World Grand Prix (3-2).

### Puerto Rico

- Puerto Rico are hoping to qualify for their first Olympic Games. They can become the sixth North & Central American side to qualify after Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico and United States.
- Puerto Rico have won only one of their last nine matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament. In 2008, they prevailed in five sets against Kazakhstan.
- Puerto Rico have failed to win any set in their last three matches at the World Olympic Qualification.
- Puerto Rico finished in fourth place at the 2015 Pan American Games.

### Algeria

- Algeria have participated twice at the Olympic Games. They finished joint-11th in both 2008 and 2012.
- Algeria are one of the two African teams that have participated at the Olympic Games alongside Kenya. Both teams never won a match at the Olympic Games.
- Algeria finished as runners-up in the 2015 African Championship after losing the gold medal match in straight sets to Kenya.
- That was their fourth medal at the African Championships in the last five editions - one gold (2009) and three silver (2007, 2011, 2015).