



ANOC World Beach Games Qatar 2019 Beach Volleyball 4x4

Specific Competition Regulations



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1 Competition Information

The Beach Volleyball 4x4 will be held from October 12th to October 16th, 2019 in Qatar, Doha as part of the ANOC World Beach Games program.

The Beach Volleyball 4x4 event will be held in the Gharafa Beach Sports Complex (12/10/2019 to 15/10/2019) with the Finals (16/10/2019) being played in the KATARA Cultural Village.

The Gharafa Beach Sports Complex will have two (2) competition courts plus 2 warm-up courts.

KATARA Cultural Village will have 1 competition court and 1 warmup court.

2. Participating Teams, Seeding & Pool Allocation

8 Men's' teams (6 players each) and 8 Women's' teams (6 players each) will participate in the ANOC World Beach Games 2019 in Doha, Qatar.

5 Men's teams representing the 5 Continents according to FIVB World Ranking on the 30/6/2019 plus two wild cards selected jointly by the ANOC/FIVB/LOC among the applicants plus the team of the host country (Qatar).

5 Women's teams to representing the 5 Continents according to FIVB World Ranking on the 30/6/2019 plus two wild cards selected jointly by the ANOC/FIVB/LOC among the applicants plus USA (due to the unused quota place of host country at women's tournament, the vacancy is reallocated to the USA team as the next best ranked NOC/NF, not yet qualified, as per the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking as of 30th June 2019).

For the official Qualification System that was circulated to all NOCs and NFs on July 2018, the details can also be downloaded from the FIVB webpage. ([link](#)).

The seeding for the pools is determined by the best ranked team of the NOC/NF concerned as per FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking as of 30th June 2019, following the serpentine system. However, the host country (Qatar) will be seeded No.1 if its World Ranking is among the top 4 of participating NOC/NFs.

[Men \(link\)](#) FIVB World Ranking as of 30 June 2019

[Women \(link\)](#) FIVB World Ranking as of 30 June 2019

2.1. Seeding

The participating teams and the pool composition following the serpentine system for this event are:

Men's		WR Points
Host	Qatar	4720
1	Poland	5280
2	Chile	4080
3-WC	Germany	3920
4	USA	3840
5	Australia	2500
6	Mozambique	400
7-WC	Indonesia	300

Men's	
A	B
Qatar	Poland
Germany	Chile
USA	Australia
Indonesia	Mozambique

Women's		WR Points
1	Brazil	5400
2	Australia	5360
3	Canada	5300
4*	USA	5160
5	Czech Republic	4840
6-WC	Vanuatu	1520
7	Gambia	244
8-WC	Nigeria	218

Women's	
A	B
Brazil	Australia
USA	Canada
Czech	Vanuatu
Nigeria	Gambia

*Due to the unused quota place of host country at women's tournament, the vacancy is reallocated to the USA team as the next best ranked NOC/NF, not yet qualified, as per the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking as of 30th June 2019.

WC- Wild Card Allocation

3. Competition Format

The Beach Volleyball 4x4 competition will consist of two phases. First phase of Round Robin Pool Play and the second phase will be Single Elimination.

The breakdown of the format will be the following:

3.1. 1st Phase:

Two pools with 4 teams each

Round Robin Pool Play (each team will play the other 3 teams from their pool). The ranking of teams within their pools will be determined by the total number of match points, with the following points awarded per match to each team:

Match Won	2 points
Match Lost	1 point
Match forfeited	0 point (0-21, 0-21)

All discontinued matches or matches that have not started are to be assessed by the FIVB Control Committee member assigned to determine if the losing team is marked as Disqualification (DSQ) or Disqualification by Injury (INJ/DSQ) and whether they will receive any match points.

- If a team withdraws due to an injury before or during a match or gets disqualified during a match, it will earn one (1) match point and will keep the sets and points earned up to that moment, but the sets and points against will be the maximum. For example, if a team wins the first set 21:19 and is injured and forfeits the match when they are winning the second set 6:4, this injured team would earn 1 match point with sets of 1:2 and rally points of 21:19, 6:21 and 0:15. In this example, the winning team would get 2 match points with sets of 2:1 and rally points of 19:21, 4:6, 0:0. In addition, its match result will be marked with "INJ/DSQ".
- If the injury occurs before the match begins, the match will be marked "INJ/DSQ" and the losing team will be awarded 1 match point with sets of 0:2 and rally points of 0:21, 0:21. In this case, the winning team will be awarded 2 match points with sets of 2:0 and rally points of 0:0, 0:0.
- If a team withdraws without a valid reason before a match (e.g. no show) or during a match (e.g. refusal to continue) they will lose by forfeit 0-2 (0:21, 0:21) and will earn 0 match points. In addition, this match result will be marked with "DSQ". The winning team will receive 2 match points with sets of 2:0 and rally points of 0:0, 0:0.
- If a team is disqualified during the pool play due to a positive doping test, it will lose all the matches in the pool (played or to be played) by forfeit (see above). It will receive no rank. All of the team's matches in the Pool will be recorded as a forfeit for ranking purposes. (e.g. All winning teams receive - Sets 2:0 - Rally Points 0:0, 0:0).
- If a team is disqualified after the pool play of the tournament due to a positive doping test, it will lose the last pool matches played by forfeit (see above). If the second phase of single elimination has already started and if they have not played yet they forfeit their

match and the opponent will be then moved to the next round. The final pool ranking will be maintained. If the team already played its match and won the match, the match result will not be changed, and this team will forfeit the next round. The disqualified team will receive no final ranking. It should be shown on the bottom of final standing without rank and marked with “DSQ”.

All teams from the first phase will advance to the second phase.

The final pool ranking will be used to rank the teams for the second phase.

Tie Breaker for the first phase

In case of a tie in the total number of match points after the completion of pool play, the following rules will apply:

- Between two (2) teams:
 - The team with higher rally point ratios in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher;
 - If a tie still exists, then the winner of head-to-head match is ranked higher.

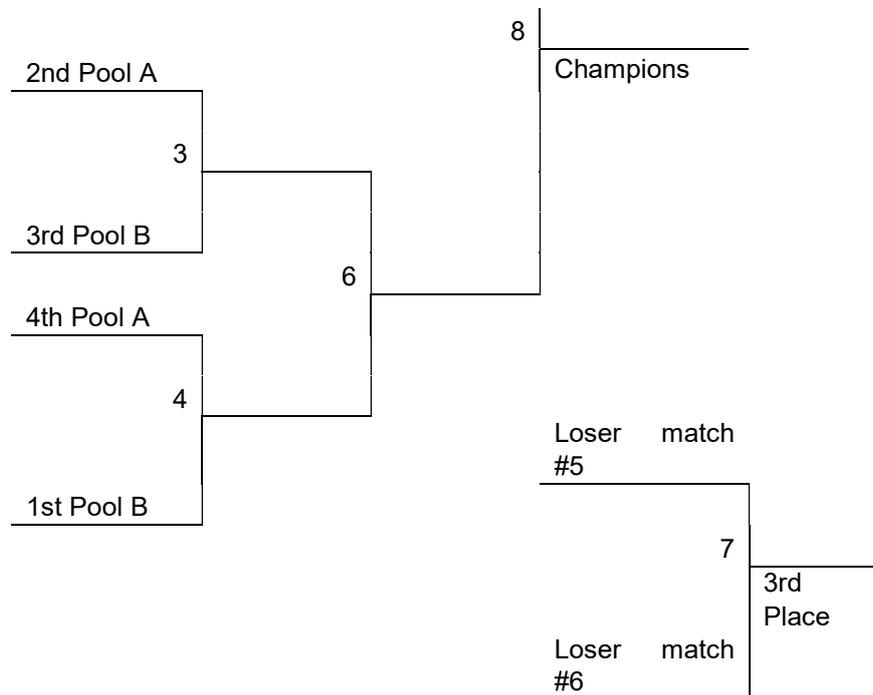
- Between three (3):
 - The ranking is determined by the rally point ratio in the matches between the three (3) tied teams;
 - If still tied, then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally point ratios between all teams in the pool;
 - If still tied, then the ranking of teams still tied is determined by the draw.

3.2. Second Phase:

Single Elimination brackets (Quarter Finals/Semi Finals/ Finals) - 8 teams

The 1st place team from each pool A will play against the 4th place team from pool B (Match #1)
 The 2nd place team from each pool B will play against the 3rd place team from pool A (Match #2)
 The 2nd place team from each pool A will play against the 3rd place team from pool B (Match #3)
 The 1st place team from each pool B will play against the 4th place team from pool A (Match #4)





The two winners of the matches number 5 and 6 will go on to play in the Gold medal match and the losers of the matches number 5 and 6 will play in the Bronze Medal match.

4. Registration of Athletes

The registration of the athletes and team delegation is being coordinated by each of the NF's National Olympic Committee in communication with ANOC and the LOC.

Please note that as part of the eligibility of the participating athletes for the Beach Volleyball 4x4, each athlete needs to fulfil the following criteria:

- Comply with the eligibilities requirements stipulated in the Official Qualification System Guidelines Point C – Athlete Eligibility ([World Beach Games Qualification System](#))
- Eligible to play for the National Federation team ([FIVB Sports Regulations article 2.1 & 2.4](#))
- Have an FIVB VIS profile (including full name, address, passport copy and beach volleyball history)

5 Preliminary Inquiry and General Technical Meeting

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Athletes' attendance at the Preliminary Inquiry (PI) and/ or Technical Meeting (TM) is mandatory.

Exceptionally, if an athlete or a team cannot attend the PI and/or TM, he / she must be, excused in writing by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned to the tournament



5.1 PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

Preliminary Inquiry (PI) starts at 9:00 on 11 October 2019 for 16 teams with approximately 30 minutes for each team. It is mandatory for the coach and all 6 players to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and team manager (if any) is also invited.

The meeting hall will be announced once further information is provided by the LOC. The minimum capacity of attendees to be 30 persons The PI to be, conducted by the FIVB Control Committee with the help of LOC to:

- a. Verify Athlete Eligibility and status of the Athlete Forms – Health Certificate (BVB-10) and Athlete's Commitment (BVB-01);
- b. Confirm presence of the athlete / team;
- c. Verify athletes' ID and passport;
- d. Verify athlete's uniforms and accessories as per FIVB Regulations;
- e. Verify athlete number (1 or 6)
- f. Record athlete shirt colors and sizes;
- h. Confirm eligible athlete / teams list

*Depending on the eventual arrival time and date of each team, each team will be dedicated a fixed start time on 11th October 2019 and the exact times for each team preliminary inquiry will be communicate at a later stage.

5.2 General Technical Meeting

To convene at 15:00 on October 11, 2019 and will last approximately 60 minutes. The meeting hall in the players hotel will be announced once further information is provided by the LOC.

It is mandatory for the coach and all 6 players to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and team manager (if any) is also invited.

Each team will sign in before the start of the General Technical Meeting

6 Prize Money, Awards and Ranking

No Prize money or FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking points will be awarded for this event.

The ANOC and the LOC will give out medals for the top 3 teams at the end of the event. (Gold, Silver and Bronze)

All Participating teams will receive a diploma from the event.

7 Beach Volleyball 4x4 Rules of the Game

The Beach Volleyball 4x4 rules can be found in the following [LINK](#).

Below you will find some of the key Rules for the Beach Volleyball 4x4:

- **scoring system:** a set (except the deciding third set) is, won by the team which first scores 21 points with a minimum lead of two points. In the case of a 20-20 tie, play is continued until a two-point lead is achieved (22-20; 23-21; etc).
The match is won by, the team that wins two sets. In the case of a 1-1 tie, the deciding third set is, played, to 15 points with a minimum lead of 2 points;
- **team composition:** 4 players and 2 substitutes maximum, plus 1 coach;
- **service order:** servers must serve according to the service order as recorded on the score sheet (substitutes are bound to the service order of the player they substituted);
- **substitutions:** 4 maximum substitutions are allowed in one set. Any player of the starting 4 can only be substituted one time in the set and can only replace the player that substituted him/her. The 2 players registered as substitutes before the beginning of the set, can replace any player in the starting 4 one time during the set;
- **positional faults:** unless for the server who must respect the service order at the moment of the service, free positions on the court are allowed;
- **coaching:** adapt the coaching rules for 2vs2 FIVB Youth competitions. Main aspects:
 - the coach sits at the designated Team seating areas;
 - during court switches, the coach switches with the teams;
 - the coach may interact with his/her players only during warm-up, between sets, between rallies, at switch of the court and during TOs, plus during any exceptional interruptions.
- **other:** having substitute players has implications in the misconduct rule, the medical assistance, and the role of the second referee, meaning that the Volleyball rules shall partly be enforced for those specific areas of the 4X4 Beach game.
- **court size:** 8 meters x 8 meters
- **open hand tips:** a player commits a fault if he/she completes an attack-hit using an open-handed finger action or if using finger tips that are not rigid and together.
- **block touch:** the team is entitled to three hits for returning the ball (including the block touch).
- **screening:** the players of the serving team must not prevent their opponent, through individual or collective screening, from seeing the server and the flight path of the ball.
- **time-outs:** 1 TO per team per set; no TTOs;
- **set intervals:** all set intervals last 2 minutes;
- **court switches:** at the 1st and 2nd sets, once the leading teams reaches 11 points, the teams change courts without delay and the player positions remain the same.
At the 3rd set, once the leading teams reaches 8 points, the teams change courts without delay and the player positions remain the same.

If the change is, not made once the leading team reaches 11 or 8 points respectively for the first 2 sets or the third set, it will take place as soon as the error is, noticed. The score at the time that the change is made remains the same.

At every court switch, the teams should change the court in one unit following the 2nd referee's whistle and signal. Teams shall switch court counter-clockwise with the team on the left side of the 2nd referee crossing behind the pole on 2nd referee's side; and the team on the left side of the 1st referee crossing behind the 1st referee stand. Substitutes and coaches switch sides directly close to the scorer's area. They must carry all respective team belongings with them.

- **substitution procedure:** in order that a substitution is authorized, the substitute player(s) must approach the scorer's area ready for the substitution (this includes holding the relevant paddle in case this procedure applies).

The team coach will then after asking for the substitution(s) through the use of the appropriate signal, handle the appropriate form (R-6) duly completed to the scorer (please note that this procedure applies in case no substitution paddles are used).

This automatically triggers the start of the substitution process which in case being legal, is then initiated with the scorer's whistle (buzzer)

The 2nd referee will then stand close to the pole and make a signal (crossing of the arms) for the players to exchange across the sideline.

In case of multiple substitutions, the 2nd referee will wait for the scorer's hand signal confirming that the previous substitution is registered and then he/she will proceed with the subsequent substitution.

8 Uniform Guidelines

Each team must have 3 sets of different color uniforms (top and bottom) following the uniform guidelines for this event. Each uniform must have the players name, country flag, IOC 3 letter country designation and player number (from 1 to 6).

For details, please refer to the Uniform guidelines circulated on 13th of September 2019 and also published on the FIVB webpage

- Uniform Guidelines World Beach Games ([LINK](#))
- Guidelines for Authorized Uniforms and Sport Equipment Identifications ([LINK](#))

[The uniforms and accessories will be checked and approved at the Preliminary Inquiry by the FIVB Control Committee members. Should any player have any new item to be used after the Preliminary Inquiry, such item shall also be checked and approved by the FIVB Control Committee members at least 60 minutes before the start of the match.](#)

9 Additional Information

9.1 Team training and competitions

The Sports Information Desk will provide the Teams, all the information and services needed to organize and plan their team training (at least one once a day) and competition schedule.

To book the training, please contact: (Mr. Reggiani reggimaggia@gmail.com) at least 24 hours before the training.



9.2 Change Rooms

Athletes' change rooms are, provided with facilities including showers, toilets and changing areas, between the warm-up and the Indoor Pool. Separate change rooms are, provided for men and women. Team massage areas are located, along the warm-up pool and Athletes Preparation Area.

9.3 Team seating

Team seating appointed at designated areas at the Accredited Seating.

9.4 Athletes' and Team Officials' Lounge

A lounge is located at the athletes' entrance and is available for athletes, coaches and their Team Officials. The lounge is open during all training and competition sessions (08:00-12:00 & 14:00-23:30) and has refreshments available. All venue areas are, provided with free to access WIFI.

9.5 Accommodation/Hotels

The teams will be, accommodated in a single hotel in Doha (Ezdan Hotel), about 12 minutes from Katara Beach and Al-Gharafa Sports Complex.

Missing meals information here (for example, breakfast at hotel, what about lunch and dinner and service time)

9.6. Transportation

Shuttle buses will be, made available to the teams to reach both competition clusters. A shuttle service will be, established between the Athletes Hotel (Ezdan Hotel) and the Additional Team Officials Hotel (Retaj Al-Rayyan Hotel). No dedicated cars will be provided.

Add contact details for transportation.

9.7 Medical

A Polyclinic will be, established in the Athletes Village Hotel. Ambulances and first aid medical services will be available at the competition and training venues. The ANOC medical team, together with the Chief Medical Officer of the Local Organizing Committee, will be responsible for all medical services, as well as doping control

FIVB Medical & Anti-Doping Regulations are in force. During the competition, LOC must provide medical assistance for the athletes, including:

- a. Medical Services Area at the venue with at least two doctors on duty whenever there is a training session or during the competition;
- b. For events with more than one venue, it is required to have at least one doctor and one physiotherapist available at all courts;
- c. A doctor on 24-hour duty at the athletes' hotel with first aid medical supplies; d. Assigning hospitals near the venue for emergency specialist care and hospitalization, if needed;
- e. Massage room with at least 2 physiotherapists for single gender events and 4 physiotherapists for double gender events located close to the athletes' lounge; An ambulance equipped for advanced cardiopulmonary resuscitation (including

defibrillator) must always be available, parked as close as possible to the venue, nearby the medical area.

f. First aid room at the venue with a doctor on duty (the first aid room must be equipped with all necessary instruments and medicine);

g. Tables for first aid as close as possible to the playing area with a Red Cross sign and a doctor on duty;

h. Immediate medical assistance to be, provided to the athletes on court whenever a recovery time is authorized.

i. The first aid and ambulance service must also be available to help athletes, FIVB Officials, referees, heads of delegation, spectators, LOC members, FIVB Sponsors and partners, as well as media representatives whenever needed.

9.8 DOPING CONTROL

Doping Control will be, conducted in accordance with the International Standards for Testing, Investigation, and FIVB Doping Control Rules. Samples will be, screened for prohibited substances and methods as listed in the WADA latest Prohibited List in force at the time of the event. All samples will be, sent for analysis to the WADA-accredited laboratory.

In accordance with the International Standard for Testing and Investigation, athletes selected for Doping Control must be, informed in person of their selection. Athletes will be, asked to sign the Doping Control Form upon notification. All athletes selected should report to the Doping Control Station immediately and will be allowed to delay reporting to the Doping Control Station only for reasons such as; locating a representative/interpreter, warm-down, attending a media conference or Victory Ceremony, or receiving medical treatment. Athletes will be, informed of their right to be, accompanied to the Doping Control Station by an accredited team official. Once selected for Doping Control, a doping control official will remain with the athlete until arrival at the Station.

Note: Evading Sample collection, or without compelling justification, refusing or failing to submit to Sample collection after notification as authorized in these Anti-Doping Rules or other applicable anti-doping rules constitutes an anti-doping rule violation.

9.9 Rule 50

The IOC's rule 50 applies to the ANOC World Beach Games for both clothing and sports equipment. For clothing, the manufacturer identification can have a maximum of 30 square centimeters, plus the additional product technology identification with maximum 10 square centimeters. Sports equipment brand size shall be as featured on sports equipment sold on the market at least 6 months prior to the games.

9.10 The Sport Information Desk

The Sport Information Desks is located at xxxx (hotel or venue) and will provide essential sport-specific information relating to:

- Training schedules
- Athletes' transport
- Results and starting lists

- Competition Schedule
- Entry List by Event
- Official Communications
- Medal Standings
- Meals
- Shuttle buses

*Individual pigeonholes are, reserved for each NOC in order to receive and store all information updates and communications on a daily basis.

9.11 Key Dates

Submission of the Uniform Layout to the FIVB	September 30 th
Opening of Al-Gharafa venue/ Start of the official training	October 10 th
Preliminary Inquiry	October 11 th (starting from 9am TBC)
General Technical Meeting	October 11 th (15:00TBC)
Start of the Competition (round robin)	October 12 th
Start of the 2 nd Phase (single elimination)	October 14 th
Finals (Gold and Bronze matches)	October 16 th

9.12 Accreditation

The accreditation shall be worn all the time by each accredited person.

Athletes and Team Officials must wear their accreditation to gain access to the venue. Without accreditation, immediate access will not be, granted which will cause some inconvenience. Failure to wear and clearly display the accreditation pass may negate free movement within the venue and cause unnecessary difficulties for all concerned.

9.13 Mixed Zone:

Mixed Zones are restricted areas at competition venues where athletes are required to pass, usually situated adjacent to the FOP. They provide the print and broadcast media with the opportunity to meet athletes for quick and informal interviews on their (or their team's) performance. All players must have their playing uniforms on while passing through the mixed zone.

9.14 MEDAL CEREMONIES

At the end of the finals, FOP Assistants will escort the winners to the victory ceremony marshalling area where they will be, briefed by Ceremonies staff.

The Medal Ceremony for Beach Volleyball will be held in Katara Beach.

9.15 PRESS CONFERENCES

Accredited media will have the opportunity to speak to athletes, coaches and team officials at the competition venues at press conferences and upon a request or as needed. Press



Conference Room is located in close proximity to the Media Centre and athletes will be escorted by Sport staff to that area.

9.16 Sanctions

The FIVB Disciplinary Regulations and the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations will be applied where applicable.

9.17 Protest and Appeals

On court disputes shall be resolved under FIVB Regulations as per Protest Protocol directives. The First Referee shall evaluate whether to accept a Protest at Level 1 as being valid or not, and therefore capable of potential consideration. The Game Jury shall decide then if the protest will be rejected or accepted at Level 1.

The TD/CC will be in charge of resolving any protest confirmation at Level 2 (to be resolved after the match).

Disputes shall be resolved under FIVB regulations. The Control Committee shall decide on matters in accordance with the present FIVB regulations. All protests and appeals must be lodged with the FIVB Control Committee in writing no later than sixty minutes after the end of the match.

Protests based on the rules of the game will be studied and resolved by the referee delegate and passed on to the FIVB Control Committee, accompanied by its resolution, no later than six hours after the protest is submitted. Final verdict will be given by the jury no later than twelve hours after the protest is submitted, or at the latest before the start of the following match of the team concerned.

FIVB Control Committee members of the same nationality as the team making a protest will be excluded from the deliberations when the protest is being studied.

C.A.S.

C.A.S. will have an office in Qatar for the duration of the Games to solve any dispute that may arise.

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Fire Brigade	999
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Other

Event Website: <http://www.awbgqatar.com/>
WBG Qualification System: [World Beach Games BVB 4x4 Qualification System](#)

*please note that additional information will be communicated as soon as it is confirmed with the organizer.