

2010 FIVB World Championships journey begins

'Adventure 2010' approaches



Mr. Jizhong Wei, FIVB President

In just a few days, the 2010 FIVB Volleyball World Championships will get underway with the first matches contested in Norceca. These games will be the beginning of a fascinating adventure for the record 214 national teams involved that will keep Volleyball fans around the world entertained until the finals in two years' time. The FIVB "launched" the 2010 World Championships in Turin, Italy, in September with the drawing of lots for the preliminary tournaments and media and fans can find all the information they need on the three-round worldwide qualification process on the FIVB website. Our official website, incidentally, is undergoing an exciting transformation at the moment, following the introduction of our stylish new homepage in time for the Olympic Games. Over the coming months we will continue to introduce a number of improvements on fivb.org for Volleyball fans, media, players, coaches and delegates the world over.

On a sombre note, the Volleyball Family is in mourning following the recent passing of Prof. Dr. Rolf Andresen at aged 83. My good friend Rolf dedicated his life to Volleyball and the FIVB. A keen player, coach and international referee, he held the positions of German Volleyball Federation President, CEV President and FIVB 1st Vice President and head of the FIVB Sports Organising Commission. The Volleyball world will always be thankful for his tireless contribution to our sport and in the next issue of World Volley News we will remember Rolf with a special tribute page.

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■ **Two hundred and fourteen national teams, 68 tournaments, three preliminary rounds and one goal – to be part of the 2010 FIVB Men's and Women's World Championship finals in Italy and Japan.**

The teams' journey through what promises to be the most successful World Championships in FIVB history begins the end of November. NORCECA's Nicaragua host the first tournaments in the World Championships, with a second-round men's group through November 29 to December 5 contested by the host, Costa Rica, Panama, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador and Honduras followed by a second-round women's group contest through December 9-13 involving the host, Panama, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador and Honduras.

The Belize Men's and Women's teams in NORCECA are late entries into the World Championships. In Europe, the Iceland Men's and Women's teams have withdrawn from the competition. NORCECA has scheduled its first-round contests at the end of January and start of February 2009. Europe has scheduled first-round tournaments for men and women in Sheffield, England, at the beginning of January 2009, while other European first-round dates and all Asian first-round dates are pending. There are no first-round tournaments in Africa or South America.

As teams advance through the preliminary rounds, higher-seeded teams join the competition at both the second- and third-round stage. With some exceptions such as the tournaments in Nicaragua, the women's second-round tournaments in the five continents will be held between May 15 and June 15, 2009, with the men's held May 15-31.

The women's third round is scheduled for June 19 to July 19, before the annual FIVB World Grand Prix, while the men's third round is set for August 14-30, after the annual FIVB World League.

Of the 24 national teams in each of the finals, Italy as hosts and Brazil as holders have automatically advanced to the men's finals, while Japan as hosts and Russia as holders have earned their spot in the women's finals.

In accordance with FIVB regulations, eight European, six NORCECA, four Asian, two South American and two African teams will advance to the women's finals. For the men's final round, eight European, five



Russia's Liubov Shashkova spikes against Brazil in the 2006 FIVB World Championship final

from NORCECA, four Asian, three African and two South American will advance. The 2010 men's finals will be held in Italy from September 23 to October 10 and the women's finals in Japan from October 29 to November 14.

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Dutch & Americans triumph in Dubai; Brazilians claim gold in Manama

The SWATCH FIVB World Tour stops in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Manama, Bahrain, saw three different nationalities claiming gold-medal glory, with Dutchmen Reinder Nummerdor and Richard Schuil and American women Nicole Branagh and Kerri Walsh finishing first at the double-gender US\$350,000 Dubai Open and Brazilians Alison Cerruti and Pedro Cunha standing highest on the podium at the US\$175,000 Bahrain Open 2008.

At the Dubai Open, Nummerdor and Schuil overcame a lop-sided setback in the first set to defeat Mischa Urbatzka and Jonas Reckermann in the all-European men's gold-medal match on the Jumeirah Beach Park centre court. Seeded second in the 32-team Main Draw, Nummerdor and



USA's Nicole Branagh receives

Gomes and Jorge "Gia" Terceiro in August. "The Olympic disappointment is still there," said 32-year-old Nummerdor, named the SWATCH most outstanding player at the Dubai Open. "At least, we are finishing the season strong with European titles in England and Russia, winning our national championships and an FIVB gold medal tonight."

With two teams in the final, the United States claimed their 76th women's SWATCH FIVB World Tour gold medal when Branagh and Walsh outlasted Jen Boss and April Ross for the women's



Dubai Open women's podium (left to right): Jen Boss, April Ross, Kerri Walsh, Nicole Branagh, Carolina Salgado and Maria Clara Salgado

Schuil shared the \$28,000 first-place prize after scoring a 12-21, 21-16, 15-10 win in 58 minutes over the fourth-seeded Germans, who split \$19,500 for posting their second silver-medal finish this season on the SWATCH FIVB World Tour. In winning their third SWATCH FIVB World Tour gold medal since forming their Beach Volleyball partnership in 2006 after illustrious Volleyball careers with a combined five Olympic appearances, Nummerdor and Schuil won for the second time on the Arabian Gulf after posting Netherland's first men's international gold medal last year in Bahrain. The Dutch pair won their second FIVB title earlier this season in Croatia. The 2008 continental champions, Nummerdor and Schuil lost in the Beijing 2008 Olympic quarter-finals to Georgia's Renato "Geor"

Dubai Open title. Competing in their first-ever Beach Volleyball event together, the top-seeded Branagh and Walsh scored a 21-18, 21-19 win in 46 minutes over the third-seeded Boss and Ross to share the US\$28,000 first-place prize while the losers split \$19,500 for the silver-medal finish. In winning her 38th international gold medal, Walsh tied long-time partner Misty May-Treanor for the most titles at FIVB-sanctioned events. May-Treanor did not enter the Dubai event because of her participation in the American "Dancing

with the Stars" television program where she withdrew from the competition because of an Achilles surgery.

Brazilian Alison became the 21st player from the South American country to win a SWATCH FIVB World Tour gold medal since 1994 as the 22-year-old teamed with Cunha to win the Bahrain Open 2008. Seeded third, Alison and Cunha scored a 22-20 and 21-19 win in 44 minutes over second-seeded Andy and Kevin Ces of France to share the \$28,000 first-place prize at the 19th of 20 men's stops on the 2008 SWATCH FIVB World Tour calendar. It was the Brazilians second win in a week over the Ces brothers, who dropped a 21-13 and 21-10 quarter-final match to Alison and Cunha in the double-elimination tournament. Cunha, named the SWATCH most outstanding player for the event, collected his second medal after placing second last year at the Bahrain Open with Franco Neto. For the French tandem, it marked the first time since 1994 that a Beach Volleyball team from the European country competed in a SWATCH FIVB World Tour gold-medal match. In claiming the \$19,500 second-place prize, the Ces brothers became the first French team to compete in back-to-back SWATCH semi-finals after placing fourth two weeks ago in Dubai. In the bronze-medal match,



Mischa Urbatzka (right) hits the Mikasa against Dutchman Richard Schuil (left) as German partner Jonas Reckermann follows the play

21st-seeded Sebastian Dollinger and Stefan Windscheif of Germany scored a 21-14 and 21-14 win in 39 minutes over 10th-seeded Mariusz Prudel and Grzegorz Fijalek to share the \$14,000 third-place prize in their first SWATCH FIVB World Tour start together.

October 5-10 - Women's Open Dubai, UAE - Podium Finish		
1		GOLD Walsh / Branagh USA
2		SILVER Ross / Boss USA
3		BRONZE Maria Clara / Carolina BRA

October 6-11 - Men's Open Dubai, UAE - Podium Finish		
1		GOLD Nummerdor / Schuil NED
2		SILVER Reckermann / Urbatzka GER
3		BRONZE Harley / Pedro BRA

October 27/Nov.1 - Men's Open Manama, Bahrain - Podium Finish		
1		GOLD Alison / Cunha BRA
2		SILVER A. Ces / K. Ces FRA
3		BRONZE Dollinger / Windscheif GER

Provisional calendar set for 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Tour

The provisional calendar for the 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Tour features a potential record in prize money distributed among 19 women's events and 18 men's events, including the US\$1 million SWATCH FIVB World Championships in Stavanger.

The tentative schedule below sees the SWATCH FIVB World Tour season run from April 20 to September 27. The calendar is subject to change by the FIVB, with decisions pending on double-gender events in Australia and Beijing, China, a women's event in Cyprus and a men's event in the Czech Republic.

Alongside the biennial SWATCH FIVB World Championships for men and women are five Grand Slams in Marseille, France; Berlin, Germany; Gstaad, Switzerland; Moscow, Russia; and Klagenfurt, Austria. Each double-gender Grand Slam will have US\$600,000 prize money on offer.

Double-gender Open events set for 2009 are scheduled for Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Shanghai, China; Rome, Italy; Stare Jablonki, Poland; The Hague, Netherlands; Kristiansand, Norway; Aland, Finland; and a Brazilian city yet to be confirmed. Tentative dates have also been set for double-gender events in Europe from June 9-14 and Europe or the Americas from September 15-20.

There are single-gender women's events in Osaka, Japan; Seoul, Korea; Barcelona, Spain; and a city in Brazil, while single-gender men's events are in Myslowice in Poland and Roseto degli Abruzzi in Italy.

The 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Championships will run through June 25 to July 5 in Stavanger.

WOMEN'S CALENDAR

DATES	COUNTRY	EVENT	PRIZE MONEY	BONUS POOL
April 20-25	Dubai, UAE	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
April 28-May 3	Shanghai, China	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
May 12-17	Rome, Italy	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
May 20-24	Osaka, Japan	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
May 25-27	Seoul, Korea	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
June 2-7	Marseille, France	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
June 9-14	EUROPE (TBC)	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
June 16-21	Berlin, Germany	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
June 25-July 5	Stavanger, Norway	World Championships	US\$250,000	US\$250,000
July 7-12	Gstaad, Switzerland	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
July 14-July 19	Moscow, Russia	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
July 21-26	Stare Jablonki, Poland	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
July 29-August 2	Klagenfurt, Austria	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
August 4-9	The Hague, Netherlands	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
August 11-16	Kristiansand, Norway	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
August 18-23	Aland, Finland	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
August 25-30	CEV (TBC)			
September 8-13	Barcelona, Spain	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
September 15-20	EUROPE/AMERICAS (TBC)	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
September 22-27	Brazil	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000

MEN'S CALENDAR

DATES	COUNTRY	EVENT	PRIZE MONEY	BONUS POOL
April 20-25	Dubai, UAE	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
April 28-May 3	Shanghai, China	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
May 12-17	Rome, Italy	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
May 25-27	Myslowice, Poland	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
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August 25-30	CEV (TBC)			
September 2-6	Roseto degli Abruzzi, Italy	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
September 15-20	EUROPE/AMERICAS (TBC)	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
September 22-27	Brazil	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000

FIVB and IMG Sports Media to enter into four-year partnership



FIVB President Jizhong Wei and IMG Media Executive Vice President, Head of Acquisition and Sales Worldwide, Michel Masquelier shake hands at the FIVB headquarters in Lausanne

The FIVB and IMG Sports Media, the sports production and distribution division of IMG Worldwide, have announced a four-year partnership, commencing in 2009, which will see IMG Sports Media exclusively distributing key FIVB tournaments worldwide as well as acting as the official audio-video media rights and event consultant and TV coordination agency of the FIVB.

Under the terms of the deal, IMG Sports Media will distribute all media rights for Beach Volleyball's SWATCH FIVB World Tour (men's and women's) and SWATCH FIVB World Championships (men's and

women's, 2009 and 2011), the annual FIVB World League and FIVB World Grand Prix events and the 2011 FIVB World Cup (men's and women's).

In its role as the TV coordination agency, IMG will advise the FIVB on all production matters, working onsite with host broadcasters across the globe to make sure that all production standards are met up to and during each event.

loris Francini, Senior Vice President IMG Media, Head of Sales EMEA, said: "We are thrilled to be working with the FIVB. This is an important time in the world of Volleyball, a sport which has evolved and developed considerably over the past few years, and a very exciting opportunity for IMG to take on a global sport that is brand new to us. We will offer the FIVB an excellent and dedicated sales team of 150 people devoted to raising the popularity and profile of this first-class sport."

Michel Masquelier, Executive Vice President IMG Media, Head of Acquisition and Sales Worldwide, said: "Volleyball is a true global, Olympic sport, and IMG is the ideal partner to service its ambition."

About IMG Sports Media

IMG Sports Media, the sports production and distribution division of IMG Worldwide, is the world's largest independent producer and distributor of sports programming, offering the market an extensive catalogue of more than 18,000 hours of television, online, mobile and radio sports content across 240 categories of sports, including golf, football (soccer), tennis, cricket, cycling, motor sports and mixed martial arts. IMG Sports Media also represents the broadcast rights to many of the world's premier sporting events and maintains the world's largest sports archive with more than 250,000 hours of footage.

IMG will be the central point of broadcast information for the rights holders, promoters and national federations.

IMG will also manage the satellite distribution of the events and news access worldwide.

FIVB President Jizhong Wei said: "I am very happy with the new contract and I hope this will give greater visibility worldwide, including more TV news coverage of FIVB events. I am expecting a very professional job from IMG Sports Media. I would also like to thank all the agencies which have been working for the FIVB up until now."



Fans pack out Yokohama Arena for Japan-China at the 2008 FIVB World Grand Prix

Rules of the Game changes: 2009-12

The 31st FIVB World Congress decisions regarding all proposed new rules are at www.fivb.org. Here will be explained what the exact changes are so as to avoid confusion. The rules are for the whole world and not simply for senior FIVB tournaments so it is important to analyze certain interpretations and details so each and every National Federation can operate their own championship events.

The team

Take, for example, the number of players per team. There are still up to 12 players per team – but for FIVB and world events for senior teams there is the possibility, within the Specific Sports Regulations, of up to 14 players being nominated for the final team roster. Needless to say, this could have implications for the initial team list, the 0-2 form, which has to be submitted to FIVB in advance of the event, and also for squad numbering. Player numbers, therefore, remain at between 1-18 for normal national competition – unless there is a special competition regulation, for example in the Men's European League – but have been raised to between 1-20 for FIVB events.

Libero players

The purpose of the increase in size of the team roster was to give teams in FIVB events cover for key players in case of injury – but this change also gives an opportunity to raise the profile of the libero: in national events a team may now have up to two liberos from within the team list – i.e. none, one or two liberos. For FIVB events, where a team chooses to register more than 12 players, it is mandatory to register TWO liberos. If more than one libero is registered, the coach may for any reason exchange the original libero with the reserve libero – but only once in the match, and only once the replacement player has gone back on to the court. So the exchange is between bench player and bench player, hence it does not count as a replacement or a substitution.

Substitution

The procedure for substitution is also changing – to try to avoid conflicts between the coach and second referee – and to unify the interpretation of what constituted delay. Now the coach no longer NEEDS to request substitution for FIVB events, but simply sends the player into the substitution zone. A huge testing programme was convincing with compelling evidence that the scorer should use the buzzer to acknowledge and announce the substitution. Substitution is recognised only when a player steps across the extension of the attack line into the substitution zone. This applies to national competitions too, where there is no buzzer. In

Where scorer uses buzzer	Where scorer has no buzzer
During a regular game interruption, the coach may request substitution, but this will not prompt any action - only the player's entry to the substitution zone prompts action.	During a regular game interruption, the coach may request substitution, but this will not prompt any action - only the player's entry to the substitution zone prompts action*.
Player preferably with numbered substitution board enters the substitution zone - scorer recognises this and presses the buzzer, acknowledging and announcing the substitution "request".	Player (with or without numbered board) enters the substitution zone. Second referee recognises this and blows the whistle (as now).
Second referee looks at the scorer and authorises the substitution from his/ her position between post and scorer's table.	Second referee looks at the scorer (scorer may have to raise a hand according to current practice and make eye contact with the second referee) and authorises the substitution from a position between post and scorer's table.
Scorer completes the administration of the substitution by raising both hands, according to current practice.	Scorer completes the administration of the substitution by raising both hands, according to current practice.
	In the event of injury, referees will be expected to react to the request, of course.

this case the second referee will whistle, as before, but not until the player is in the zone. If the coach requests a substitution (remember he does not need to but is not forbidden from doing so) neither the scorer (with buzzer) nor the second referee (with whistle) will do anything until the player steps across into the zone. The second referee still authorises and controls the substitution, but now from a position between the post and the scorer's table – there is now no need for the second referee to go to the attack line.

Net faults and interfering with play

The removal of the phrase "in the action of playing the ball" from the net fault rule has allowed a major evolution in the game designed to keep the ball flying. After hundreds of test matches, it was clear that the concept was workable. Blockers hitting the net on the way up ➡

There have been rule changes regarding liberos



Summary	
National Federation competitions	FIVB and world events for seniors
Up to 12 players. Shirt numbers 1-18	Up to 14 players. Shirt numbers 1-20
Up to 2 liberos	2 liberos (but only if a team chooses to register more than 12 players).
If more than one libero is registered, the coach can exchange for the reserve libero, but only once in the match, and only after the regular replacement player has returned to court.	Same as national competitions
Substitution - request is activated the moment the player steps into the substitution zone.	Same as national competitions
Second referee controls and authorises from a position between post and scorer's table.	Same as national competitions
Where there is no buzzer, the second referee can whistle.	The scorer will announce the substitution by pressing the buzzer.
Hitting the top band of the net is a fault - hitting the mesh is not unless it interferes with play.	Same as national competitions
Contact with the opponent's court with any part of the body above the foot (feet) is not a fault, unless it interferes with play.	Same as national competitions
Second referees whistle and signal illegal back line hits and blocks.	Same as national competitions

➔ to block, or spikers falling into the net after the hit would no longer be committing a fault. Neither would setters contacting the mesh of the net as they played. But hitting the top band of the net or taking support from the net would be classed as interfering with play – hence these actions would still be whistled as faults. Contact with the opponent’s court with any part of the body above the feet would also be permitted, in conjunction with the net rule. This extends the current centre line rule. But if the contact interferes with an opponent physically, or with the opponent’s ability to play the ball, then it would be considered a fault. Both these major changes to the rules were intended to share with the rest of the world the benefits seen during the tests – namely their ability to keep the ball flying. And it is a proven ability. Already in national federations where both rules are employed there has been a marked increase in net crossings and an increased interest in the game.

Referee cooperation

The change in emphasis on the net and centre line now allows the second referee to revert to the earlier practice of whistling and signalling illegal back line hits and blocks.

FIVB Medical Commission President Bahr receives Prince Philip Medal



Prince Philip (left) and Roald Bahr

His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, presented Professor Bahr with the Prince Philip Medal in Sports and Exercise Medicine.

The medal, only once previously awarded when launched 12 years ago, is given for an outstandingly significant and original contribution to the advancement of medical knowledge or technique in Sports and Exercise Medicine.

Professor Bahr has recently had the distinction of being elected to the International Olympic Committee Medical Commission Medical and Scientific Group. His research has principally been in sport injury prevention.

FIVB Medical Commission President Roald Bahr was awarded the Prince Philip Medal in October during a glittering reception at Buckingham Palace in London attended by distinguished representatives from within the fields of medicine, science, research and politics.

International Coaches Seminar

The Volleyball Federation of Serbia organized the inaugural International Coaches Seminar in October entitled



Left to right: Andrea Anastasi, Doug Beal, Philippe Blain and Igor Kolakovic

FIVB Technical Courses & Seminars Calendar - November-December 08

COUNTRY	TYPE	DATES		DAYS
		From	To	
Sudan	Refresher Refereeing	1-Nov	7-Nov	8
Benin	Coaches Level I	17-Nov	28-Nov	12
Comoros Islands	Coaches Level I	18-Nov	29-Nov	12
Kuwait	Coaches Level I	18-Nov	29-Nov	12
Guinea-Bissau	Coaches Level I	18-Nov	29-Nov	12
Dominican Republic	Coaches Level I	8-Dec	19-Dec	12

FIVB Volleyball Cooperation Programme Calendar - November-December 08

COUNTRY	TYPE	DATES		DAYS
		From	To	
Nepal	VCP Teachers	6-Nov	11-Nov	6
Qatar	VCP Teachers	12-Nov	17-Nov	6
St. Vincent & Grenadines	VCP Beach	18-Nov	23-Nov	6

“Coaches for Victories” with world-renowned Volleyball names such as USA Volley CEO and FIVB Board of Administration member Doug Beal, France Men’s Head Coach and FIVB Coaching Commission President Philippe Blain, Italian Men’s Head Coach Andrea Anastasi and Serbian Men’s Head Coach Igor Kolakovic in attendance.

The Seminar was attended by 218 coaches coming from various countries affiliated to the Balkan Volleyball Association, namely Serbia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Romania and Montenegro. Aleksandar Boricic, President of the Volleyball Federation of Serbia and FIVB and CEV Vice President, opened the seminar.

QuickSets

Italy chooses mascot

The mascot for the 2010 FIVB Men's World Championship is a blue swallow.

The mascot, who has a number 10 printed on its breast, was unveiled in October at the Palazzo delle Esposizioni in Rome. Volleyball fans were invited to vote online to decide on its name after the event and the choices were Fly, Gamp, Italo, Mimmo and Volly.

FIVB Second Executive Vice President Theofanis Tsiokris, who attended the mascot unveiling, said: "The mascot is very beautiful. It is another step towards the most beautiful World Championship in history.

"On this grand occasion at the Palazzo delle Esposizioni, I give my thanks and appreciation to the Italian Olympic Committee, the Italian Volleyball Federation and the Organising Committee of the 2010 FIVB Men's World Volleyball Championship. A special thanks must also be extended to RAI television for their fantastic ongoing efforts," said Tsiokris.



The 2010 FIVB Men's World Championship mascot

Misty's injury

Two-time Olympic Beach Volleyball gold-medal winner Misty May-Treanor had to pull out of the "Dancing with the Stars" television programme because of a ruptured left Achilles tendon.



Misty May-Treanor and dance partner Maksim Chmerkovskiy

2008 Global Calendar - Competitions and Events - Volleyball & Beach Volleyball

DATES	EVENT	COUNTRY	ORG.	M/W
Nov. 4	Leeward Island Tournament	Antigua	NORCECA	M/W
Nov. 4-6	CEV Cup - 1/16 Finals - Home Matches	Various	CEV	M/W
Nov. 4-6	CEV Indesit Champions League League Round - 1st Leg	Various	CEV	M/W
Nov. 4-6	GM Capital Challenge Cup - 2nd Round Home Matches	Various	CEV	M/W
Nov. 4-9	FIVB World Tour Open	Phuket, Thailand	FIVB	W
Nov. 10-16	FIVB World Tour Open	Sanya, China	FIVB	M/W
Nov. 11-13	CEV Indesit Champions League League Round - 2nd Leg	Various	CEV	M/W
Nov. 11-13	CEV Cup - 1/16 Finals - Away Matches	Various	CEV	M/W
Nov. 11-13	GM Capital Challenge Cup - 2nd Round Away Matches	Various	CEV	M/W
Nov. 27/Dec. 6	Central American World Championship Classification Tournament	Nicaragua	NORCECA	W
Nov/Dec	20 th African Cup of Cups	Rwanda, Egypt	CAVB	M
Dec. 9-11	CEV Indesit Champions League - League Round - 3rd leg	Various	CEV	M/W
Dec. 9-11	CEV Cup - 1/8 Finals - Home Matches	Various	CEV	M/W
Dec. 9-11	GM Capital Challenge Cup - 1/16 Finals - Home Matches	Various	CEV	M/W
Dec. 16-18	CEV Indesit Champions League - League Round - 4th Leg	Various	CEV	M/W
Dec. 16-18	GM Capital Challenge Cup - 1/16 Finals - Away Matches	Various	CEV	M/W
Dec. 16-18	CEV Cup - 1/8 Finals - Away Matches	Various	CEV	M/W

"I heard a pop," said the 31-year-old May-Treanor in media reports about her rehearsing the jive in the "Dancing with the Stars" ballroom. "I was doing the Lindy Hop. I thought I flew out of control and hit the judges' stairs, or it felt like I got hit in the back with a baseball bat. Then, I just couldn't put weight on it."

May-Treanor and her "Dancing with the Stars" partner Maksim Chmerkovskiy had scored 21 out of 30 for their previous foxtrot, mambo and paso double routines. "I am extremely disappointed for Misty," said Kerri Walsh, who teamed with May-Treanor to win the two Olympic titles along with three SWATCH FIVB World Championship gold medals in 2003, 2005 and 2007.

New Presidents for France, Greece

Greece and France named new Presidents of their National Federations in September. Former player and coach Stelios Prosalikas (left) was named President of the Greek



Volleyball Federation and Serge Deloure (right) a keen Volleyball player in the past, took the helm at the French Volleyball Federation.

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BV 5091S (colour, synthetic leather)

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Volley Pro 6.0 (colour, synthetic leather)

QUINGDAO-SYNSHEEN

"Star" VB 205-34 (colour, synthetic leather)

NATIONMAN

9900 PROFIT (colour, synthetic leather)

MONDO

MONDO 5MF-Pro (colour, synthetic leather)

FIVB OFFICIAL INSPECTED VOLLEYBALL BALLS

MIKASA SV-2 School

MIKASA VP500 Park Volley

BEACH VOLLEYBALL BALLS

MIKASA

VLS 200 (colour) Beach
Exclusive game ball for all FIVB Competitions
incl. OG 2008

MOLTEN

BV5000 (colour) Beach

HOMOLOGATED POSTS, PADS,
ANTENNAE, NETS, REFEREE CHAIR**SENOH**

Posts, pads, nets with antennae & referees' chairs are
exclusive for all FIVB Competitions incl. OG 2008

National Federations are requested to select material from the list of the FIVB approved sports material

SHOES AND UNIFORMS

ADIDAS

Shoes & uniforms

ASICS

Shoes & uniforms

CHAMPION

Uniforms

DACAPO

Uniforms

DESCENTE

Shoes & uniforms

MIKASA

Uniforms

International Referees supplier for Volleyball

MIZUNO

Shoes & uniforms

NIKE

Shoes & uniforms

OLYMPIKUS

Shoes & uniforms

TOPPER

Uniforms

FIVB APPROVED
SYNTHETIC SPORTS FLOORS**TARAFLEX**

Exclusive for all FIVB Competitions
incl. OG 2008

TARAFLEX

Taraflex Sport M Plus
(7 mm thickness colour Teal 6431
and Coral 6146) over wood sub floors
or synthetic sub floors

Taraflex Sport Performance Plus
(9 mm thickness same colours as above)
over concrete sub floors

MONDO

MONDOFLEX
Blue Laguna H23 + Rose Flamingo H41

FIVB RECOMMENDED
SYNTHETIC SPORTS FLOORS**MONDO**

MONDOSPORT HP-E PVC indoor floor
Blue Laguna H23 + Rose Flamingo H41