



# 2014 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Playoff Round Tournaments

## NATIONAL TEAM REGISTRATION

Invitation to Enter, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Playoff Round Tournaments & Official Entry forms for the 2014 Women's or Men's World Championship 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournaments

The Entry Forms duly completed must be received by the FIVB Sports Events Department before but not later than **1<sup>st</sup> May 2012**  
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## 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Playoff Round Tournaments for the 2014 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following information relates to the qualification system to the 2014 Women's and Men's World Championships.

### 1. TEAMS DIRECTLY QUALIFIED

	WOMEN	MEN
Italy (Organiser)	1	
Poland (Organiser)		1

### 2. FIVB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION VACANCIES

	WOMEN	MEN
World Championship Qualification Vacancies	23	23

All World Championship 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Playoff Round Tournaments must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

### 3. ASSIGNMENT OF VACANCIES

Vacancies will be assigned to Continents based on the FIVB Board decision:

Continent	Men	Women
AVC	4	4
CAVB	3	2
CEV (incl. host)	9	10
CSV	3	2
NORCECA	5	6

23 teams to be qualified through the qualification system

- 3.1 Each vacancy may be secured by winning a decisive World Championship Qualification Event held with four (4) teams. Each event must not include more than four (4) teams. All second ranked teams of decisive pools within a Confederation to play in a play off system for the remaining vacancies, rather than awarding vacancies directly to second best teams. Where necessary and as determined by the Confederations and FIVB, a World Championship Qualification Event may decide more than one vacancy.

The participating teams within the group will decide if the competition format is to be a Round Robin Tournament (without finals play off) or a Home and Away Match Series (only following a unanimous decision).

Where Continents require to complete a group of four (4) teams and where there are more than four (4) teams from within that Continent wishing to participate in an event, the Continent must organize a preliminary elimination tournament with two (Home & Away Match Series) or three (Round Robin Tournament or Home & Away Match Series) of the lowest ranked teams. The winners of such preliminary elimination tournaments will then be required to play in a decisive World Championship Qualification Event.

- 3.2 If only one team from a Continent is available, that team will dispute qualification with teams from another Continent in a decisive World Championship Qualification Event. In this case, a Round Robin Tournament will be played.
- 3.3 If only two or three teams from the same Continent are available, they may be assigned to dispute the qualification with teams from another Continent in a decisive World Championship Qualification Event. In this case, a Round Robin Tournament will be played.

#### 4. COMPOSITION OF GROUPS

Once entries have closed, the distribution and the composition of groups within each Continent will be made in **City, Country** (as determined by the respective Confederation) in **September 2012**, as follows:

Seeding	In each group, the Confederation will seed two teams. The Organisers and the top teams in the World Ranking, according to the zonal and geographical distribution, will be seeded in the two first places of each group following the serpentine system.
Draw 1	The lowest or non-ranked teams in the FIVB World Ranking will draw together for the fourth place of each group.
Draw 2	Next best ranked teams according to the FIVB World Ranking will draw together for the third place of each group.

Remarks: Two of the twelve top teams in the FIVB World Ranking cannot play in the same World Championship Qualification Event.

#### 5. COMPETITION DATES AND FORMULA

Dates: The competition dates and formula will be chosen by the participating teams within a group after the Teams distribution, by **30<sup>th</sup> September 2012**.

Competition Formula: For World Championship 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Playoff Round Tournaments consisting of four or more teams, according to zonal and geographical need of each Confederation, the competition formula will be decided by the participating teams from within the group and the options are as follow:

A single Round Robin tournament, without finals play off,

OR

A Home & Away Match Series.

Qualification: Will be awarded to the winner of each decisive World Championship 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Playoff Round Tournaments. All second ranked teams of decisive pools within a Continent to play in a play off system for the remaining vacancies, rather than awarding vacancies directly to second best teams. Where necessary and as determined by the Confederations and FIVB, a World Championship 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Playoff Round Tournaments may decide more than one vacancy.

Approval of Tournaments: The FIVB and the respective Confederation will approve the status of a 2014 World Championship 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Playoff Round Tournaments and such approval will be subject to the FIVB Regulations.



<b>2014 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM</b>
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The National Federation of.....hereby enters its National Team, agrees to respect the competition regulations of the 2014 Women's World Championship to be played in Italy and hereby declares having taken note of the following information and conditions:

- Entry:** Open
- National Entry Deadline:** The entry form must be sent to the FIVB Sports Events Department before but not later than **1<sup>st</sup> May 2012**.
- Late National Entry:** Will be accepted until the 2012 FIVB World Congress under the condition that the National Federation pays a fine of US\$ 1000
- Directly Qualified Teams:** Organiser (Italy)
- Vacancies:** Twenty-three (23) to be filled through decisive World Championship 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Playoff Round Tournaments.
- Distribution of Vacancies:** Final distribution of vacancies among the 5 Confederations decided by the FIVB Board of Administration:
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|------------------|----|
| AVC              | 4  |
| CAVB             | 2  |
| CEV (incl. host) | 10 |
| CSV              | 2  |
| NORCECA          | 6  |

- Qualification Tournaments:** To be played before but not later than **31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2014**.
- Withdrawal:** Once registered, the Teams are obliged to take part in the elimination Tournaments held within their own Continent. Eventual withdrawals may be penalized with sanctions as decided by the FIVB Board of Administration. Damaging withdrawals 5 days before scheduled tournaments will oblige the defaulting team to reimburse organizers expenditures and may be subject to further sanctions by the FIVB.

**Seal of the National Federation**

**Signature of the NF President**



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Date and Place: .....

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<b>2014 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM</b>
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The National Federation of.....hereby enters its National Team, agrees to respect the competition regulations of the 2014 Men's World Championship to be played in Poland and hereby declares having taken note of the following information and conditions:

- Entry:** Open
- National Entry Deadline:** The entry form must be sent to the FIVB Sports Events Department before but not later than **1<sup>st</sup> May 2012**.
- Late National Entry:** Will be accepted until the 2012 FIVB World Congress under the condition that the National Federation pays a fine of US\$ 1000
- Directly Qualified Teams:** Organiser (Poland)
- Vacancies:** Twenty-three (23) to be filled through decisive World Championship 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Playoff Round Tournaments.
- Distribution of Vacancies:** Final distribution of vacancies among the 5 Confederations decided by the FIVB Board of Administration:
- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| AVC              | 4 |
| CAVB             | 3 |
| CEV (incl. host) | 9 |
| CSV              | 3 |
| NORCECA          | 5 |
- Qualification Tournaments:** To be played before but not later than **31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2014**.
- Withdrawal:** Once registered, the Teams are obliged to take part in the elimination Tournaments held within their own Continent. Eventual withdrawals may be penalized with sanctions as decided by the FIVB Board of Administration. Damaging withdrawals 5 days before scheduled tournaments will oblige the defaulting team to reimburse organizers expenditures and may be subject to further sanctions by the FIVB.

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