

BEACH VOLLEYBALL 3'TECHNICAL HANDBOOK

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HISTORY

Since 2002, Beach Volleyball has been part of the FISU World University Championships programme. Following its inaugural edition organised by France on the beaches of Guadeloupe and a second edition held in Songkhla Province, Thailand, the student-athletes returned to continental Europe for the next three editions, hosted respectively in Protaras, Cyprus; Hamburg, Germany; and Alanya, Turkey. The event then moved to the southern shores of Maceió, Brazil, in 2012, before crossing the Atlantic to Porto, Portugal, in 2014.

In recent years, the event has attracted increasing interest. The editions held in Pärnu, Estonia, and Munich, Germany, featured full brackets for both genders. Moreover, a new participation record was set in Munich, with 191 participants representing 29 countries. The 2020 Championship was scheduled to take place in Torremolinos, Spain, but was unfortunately cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2022 edition was planned for Lake Placid, USA, but was unable to proceed. Brazil subsequently took over organisation of the event in Maceió, hosting a combined Championship alongside Triathlon.

The most recent edition was held once again in Brazil, as part of the inaugural FISU World University Championship in Beach Sports. It set new records for the number of participating countries and overall participants, demonstrating the tremendous success of the event.

STATISTICS

EDITION	VEAD	COUNTRY	CITY	COUNTRIES	Α	THLETE	S	OFF-	TOTAL
EDITION	YEAR	COUNTRY	CITY COUNTRI		М	W	тот	OFFs	TOTAL
1	2002	FRA	Guadeloupe	20	46	34	80	41	121
2	2004	THA	Songkhla Province	16	34	26	60	26	86
3	2006	CYP	Protaras	22	56	54	110	39	149
4	2008	GER	Hamburg	23	62	56	118	54	172
5	2010	TUR	Alanya	18	52	50	102	37	139
6	2012	BRA	Maceió	20	48	52	100	56	156
7	2014	POR	Porto	22	64	52	116	44	160
8	2016	EST	Pärnu	23	64	64	128	45	173
9	2018	GER	Munich	29	64	64	128	63	191
10	2022	BRA	Maceio	23	62	58	120	56	176
11	2024	BRA	Rio de Janeiro	30	80	64	144	52	196





3. GENERAL SCHEDULE

	DAY -3	DAY -2	DAY-1	DAY 1-4	DAY 5	DAY 6
ſ	Α	Α	GTM / OC	С	C/CC	D

Legend: A - Arrivals / CC - Closing Ceremony / C - Competition / D - Departures / GTM - General Technical Meeting / OC - Opening Ceremony

For Beach Volleyball, the competitions shall last 5 days

4. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

4.1. GENERAL ENTRY (DEADLINE: -6 MONTHS TO THE EVENT)

The General Entry if the first stage of the registration process, where delegations are invited to register, through the NUSFs, for the Championship indicating a general interest in participating in the event.

Teams and athletes are not required to submit any documentation or undergo a selection processes.

The submission of a General Entry Form is non-binding, indicating only initial interest by the NUSF but not final commitment

A. Team Deposit (Deadline: -5 months to the event)

A deposit of €500 must be paid to FISU during the General Entry stage and latest five months prior to the event, which secures a place in the selection process and serves as guarantee to confirm the intention to participate.

If a team is not selected, their deposit will be reimbursed

B. Teams Selection

The teams selection will be handled by the FISU Championship Department five months before the Championship following the below criteria (in no given order):

- Payment of the team deposit
- Host country
- Continental representation
- Country quota
- FISU country ranking
- FISU wild cards

Once the teams selection is finalised, FISU transfers the deposit of the selected teams to the Organising Committee. If a team is not selected, the deposit is returned to the NUSF.

This deposit serves as part of the delegations' Participation Fee final balance, and according to FISU General Regulations, deposits are non-refundable in case of withdrawal

Seeding Procedure

The seeding procedure will follow the same principles and criteria of the teams selection (in no given order):

- Two teams from the same country cannot be drawn into the same pool
- Medallists from the previous World University Championship will be allocated to groups A, B, and C, respectively. If any of these medal-winning countries do not participate, their place will be filled by the





next highest-ranked team, up to the third position, meaning the 3rd place will be 2nd, and 2nd will be 1st, if necessary.

- FIVB individual ranking points will be utilised to determine the subsequent seeds
- For the remaining teams without ranking points, the positions will be determined by a draw

C. Draw

 The draw will be carried out during the General Technical Meeting, by the Technical Delegate assigned to the event

4.2. QUANTITATIVE ENTRY (DEADLINE: -3 MONTHS TO THE EVENT)

During the Quantitative Entry the NUSF delegation confirms the delegation composition in terms of numbers and although it does not yet provide individual details, it requires the NUSFs to submit an accurate count of delegation members.

4.3. INDIVIDUAL ENTRY (DEADLINE: -1 MONTH TO THE EVENT)

The Individual Entry is the final step in FISU event registration. The NUSF must provide all relevant data and documentation for each delegation member.

The remaining amount of the participation fees is paid in full to the Organising Committee by this deadline. Failure to do so may result in non-participation in the Championship, unless specifically approved by the Organising Committee







5. SPORT REGULATIONS

The Beach Volleyball tournament shall be organised following the most recent Technical Regulations of the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB). In case of dispute in the interpretation of the rules, the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

The competitions shall last 5 days as indicated in the General Schedule (Section 3) and the competition programme shall be proposed by the Organising Committee Competition Manager and confirmed by the FISU TCC, including the following events:

5.1. EVENTS

TOURNAMENTS			
Men	Women		

For both men's and women's tournaments, a maximum of 32 teams each is allowed

A. Results System

To oversee all aspects of the competition, the Organising Committee must utilise FIVB's "free of charge" competition software (BVIS – Beach Volleyball Information System). However, the Organising Committee should submit to FIVB all relevant information listed below no later than two months prior to the event:

- Competition format and schedule (day, matches, courts, etc.)
- Conditions for the competition and teams' participation

Registration data, as well as detailed results, will be provided to FIVB

B. Match Point System

Teams will compete against one another in each group on a round-robin basis. Match points will be awarded for each group match according to the following criteria:

BEACH VOLLEYBALL MATCH POINT SYSTEM				
Win	2 points			
Loss	1 point			

C. Classification Criteria

The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:

- a) Higher number of points obtained in all group matches
- b) Higher set average (sets won divided by the sets lost) across all group matches
- c) Higher point average (points won divided by points lost) across all group matches

If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above four criteria, their rankings will be determined as follows:

- a) Higher number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams involved
- b) Higher set average (sets won divided by the sets lost) derived from the group matches contested between the teams involved
- c) Higher point average (points won divided by points lost) derived from the group matches contested between the teams involved
- d) A draw conducted by the local Organising Committee, in the presence of the team captains

This is a full ranking tournament, meaning that teams will compete for every position in the final standings

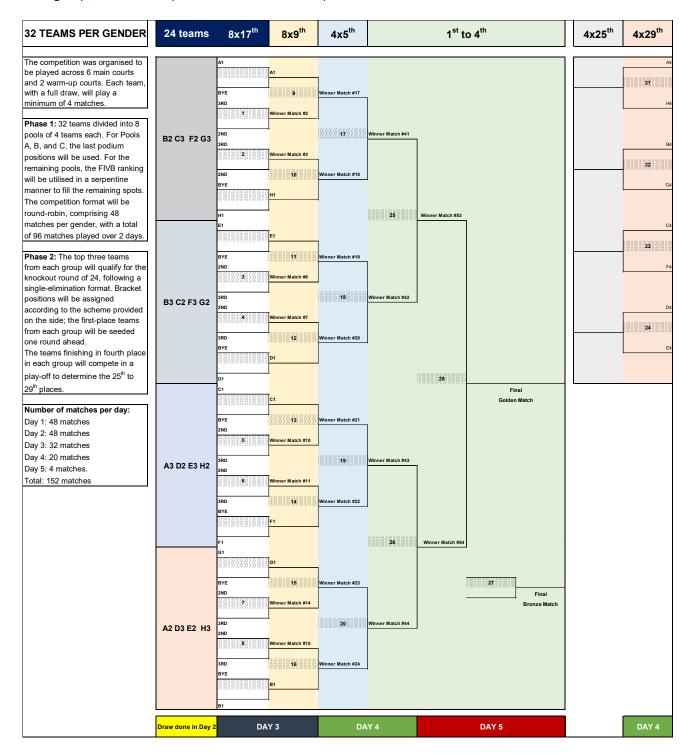




D. Competition Format

Phase 1: Round-robin pools of four teams. The top three teams from each group will qualify for the knockout round of 24, following a single-elimination format. Bracket positions will be assigned according to the scheme below; the first-place teams from each group will be seeded one round ahead.

Phase 2: 24-team single-elimination bracket, with placement matches for the teams finishing in fourth place in each group, who will compete for the 25th and 29th positions.



5.2. DELEGATIONS COMPOSITION



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A. Athletes

EVENTS	MEN's	WOMEN's			
Tournaments	Max. 2 athletes per team	Max. 2 athletes per team			
Max. 6 teams (3 men's & 3 women's) per delegation					

Each country is authorised to register three teams of two players, with no substitutes permitted

Players must be registered for this tournament via the BVIS by their respective National Volleyball Federation. The FIVB registration number is a mandatory requirement for registration within the accreditation system

At the Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of competitors accredited by the CIC

B. Officials

TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICIALS
1 team per delegation	Max. 2 officials
2 teams per delegation	Max. 3 officials
3 to 6 teams per delegation	Max. 5 officials

6. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

6.1. INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

For the FISU Championship, the ITOs are appointed by FIVB, with the endorsement of FISU. This appointment process considers several critical factors, including the number of teams, number of competition courts, the level and availability of NTOs, and the goal to minimise expenses when possible. To achieve cost-efficiency, FIVB will aim to nominate ITOs from neighbouring countries whenever feasible. This approach not only fosters regional cooperation but also optimises resources.

A. Number & Roles of ITOs

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS				
NUMBER FUNCTION				
24 Referee				
The total number of 24 ITOs are required (4 per court)				





B. ITOs Costs

According to the Collaboration Convention signed between FISU and FIVB, the costs of the ITOs are the following:

- Organising Committee shall manage:
 - Head of Referees' flights
 - o Head of Referees' per-diem
 - o ITOs flights
 - o ITOs per-diems
- Organising Committee shall cover:
 - o Technical Delegate's accommodation in single room
 - Technical Delegate's meals
 - Technical Delegate's internal transportation
 - Head of Referees' accommodation in single room
 - Head of Referees' meals
 - o Head of Referees' internal transportation
 - ITOs accommodation
 - o ITOs meals
 - ITOs internal transportation

ITOs costs regarding flights and per-diems should be shared among the participating teams. The Organising Committee will collect all expenses related to the ITOs and submit them to FISU for approval. Once approved, the Organising Committee will communicate the total cost information to the teams and provide them with the invoices for payment

6.2. NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Concerning the NTOs, these individuals are appointed by the Volleyball National Federation or the appropriate governing bodies within a country, under the supervision of the Organising Committee.

A. Number & Roles of NTOs

NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS				
NUMBER	FUNCTION			
1	Referee Coach Assistant			
18	Scorekeeper			
24	Line Judge			
A total of 43 NTOs are required per competition venue (6 courts)				

B. Agreement with the NF

Concerning the NTOs participation, it falls outside the scope of FISU or FIVB. It is therefore advisable for the Organising Committee to reach an agreement directly with the National Federation. This collaboration will help ensure clarity and alignment on the financial aspects associated with it, including the following:

- NTOs Nomination Ensure all NTOs possess the necessary qualifications to work in an international event
- Management and distribution of the technical officials clothing / uniforms
- Arrangement of suitable accommodation for the required period, if needed





It is strongly recommended to initiate communication with the National Federation promptly regarding the appointment of these officials. This proactive approach will help avert any potential personnel shortages that may arise from conflicting event dates, thereby expanding the available options and ensuring a more successful engagement

7. SPORT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

7.1. COMPETITION VENUES

- Number of competition venues 1
- Number of competition courts 6
 - Numbers may vary according to the daylight playing time
- Type of venues Outdoor
- Courts:
 - o Length 8m
 - o Width 8m
- Safety zone:
 - o Free zone min. 5m

The sand shall fulfil the FIVB requirements

It is essential for the Organising Committee to schedule thorough cleaning of the sand at the end of each competition day

7.2. TRAINING VENUES

- Number of training venues 1
- Number of training courts 2
- Type of venue Outdoor
- Courts:
 - o Length 8m
 - o Width 8m
- Safety zone:
 - o Free zone min. 3m

All training venues should have the same sand standards as the competition venues

7.3. EQUIPMENT

A. Venue Equipment

- Posts with nets
- Electronic score and time board
- Referees' chair
- Lines
- Antennas



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- Players benches with umbrellas
- Flags for the line judges

Please refer to the Minimum Requirements document for more detailed information

B. Uniforms & Sport Equipment

- Sets of uniforms for each team in different colours 2 sets
 - New uniforms must be provided to the teams participating in the medal matches
- Sets of uniforms for each referee
 - o 2 polos, 2 shorts and 1 cap per referee (in case there's laundry service)
 - Alternatively, 3 polos, 2 shorts and 1 cap per referee shall be provided
- Rain jacket, long trousers, and a cap 1 set per referee (in case of bad weather)

Only FIVB-approved sports equipment may be used

8. TRAININGS

The Organising Committee is responsible for coordinating and communicating the training schedule to each delegation, ensuring appropriate access to facilities based on the sport and competition schedule. Some of the factors to be considered are:

- Create a training schedule based on the indications of the FISU TCC
- Consider the usage of the main competition venue, if needed and appropriate
- Provide hydration and basic medical assistance for training sessions
- Share a detailed training plan with each delegation at least 48 hours before their arrival
- Ensure training venue availability throughout the Championship

Please refer to the Section 5.2.3 of the General Handbook for more detailed information regarding Trainings

9. MEDICAL SERVICES

A. FISU Requirements

- First aid and Emergency Medical care
- Medical transportation
- OC on-call first aid medical services shall be available on a 24-hour basis
- A minimum of two ambulances per venue should be available and on duty from the start of warm-up until at least 45 minutes after the final competition of the day

B. Participants Medical Insurance

All participants must have a valid travel medical insurance, covering:

- 24/7 Emergency Assistance
- Emergency Medical Expenses
- Medical Evacuation/Repatriation





- Trip Cancellation/Interruption
- Accidental Death or Injury

The OC is solely responsible for providing first-aid, emergency medical care, and transportation to the designated hospital. All other medical costs shall be borne by the participant's insurance

Refer to the Section 3.4.1 of the General Handbook for more detailed information regarding Medical Services

10. DOPING CONTROL

A. FISU Requirements

- The requirements regarding the number and type of doping tests, as well as the total number of tests to be conducted, can be found in the *FISU Doping Test Requirements* document. This information is available exclusively to the Organising Committee.
- The OC Doctor or Head of the Medical area shall coordinate the doping testing and contact the FISU CMI to clarify the moment or disciplines in which the tests will be carried out.
- All doping tests costs (including collection, transportation, laboratory analyses) shall be borne by the Organising Committee.

B. Athletes Selection

• Athletes are eligible for testing once accredited until departing from the official event accommodation.

Please refer to the Section 3.4.2 of the General Handbook for more detailed information regarding Doping Control

11. PROTOCOL, SPORT PRESENTATION & AWARDING

11.1. MEDALS TABLE

BEACH VOLLEYBALL						
EVENITO	MEN			WOMEN		
EVENTS	G	S	В	G	S	В
Tournaments	2	2	2	2	2	2
TOTAL	2	2	2	2	2	2

A. FISU Requirements

The Organising Committee is responsible for providing the medals as shown in the table above. Medals must be awarded for both tournaments. The top three teams in each tournament are eligible for medals.







The table below provides a comprehensive overview of the total number of medals awarded across all competition tournaments. Please note that extra/reserve medal sets and the FISU set are not included in these figures.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL MEDALS				
Gold	4			
Silver	4			
Bronze	4			

The Organising Committee must provide FISU a set of medals of the event

B. Recommendations & Considerations

It is crucial to have additional sets of medals on hand as a contingency. Some medals may be defective and may need to be replaced.

11.2. SPORT PRESENTATION

Sports presentation is vital for elevating a Championship from a competition to an unforgettable experience. It encompasses everything from music and lighting to commentary and fan engagement, creating a unique atmosphere that engages the audience.

In case there is a big screen in the venue for the spectators, some educational video (provided by IHF) regarding the rules of the sport can be displayed at the beginning of the competition day

A. FISU Requirements

Audio Elements

- Sound System: A high-quality sound system is essential for announcements, music, and commentary, ensuring clear communication and engaging atmosphere.
- Microphone: Essential for general announcements such as schedule, results, athletes introduction, general information, others.
- Thematic Music: Curate an energetic playlist to be played during introductions, warm-ups, team time-outs, and medal ceremonies to elevate the excitement.

Visual Elements

Disco lights: The lights have the remarkable ability to transform an ordinary venue into a vibrant spectacle, creating an electrifying atmosphere, and can be used during key moments, such as player introductions.

Commentary and Announcing

Live Announcements: Make timely announcements regarding event schedules, results, and athlete backgrounds to keep the audience informed and engaged.

Athletes Introduction

Ceremonial Introductions: Develop exciting and personalized introductions for the athletes, showcasing their achievements and backgrounds. This builds anticipation before each match.



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B. Recommendations & Considerations

Audio Elements

- DJ: Enhances the atmosphere and overall experience of a sports competition, by creating and maintaining energy, motivating the athletes and engaging the crowd.
 - Whenever a rally concludes or during intermissions, music may be played.

Commentary and Announcing

Engaging Commentary: Hire knowledgeable commentators who can provide insights about the athletes, tactics and strategies. This adds depth to the viewing experience.

11.3. BEACH VOLLEYBALL PRE-COMPETITION PROTOCOL

A. Regular Matches

	REGULAR MATCHES				
TIME	ACTIVITY				
-10'	- Teams enter the competition court				
-7'	- Coin toss				
-6'	- Start of warm-up				
-3'	- End of warm-up, players go to their benches				
-2'30"	- Referees goes to their positions				
-2'	- Announcement of the referees				
-1'30"	- Announcement of the teams, as they enter the court, one-by-one				
0'	- 1 st Referee blows the whistle – Start of the match				

A more visual scheme of the protocol steps will be shared at a later stage with the Organising Committee

12. SERVICES

The Organising Committee should provide a variety of services for the event, including:

- Ice
- Laundry
- Wi-Fi

12.1. ICE

The supply of ice is one of the most common requests from participating delegations, particularly for injury treatment and recovery purposes.

The Organising Committee must supply ice for treating injuries during both practice and competition, as part of the medical coverage for the event. It does not cover large quantities of ice needed for recovery treatments, such as cryotherapy.

The Organising Committee secure a reliable ice provider on standby, anticipating the request from teams and establishing clear procedures for ice procurement, including pricing and how to access this service





12.2. LAUNDRY

Laundry services are essential for many sports, particularly in long-duration competitions and team sports, where athletes may require frequent changes of clothing.

- Laundry services must be provided in all Team Sports Championships and in all sports with more than four competition days.
- Self-Service or Full-Service Laundry can be considered (hotel/accommodation and external services included in the latter)

Self-Service is the preferred option, giving more flexibility and control to the teams. If not, it is important to negotiate reduced pricing and adjust the timing for collection/delivery of uniforms with the provider

12.3. WI-FI

Wi-Fi is an essential service for university students, as it serves as a critical infrastructure that fosters communication and supports their academic responsibilities.

- Participants can easily access real-time information about event schedules, results, and updates. This allows them to plan their day effectively, ensuring they don't miss out on key events and activities.
- Participants can engage with live broadcasts, social media updates, and other digital content related to the event.
- For many students, academic responsibilities continue even during events. Wi-Fi connection ensures they can access study materials and educational resources, maintain communication with professors, and keep up with online courses.

Wi-Fi should be provided free of charge for all participants at the event, both at the accommodation sites and at the competition venues

Please refer to the Section 3.11 of the General Handbook for more detailed information on all services





13. GENERAL TIMELINE

TIMELINE	ACTIONS
Event -12 months	 Coordination Visit Venues visit and Equipment approval (FISU TCC) Competition programme approval (FISU TCC) Venue medical plan approval (FISU TCC)
Event -6 months	General Entries (NUSFs)
Event -5 months	Team Deposit (NUSF) Team Selection (FISU)
Event -3 months	Quantitative Entries (NUSFs)ITOs & NTOs list (FISU / FIVB)
Event -1 months	 Individual Entries (NUSFs) ITOs Cost (NUSF) 100% payment from participating countries (NUSFs / OC) Final Bulletin (OC / FISU / FISU TCC)
Event -15 days	BVIS (OC – FIVB) BVIS Entries (NFs)
Event -1 day	 Accreditation and participants list confirmation (NUSFs) Technical Officials Meeting (ITOs / NTOs / TCC / OC) General Technical Meeting (NUSFs / OC / FISU) Teams' Seeding (NUSF - OC - FISU)
EVENT	
Event +1 week	Send all documents and media to FISU (OC)
Event +1 month	Final Report to FISU (OC)

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