



TECHNICAL RULES FOR  
**ISF WSC BEACH VOLLEYBALL**  
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The competition will be run according to current ISF and FIVB rules under the direction of the ISF Technical Commission for Beach Volleyball.

## 1. General Requirements

- a. The competition is open for school teams.
- b. There will be a competition organised in the following categories:
  - selected teams, boys (17 - 18 years on 31.12. on year of event)
  - selected teams, girls (17 - 18 years on 31.12. on year of event)
  - school teams, category 1, boys (15 - 16 years on 31.12. on year of event)
  - school teams, category 1, girls (15 - 16 years on 31.12. on year of event)
  - school teams, category 2, boys (13 - 14 years on 31.12. on year of event)
  - school teams, category 2, girls (13 - 14 years on 31.12. on year of event)

**One of the players must be of the competition age group, another one can be younger (but not less than the minimum age requirements of the youngest categories).**

- c. Each delegation may enter only one team in each category.
- d. All players of the school team must have been enrolled the same school since the beginning of the school year.
- e. The players must be enrolled as full-time students at the school which they represent. They must be attending schools which provide a general education.

The following are not eligible to participate:

- pupils of vocational schools who only attend that school as a complement to their vocational training,
  - school teams and pupils enrolled at schools which provide sports training without any general education,
  - part-time (e.g. afternoon) sports schools which take pupils from a variety of schools for training in one or more sports,
  - teams formed as part of clubs, companies, universities or other institutions.
- f. Each participating team must be nominated officially by the organisation responsible for school sport and which is member of ISF.
  - g. Only players, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorized to take part in this competition.
  - h. Mixed teams are not allowed.

## 2. Regulations and technical rules of the competition

- a. The draw:
  - The draw will be a public event and participating teams may send observers at their own expense.
  - If after the draw one or more teams withdraw from the competition, the ISF may modify the draw in order to balance the number of teams in each group.

- The draw will take into account results achieved in previous ISF Beach Volleyball championships and any other information relevant to the ISF.
  - The Organising Committee will publish the draw immediately on the ISF website and thereafter, as required, all alterations.
- b. For the establishment of a ranking, the classification of the 3 last Championships are to be taken into account. The teams are to be ranked according to their ratings. The countries with the smallest rating will be placed at the top of the ranking. A country that has not participated in one of the earlier Championships will have the same number of points as the last in the ranking plus 1 point.
  - c. A team is composed by 2-3 players. Within the 3 players 1 reserve can be listed (this player is not obligated to compete).
  - d. Net height: Girls: 2,24m / Boys: 2,43m
  - e. First part of the competition: qualification games in groups (all x all)
  - f. Second part of the competition: classification games by a knock out system
  - g. The system of play depends upon the final number of entries in the championship. Teams will be placed in preliminary groups of at least 3 teams.
  - h. No substitution is possible during the match.
  - i. For an injured player during the match, the 'injury protocol' will be applied. No substitution is possible.
  - j. The injured player will not play the next match of the team.
  - k. Team uniforms will have numbers 1 & 2. Before each match, the referees will confirm names and numbers during the toss, when the players sign the score sheet.
  - l. Team coaches can sit on the players' chairs. Nevertheless, no instruction, no comments, no arguing, 'NO COACHING' WILL BE ALLOWED during the game. The interaction between players and coach will be allowed ONLY during TIME OUT period. The referee has the authority to send away the coach from the playing area, without affecting the match score.
  - m. The third team player can be seated under the same condition and with the same penalty.
  - n. Players names for the match will be informed by the coach or head of delegation before each match. For the morning matches; names will be submitted the day before during the daily technical meeting. This is for press and documentation.
  - o. The official competition ball: in bulletin 2 the OC shall communicate the brand of the official competition ball. Participating teams must bring their own balls for training and warming up.
  - p. Prize giving:  
Each participant will receive a commemorative certificate. The teams finishing first, second and third will be rewarded with medals and trophies.
  - q. Technical time-outs should be permitted during the first and second set when the total score reaches 21. all matches are two out of three, with the third set going to 15 and all sets needing to win by two points.
  - r. The daily match schedule is determined by the TC in consultation with the OC. All games will start in accordance with the published timetable.

- s. Time-interval scheduled between the beginning of 2 matches cannot be less than 1h30 (2 winning sets) and 2h00 (3 winning sets). However, if the previous game extends beyond the time, the official protocol should only start after the playing area is free and the administrative procedures of the previous game are completed. The referees communicate the new game time to the coaches of both teams.

### 3. Referees

Each delegation which enters teams can provide one referee per team. All referees shall be in possession of a national highest level (NR) or international qualification (IR). Their status is to be certified at accreditation by a document or licence authenticated by the National Volleyball Federation.

### 4. Doping

Dope testing (for use of banned substances) can take place during the competition according to current ISF Anti-Doping Rules: <http://www.isfsports.org/sports/isf-anti-doping-rules/>.

If selected or testing a competitor may be accompanied by an adult.

If a competitor is following a course of medical treatment which includes the use of prohibited substances according to the current WADA prohibited list <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/the-prohibited-list>, he or she must obtain from his/her National Anti-Doping Agency (NADO) a TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption) that complies with the requirements of the International Standard and must inform the organisers immediately upon arrival.