



SPORTS REGULATIONS

Beach Volleyball

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Example: As showed in the below diagram, 6 teams already in the Main Draw from the host country (including the wild cards), their seeding positions are USA 1 (seed #1), USA 2 (seed #2), USA 3 (seed #15), USA 4 (seed #19), USA 5 (seed #30) and USA 6 (seed #32).

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F	Pool G	Pool H
USA 1	USA 2	seed #3	seed #4	seed #5	seed #6	seed #7	seed #8
Seed #16	USA 3	Seed #14	Seed #13	Seed #12	Seed #11	seed #10	seed #9
Seed #17	Seed #18	USA 4	Seed #20	Seed #21	Seed #22	Seed #23	Seed #24
USA 6	Seed #31	USA 5	Seed #29	Seed #28	Seed #27	Seed #26	Seed #25

Based on the above mentioned regulations, the final seeding will be established as below:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F	Pool G	Pool H
USA 1	USA 2	seed #3	seed #4	seed #5	seed #6	seed #7	seed #8
Seed #17	Seed #16	Seed #14	Seed #13	Seed #12	Seed #11	seed #10	seed #9
Seed #18	Seed #20	USA 3	USA 4	Seed #21	Seed #22	Seed #23	Seed #24
Seed #31	Seed #29	Seed #28	Seed #27	USA 6	USA 5	Seed #26	Seed #25

Note: In principle, the host team with higher seeding points shall always have higher seed among the host country teams.

21.2.3 1ST PHASE: POOL PLAY IN ROUND ROBIN SYSTEM

- 32 teams per gender will be placed into eight (8) pools with four (4) teams each based on their seeding and will be placed per the serpentine principle.
- Every team plays the three (3) other teams in their pool.
- If there are two (2) teams from the same NF in the pool, then the match between these two (2) teams shall be played first, if the TV matches schedule permits.
- With all possible efforts, the two (2) matches of the last round in the same pool shall be scheduled to start in the same time. However, due to TV request or other promotional purpose, there will be exceptional cases when approved by the FIVB Technical Delegate assigned.
- **Pool standing:**
 - 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 points (21-0; 21-0)

- In case of a tie in the total number of match points during the 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 teams have the same position in ranking.
- Between three (3) teams:
 - ✓ If three (3) teams have a tie in the total number of match points, their ranking is determined by the rally point ratio in the matches between the three (3) tied teams;
 - ✓ If still tied, then the tied teams are ranked by the rally point ratio between all teams in the pool;
 - ✓ If still tied, then the teams will have the same position in ranking.
- Between four (4) teams:
 - ✓ The ranking is determined by the points ratio between all teams in the pool;
 - ✓ If still tied, then the teams have the same position in the ranking.
- 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 ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher;
 - ✓ If still tied, then the winner of head-to-head match is ranked higher.
 - Between three (3) teams:
 - ✓ 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 tournament seeding established after the Main Draw Preliminary Inquiry and the better seed of the tied teams will be higher ranked (for example, seed #15 is ranked higher than seed #18, while seed #18 is ranked higher than seed #31).
- All discontinued matches or matches that have not started are to be assessed by the FIVB Technical Delegate 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 (after the Drawing of Lots) of the tournament due to a positive doping test, it will lose the last pool matches played by forfeit (see above). If the single elimination phase 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. **However, if a team is disqualified from the tournament due to a positive doping test after the conclusion of the drawing of lots (for**