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- 13 DAYS

FIVB EVENTS REGULATIONS

SWATCH-FIVB World Tour 2004



FIVB Web site link to the event:

<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/2004/women/WRHO2004/generalinfo.asp>

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VENUE

City Hall Square, Rhodes
Map with info at www.beachvolleyball.gr/RhodesOpen

**COMPETITION
SCHEDULE
AND
COMPETITION
FORMAT**

Qualification Tournament: Wednesday, 19th, Thursday 20th
Main Draw & Finals: Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd, Sunday 23rd (Finals).
Evening sessions with artificial lighting

The Qualification Tournament will be preceded by the "Country Quota Playoff" matches (with a single elimination format) to determine the teams eligible to participate in the Main Draw through the Qualification Tournament.

The Qualification Tournament (i.e. max. 64 teams at the completion of the "Country Quota Playoff" matches) will consist of a single elimination format.

The Main Draw will be based on the double elimination format.

The winners of the 2 semi-finals will play the finals for the 1st and 2nd place while the losers will play the finals for the 3rd and 4th place.

EVENT OFFICE

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PRIZE MONEY

FOR A \$180,000 PRIZE MONEY AND BONUS POOL EVENT

Rank	Prize in US\$	Bonus in US\$	Total per team in US\$
1 st x 1	\$16'000	\$11'000	\$27'000
2 nd x 1	\$11'000	\$7'000	\$18'000
3 rd x 1	\$8'000	\$6'000	\$14'000
4 th x 1	\$6'000	\$5'000	\$11'000
5 th x 2	\$5'000	\$4'000	\$9'000
7 th x 2	\$4'000	\$3'000	\$7'000
9 th x 4	\$3'000	\$2'500	\$5'500
13 th x 4	\$2'250	\$1'750	\$4'000
17 th x 8	\$1'500	\$1'500	\$3'000
25 th x 8	\$1'000	\$1'000	\$2'000
TOTAL	\$100,000	\$80,000	\$180,000

The 2004 Prize Money will be paid by the FIVB to the athletes concerned at the end of each month, 30 working days from the end of the last event during that month. The FIVB Bonus Pool will be paid to the athletes executing and delivering their full commitment to the FIVB Rules and Regulations in two installments, the deadline of which will be included into the 2004 Handbook.

FIVB WORLD RANKING POINTS (PER ATHLETE)

Rank	%	US\$180,000
1 st x 1	100%	180
2 nd x 1	90%	162
3 rd x 1	80%	144
4 th x 1	70%	126
5 th x 2	60%	108
7 th x 2	50%	90
9 th x 4	40%	72
13 th x 4	30%	54
17 th x 8	20%	36
25 st x 8	10%	18
33 th x 8	5%	9
41 st x 16	3%	6
57 th x 32	1%	2

EVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday May 18th	Arrival of the Qualification Tournament teams 19:00 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory assistance) for the Qualification Tournament teams 20:00 Technical Meeting (mandatory assistance) at the NATIONAL Theatre Hall (City Hall Square) for the Qualification Tournament teams
Wednesday May 19th	Qualification Tournament
Thursday May 20th	Qualification Tournament Arrival of the Main Draw teams 20:00 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory assistance) for the Main Draw teams 21:00 Technical Meeting (mandatory assistance) at the NATIONAL Theatre Hall (City Hall Square) for the Main Draw teams (mandatory attendance)
Friday May 21st	Main Draw (40 matches) Departure of players not qualified for the Main Draw
Saturday May 22nd	Main Draw (18 matches)
Sunday May 23rd	Semi-finals & Finals (4 matches)
Monday May 24th	Departure



PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY	Only players who sent in to the FIVB the required forms (WT/01, WT/01Women, WT/07 and WT/08) and in good standing with the FIVB will be considered eligible to take part into the 2004 Swatch-FIVB events.
ENTRY (FIVB WEB SITE)	The FIVB will confirm the list of entries to the organizers of the event, with the Main Draw and Qualifications teams as per the Entry Points - 13 days before the start of the event on its web site. Entry Points are the sum of individual ranking points based on the best 4 out of the last 5 FIVB Open, Grand Slam, and World Championships participations within the last 365 days.
FORFEIT	Each National Federation is responsible to inform immediately both the FIVB and the Organizers in case of forfeit of an enrolled team through the WT/03 form.
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY & TECHNICAL MEETING (FIVB WEB SITE)	Athletes must attend the Preliminary Inquiry and present their official forms WT/07 and WT/08 (players' commitment, health certificate, and bank information), if not already previously provided to the FIVB (compulsory). Athletes' attendance at the technical meeting is mandatory. If required, a drawing of lots will be made during the meeting; match-up seeding and additional detailed information on the competition will be distributed. Athletes may be requested to provide their ID card or passport during the Technical Meeting.
UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES	If required by the FIVB Technical Supervisor, uniforms will be checked during the Preliminary Inquiry. Athletes of the same team must wear the same color and style of shorts. The display of the individual players' sponsors' logos on shorts and accessories must comply with the FIVB advertising regulations. While shirts/tank tops will be provided by the organizers to the athletes, uniforms will also be provided by the organizers to officials and organizing staff.
SEEDING	In the Qualification Tournament (Grand Slam and Open Events), teams will be seeded as per the players' 365 day FIVB World Ranking points on the day before the event (Technical Meeting). In the Main Draw all teams will be seeded as per the players' most recent Main Draw finish (best 4 out of 5 last finishes) over the last 12 months in FIVB World Tour events on the day before the start of the event (Technical Meeting).
RULES OF THE GAME & OFFICIAL BALL	<u>Playing system</u> - Rally Point System 2 out of 3 sets as follows: a) First and second sets - 21 Points - switch every 7 points - one technical time-out of 30" at third court switch (sum of 21 points) - one time-out of 30" per team/set b) Third eventual set - 15 points - switch every 5 points - one time-out per team All sets win by 2 points Intervals between sets to be of 1 minute Official Ball: MIKASA VLS-200 (67 cm +1/-1) The FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules approved by the FIVB Board of Administration are included in the Beach Volleyball Referee Guidelines and posted on the FIVB Web site at http://www.fivb.org/Beach



**WELCOME
& LOCAL
TRANSPORTATION**

Organisers will welcome the Qualification Tournament and Main Draw players at the Rhodes International Airport "DIAGORAS" and will take care of their local transportation from the Airport to the hotel, provided that the teams will send their detailed travel itinerary (flight and arrival time) until **Friday May 14th** to the following Fax #: +30.210.9236292 (Hellenic Volleyball Federation / Event Office)
Local transportation for any other persons, like coaches, guests, or family members are not under the responsibility of the promoter.

BOARD & LODGING

Qualification Tournament teams will be responsible for their own expenses including, but not limited to, airfare, visa, hotel, food and miscellaneous expenses

The organizer will provide the Main Draw teams (including the women's athletes proceeding from the Qualification Tournament into the Main Draw) with hotel accommodation (double room) in the organizer's designated Hotel and with meals from the evening of **Thursday 20th May**, to breakfast on **Monday 24th May 2004**.

Athletes will be personally responsible for all extras at the hotel such as minibar, phone calls, laundry, etc. to be paid upon checkout.

The organizers will not be required to make reservations for coaches, teams physiotherapists, friends, and family members accompanying the participating athlete.

TRANSPORTATION

Athletes (or/and their National Federations) will be responsible for their own international and domestic airfare and for any airport taxes or visa expenses. Athletes (or their National Federations) will be requested to apply early enough for their entry visas, whenever needed.

MAIN DRAW HOTEL

Hotel MEDITERRANEAN
35 Kos Str.,
Rodes, Greece
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ACCREDITATION

Organizers will provide all Organizing Committee members, FIVB Officials, referees, athletes, VIP's, journalists, technical staff, court personnel, volunteers, etc. with an official accreditation card and will ensure that only people with appropriate accreditation will access the designated venue areas. Organizers are also requested to provide accreditation cards for one coach and one physiotherapist per team (exclusively if the individual concerned is enlisted on the FIVB Web site)



WITHDRAWAL / SANCTIONS

Withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes entered in the Main Draw is not allowed (once the confirmed list is issued), unless in a case of "force majeure" or player's injury. In such cases, a Medical Certificate or a declaration of good faith must be provided to the FIVB before the start of the Technical Meeting. Athletes in the Main Draw may be replaced by any team member for reasons of "force majeure", for a 30-day period (keeping its Main Draw status) only once during the season, and for one tournament only.

In case of withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes entered in the Main Draw without any Medical Certificate or declaration of good faith, the FIVB will then apply a US\$ 3,000 fine, as specified in the Handbook.

Withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes entered in the Qualification Tournament is not allowed (once the confirmed list is issued), unless in case of "force majeure" or player's injury. In such cases, a Medical Certificate or a declaration of good faith must be provided to the FIVB before the start of the Technical Meeting.

In case of withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes entered in the Qualification Tournament without any Medical Certificate or declaration of good faith, the FIVB will then apply a US\$ 500 fine, as specified in the Handbook.

Athletes who have not communicated their travel itineraries to the organizers and who arrive late for the Technical Meeting (i.e after the seeding is made) will be excluded from the event by the FIVB Technical Supervisor for "no show" or fined.

Athletes failing to attend the Technical Meeting and who have not sent the appropriate "force majeure" documents before the start of the event concerned will be sanctioned by the FIVB. No changes between the teams enrolled in the Qualification and Main Draw Tournaments will be made after the beginning of the Technical Meeting of the Qualification Tournament.

The FIVB Web site will be updated after every withdrawal and substitution of players approved by the FIVB.

Notification for last minute withdrawals (i.e. on the day of a Technical Meeting) must be sent to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department (+ 41 21 345 35 48) as well as to the organizers of the event and the FIVB Technical Supervisor at the venue office.

INSURANCE

Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurances. The FIVB, the Organizer/Promoter and the hosting National Federations will not be responsible for any medical expenses incurred while competing in a tournament.

MEDICAL CONTROLS

The FIVB reserves the right to perform random medical controls, as per FIVB rules and regulations.

APPENDIX

- Official invitation letter to be addressed to the participating FIVB Officials and National Federations
- Confirmed teams list (Main Draw and Qualification tournament) – FIVB Web Site
- List of hotels for the Qualification Tournament players, media & guests – FIVB Web Site
- Map of the city/venue – FIVB Web Site
- Travel Itinerary Form (WT/31) – FIVB Web Site

