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SWATCH FIVB WORLD TOUR – 1TO1 ENERGY GRAND SLAM 2010



This form must be approved by the FIVB 30 days before the start of the event and sent out -13 days by the Organizers to all participating NFs, FIVB Sponsors and FIVB Delegates via e-mail and possibly also by fax.

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<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/2010/Event/?TournCode=WGST2010>

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VENUE	Village Gstaad Eisbahnareal 3780 Gstaad / Switzerland
COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND FORMAT	<p>Country Quota Playoff: to be played after 2:00 pm the day before the Qualification Tournament in conjunction with the practical part of the referee clinic.</p> <p>Qualification Tournament: Women: Tuesday, July 6th, 2010 Men: Wednesday, July 7th, 2010</p> <p>Main Draw and Finals:</p> <p>Women: Wednesday, July 7th and Thursday, July 8th 2010 Pool Play Friday, July 9th 2010 Single Elimination, 2pm - 5pm ¼ finals Saturday, July 10th 2010 Semi- Final 1 at 11am and Semi-Final 2 at 12am (local time) Bronze medal match at 2pm (local time) and Gold medal match at 3.30pm (local time) Awarding ceremony: followed by</p> <p>Men: Thursday, July 8th and Friday, July 9th 2010 Pool Play Saturday, July 10th 2010 Single Elimination, 5.30pm ¼ finals Sunday, July 11th 2010 Semi- Final 1 at 10am (local time) and Semi-Final 2 at 11am Bronze medal match at 2pm (local time) and Gold medal match at 3.30pm (local time) Awarding ceremony: followed by</p> <p>The Qualification Tournament (1 day) 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. 32 teams for Grand Slam Events at the completion of the "Country Quota Playoff" matches) will consist of a single elimination format. The Main Draw (4 days) will be based on the pool play 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.</p> <p><u>Rules for Pool Ranking</u> Winner earns 2 points, Loser earns 1 point for the match</p> <p>In case of an injury forfeit of a team (team is at the court on time for the start of their match, however cannot start the match due to injury), the winning team will be awarded 2 points for the win, a set score of 2:0, and little points of 0:0, 0:0. The losing team will be awarded 1 match point, a set score of 0:2, and little points of 0:21. 0:21. The scoresheet however will reflect the standard application of rule 7.4.</p> <p>In case of an injury forfeit or an eventual disqualification of a team after the start of the match (as an example BRA is leading AUS 6:4 in the first set and AUS is injured at this point and cannot continue the match), the winning team will be awarded 2 points for the win, a set score of 2:0, and little points of 6:4, 0:0. The losing team will be awarded 1 match point, a set score of 0:2, and little points of 4:21. 0:21. The scoresheet however will reflect the standard application of rule 7.4.</p> <p>In case of a forfeit due to no show of the team before the start of their match, the winning team will be awarded 2 points for the win, a set score of 2:0, and little points of 0:0, 0:0. The losing team will be awarded 0 match points, a set score of 0:2, and little points of 0:21. 0:21. The scoresheet however will reflect the standard application of rule 7.4. The forfeiting team will also be subject to a sanction.</p>
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**PRIZE MONEY
AND BONUS POOL**

For a USD 300,000 Prize Money and Bonus Pool Event (Grand Slam)

Rank	Prize Money in USD	Bonus Pool in USD	Total per team in USD
1 st x 1	22,500	21,000	43,500
2 nd x 1	15,350	14,150	29,500
3 rd x 1	12,050	10,950	23,000
4 th x 1	9,700	8,700	18,400
5 th x 4	7,000	6,200	13,200
9 th x 8	4,350	3,650	8,000
17 th x 8	2,800	2,300	5,100
25 th x 8	1,900	1,600	3,500
TOTAL	160,000	140,000	300,000

Taxes will be applied as per Swiss law.

The 2010 Prize Money of the events of a certain month will be paid by the FIVB to the athletes as per below chart:

	Events	Dates	Payment due date
1	Brasilia	26 April	10th May
2	Shanghai	9th May	24th May
3	Rome, Seoul & Myslowice	30th May	14th June
4	Moscow & Prague	20th June	5th July
5	Stavanger & Gstaad	11th July	26th July
6	Marseille & Klagenfurt	1st August	16th August
7	Stare Jablonki & Kristiansand	15th August	30th August
8	Aland & City of the Hague	29 th August	13 th September
	Sanya & Phuket	7 th November	22 nd November

In 2010, the FIVB shall pay the Bonus Pool in their full amounts to the eligible athletes who will play in all 2010 tournaments minus 4 events of the 2010 SWATCH FIVB events as follows:

- Mandatory registration to the World Championship (in the year of the World Championship).
- Registration to the majority of the Grand Slam events.
- All remaining events (Open and/or Grand Slam) to reach the minimum events participation requirements.

Eligible players missing the World Championship (in the year of the World Championships), majority of the Grand Slam and the Open events (in 2010) not reaching the minimum events participation requirement lose all Bonus Pool unless the athlete already entered in the provisional and confirmed list requests an exception proving with medical certificate his or her injury. In this latter case, the injured player can only miss two events (resulting in total 4 + 2 events due to the injury) during the entire season. For such a case of "force majeure" a medical certificate must be sent to the FIVB by the corresponding National Federation. A player through the National Federation must declare 15 days after the event concerned his/her injury to the FIVB and send to the FIVB the appropriate Medical Certificate. Upon declaration, an approximate time frame must be stipulated in order to determine the 2 events he/she will miss. Late requests which are sent to the FIVB after 15 days from the date of the injury will not be taken into consideration by the FIVB. Starting from 2010, the FIVB will not take into consideration the Medical Certificate received after 15 days from the tournament concerned.

Extra Bonus Pool

Following the Executive Committee meeting in Japan (22 November 2009), a further fidelity program, called Extra Bonus Pool, has been created for those players participating at the of World Tour events in 2010 as follows:

PARTICIPATION	BONUS POOL
Total Nr. of Events - (minus) 4 withdrawals - (minus) 2 withdrawals + medical certificates	100%
Total Nr. of Events - (minus) 4 withdrawals	110%
Total Nr. of Events - (minus) 2 withdrawals	120%
Total Nr. of Events	130%

Further information is available into the 2009-2012 NF-Player's Commitment (<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms/Athletes/2009-2012NF-Player's%20Commitment.pdf>) or Chapter 10 of the 2010 Handbook.



FIVB WORLD RANKING POINTS (PER ATHLETE)

		Grand Slam
Rank	%	Pool Play
1	100.00%	400
2	90.00%	360
3	80.00%	320
4	70.00%	280
5	60.00%	240
7	50.00%	-
9	40.00%	160
13	30.00%	-
17	20.00%	80
25	10.00%	40
33	5.00%	20
37	4.00%	-
41	3.00%	12
57	1.00%	4

Note: Minor adjustments to the above chart may apply at a later stage

WOMEN'S EVENT SCHEDULE (IF ANY)

Monday, 5th Arrival of the Qualification Tournament teams
 12:30 Meeting for Country Quota Play-Off teams at the side courts(if any)
 14:00 Country Quota Play-Off matches (if any)
 18:00 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance)
 at the Hotel Bellevue for the Qualification Tournament teams
 19:00 Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance)*
 at the Hotel Bellevue for the Qualification Tournament teams

Tuesday, 6th Qualification Tournament
 Arrival of Main Draw teams
 19:00 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance)
 at Hotel Bellevue for the Main Draw teams
 20:00 Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance)
 at Hotel Bellevue for the Main Draw teams (mandatory attendance)

Wed, 7th Main Draw (32 matches)

Thursday, 8th Main Draw (24 matches)

Friday, 9th .. Main Draw (12 matches)
 Departure of the persons concerned

Saturday, 10th Semi finals and finals

Sunday, 11th Departure of the persons concerned

Training courts available since (date): Thursday, July 1st 2010
 Total # of competition courts: 6
 Total # of warm-up courts: 4
 Side Events (Beach Party) from Tuesday – Saturday next to side courts in the Menuhin Festival tent starting 8.30pm with football broadcasting and 10pm with the concerts=> free for all players

* Note: from 6-10 July a shooting will be carried amongst selected athletes. The exact time and date will be coordinated at the Technical Meeting



MEN'S EVENT SCHEDULE (IF ANY)	<p>Tuesday, 6th Arrival of the Qualification Tournament teams 12:30 Meeting for Country Quota Play-Off teams at the side courts(if any) 14:00 Country Quota Play-Off matches (if any) 18:00 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) at the Hotel Bellevue for the Qualification Tournament teams 19:00 Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance)* at the Hotel Bellevue for the Qualification Tournament teams</p> <p>Wed, 7th Qualification Tournament Arrival of Main Draw teams 19:00 Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) at Hotel Bellevue for the Main Draw teams 20:00 Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) at Hotel Bellevue for the Main Draw teams (mandatory attendance)</p> <p>Thursday, 8th Main Draw (32 matches) Friday, 9th Main Draw (24 matches) Saturday, 10th Main Draw (12 matches) Departure of the persons concerned</p> <p>Sunday, 11th Semi finals and finals Monday, 12th Departure of the persons concerned</p> <p>Training courts available since (date): Thursday, July 1st 2010 Total # of competition courts: 6 Total # of warm-up courts: 4 Side Events (Beach Party) from Tuesday – Saturday next to side courts in the Menuhin Festival tent starting 8.30pm with football broadcasting and 10pm with the concerts => free for all players</p> <p><i>* Note: from 6-10 July a shooting will be carried amongst selected athletes. The exact time and date will be coordinated at the Technical Meeting</i></p>
PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY	<p>Only players who sent in to the FIVB in due time the required forms NF-Player's Commitment (http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms/Athletes/2009-2012NF-Player's%20Commitment.pdf) duly signed by all parties and in good standing with the FIVB will be considered eligible to take part into the 2010 SWATCH FIVB World Tour events. New registered athletes will be required to provide the NF/Player's Commitment to the FIVB in due time</p> <p>All athletes are required to send to the FIVB the Annual Health Certificate (WT-10) to become eligible to participate to the 2010 events (http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms/Athletes/WT-10HealthCertificate.pdf). Moreover, players are required to clear their outstanding fines to be to become eligible to participate to the 2010 events.</p>
ENTRY (FIVB WEBSITE)	<p>The confirmed teams' entry list as well as useful information related to the event are enclosed to this Event's Regulations and available on the FIVB website (2010 Handbook, Chapter 9).</p> <p>Entry Points are the sum of individual ranking points based on the best 4 results out of the last 5 FIVB World Championships, Grand Slam, Open, Challenger (see point 9.1.B.1 above), Satellite (see point 9.1.B.1 above) and participations within the last 365 days. FIVB recognized Continental Tour may be given the possibility to attribute points towards the World Ranking. Teams that compete in a Challenger event that are ranked in the top 24 men's teams or the top 16 women's teams (as per the entry deadline -30 days before the start of the event) will not have their Entry Points (best 4 of last 5 tournaments) affected by participating in such a Challenger event. By definition, this regulation can only affect wild card teams and/or host country teams. The confirmed entry list will indicate with a symbol teams that will not have their Entry Points affected by this event (host and wild card teams ranked in top 24 men's teams or top 16 women's teams). In general, the points from a Challenger count if it is a benefit for any teams to calculate these points. For this latter event, Entry Points may count if it is under the FIVB's jurisdiction or the Confederations concerned fulfil the FIVB requirements.</p> <p>Teams that compete in a Challenger event that are ranked in the top 24 men's teams or the top 16 women's teams (as per the entry deadline -30 days before the start of the event) will not have their Entry Points (best 4 of last 5 tournaments) affected by participating in such a Challenger event. By definition, this regulation can only affect wild card teams and/or host country teams. The confirmed entry list will indicate with a symbol teams that will not have their Entry Points affected by this event (host and wild card teams ranked in top 24 men's teams or top 16 women's teams). In general, the points from a Challenger count if it is a benefit for any teams to calculate these points. For this latter event, Entry Points may count if it is under the FIVB's jurisdiction or the Confederations concerned fulfil the FIVB requirements.</p>



FORFEIT	<p>Each National Federation is responsible for informing immediately both the FIVB and the Organizers in case of forfeit of an enrolled team through the WT/03 form (from -13 days to the start of the event). No medical certificate or proof of "force majeure" is needed within this period of time (-14 days up to Friday preceding the event).</p> <p>Starting from 5 pm (Swiss time) on Friday preceding an event, the National Federation will need to communicate directly (by using the appropriate form and medical certificate) to the Technical Supervisor assigned to the concerned event copying the FIVB (at beach@fivb.org or fax +41 345 3548) until – 1 minute (e.g. 12.59pm) of the day of the Country Quota Play Off meeting to withdraw without a penalty. For details related to this regulation and its eventual sanction please refer to Chapter 9 and 11 of the 2010 Handbook.</p>
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY AND TECHNICAL MEETING	<p>All Athletes must attend the mandatory Preliminary Inquiry. Athletes' attendance at the Technical Meeting is mandatory. If required, a drawing of lots will be made during the meeting to break any eventual ties concerning the seeding. Match-up seeding and additional detailed information on the competition will be distributed on the occasion of the Technical Meeting. Athletes may be requested to provide their ID card or passport during the Technical Meeting.</p>
UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES	<p>If required by the FIVB Technical Supervisor, uniforms and accessories 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 tank tops will be provided by the Organizers to the athletes, shorts/bottoms and accessories must be provided by the players and/or by their sponsors. Uniforms will also be provided by the Organizers to Officials Organizing staff members and volunteers. For details related to the uniform's regulation please refer to Chapter 4 of the 2010 Handbook.</p>
SEEDING	<p>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 SWATCH FIVB World Tour and SWATCH FIVB World Championships events on the day before the start of the event (Technical Meeting).</p>
RULES OF THE GAME AND OFFICIAL BALL	<p><u>Playing system</u></p> <p>Rally Point System 2 out of 3 sets as follows:</p> <p>a) First and second sets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>b) Third eventual set</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points • switch every 5 points • one time-out per team <p>All sets win by 2 points Intervals between sets to be of 1 minute</p> <p>Official Ball: NEW MIKASA VLS-300 (67 cm +1/-1)</p> <p>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/EN/BeachVolleyball/Rules/rules.htm</p>



WELCOME AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	<p><u>Main Draw Players</u> The Promoter has the pleasure to welcome all main draw players arriving in Switzerland at the Geneva, Berne or Zurich airport and take care of the local transportation from the airport to Gstaad. Please send all travel information, arrival time, flight number before July 1st by fax or mail, Fax +41 33 744 06 42, e-mail: info@beachworldtour.ch</p> <p>The airport shuttle service is for main draw players available from Saturday, July 3rd at 12pm from Zurich.</p> <p><u>Qualification Players</u> For qualification player we only provide transportation from the Geneva airport and take care of the local transportation from the airport to Gstaad. Please send all travel information, arrival time, flight number before July 1st by fax or mail, Fax +41 33 744 06 42, e-mail: info@beachwoldtour.ch</p> <p>The airport shuttle service is for qualification players available from Saturday, July 3rd at 2pm from Geneva.</p> <p>The travel form (WT/31) has to be sent by the athletes to the Organizer at the latest three days before the start of the event.</p> <p>Local transportation for any other persons, like coaches, players' guests, teams' physiotherapists, friends, or family members will not be under the responsibility of the promoter. Should the promoter have enough means also for coaches, family members, etc. he/she will be entitled to apply a fare for such transportation/additional service.</p>
TRANSPORTATION	<p>Main Draw athletes will be eligible free of charge for all local transportation to/from the airport and to/from the hotel through the Event Organisers.</p> <p>Athletes (or their National Federations) will be requested to apply early enough for their entry visas, whenever needed and will be accountable for all visa expenses.</p>
BOARD AND LODGING	<p>Qualification Tournament teams will be responsible for their own expenses including, but not limited to, airfare, visa, hotel, food and miscellaneous expenses</p> <p>The organizers will provide the Main Draw teams (including the 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 before the start of the Main Draw until the day after the elimination of the teams from the event, breakfast included.</p> <p>Athletes will be personally responsible for all extras at the hotel such as mini-bar, phone calls, laundry, etc. to be paid upon checkout.</p> <p>The organizers will not be required to make reservations for coaches, guests, teams' physiotherapists, friends, or family members accompanying the participating athlete.</p>
MAIN DRAW HOTEL	<p>Women: Hotel Gstaaderhof Lauenenstrasse 3780 Gstaad Phone +41 33 748 63 63 Fax +41 33 748 63 60 e-mail: gstaaderhof@gstaad.ch</p> <p>Men: Hotel Bernerhof Promenade 3780 Gstaad Phone +41 33 748 88 44 Fax +41 33 748 88 40 e-mail: info@bernerhof-gstaad.ch</p>



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	Jugendherberge Saanen-Gstaad	+41 33 744 13 43	www.youthhostel.ch saanen@youthhostel.ch	Rate on request
	See FIVB website accordingly.			
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. The appropriate forms (for coaches and physiotherapists) are available at the following link: http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Forms/Forms.htm			
WITHDRAWAL AND SANCTIONS	<p>Withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes need to follow the below criteria:</p> <p>a) Athletes who fail to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and the Technical Meeting of the Qualification Tournament will be exempted from any fine only if the concerned National Federation provides to the FIVB via fax and email a proof of "force majeure" or medical certificate (using the appropriate form) related to the withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athlete entered in the Qualification Tournament. The National Federation needs to communicate the withdrawal of its team(s) to the FIVB Headquarters in Lausanne between -13 days and no later than 5 pm (Swiss time) on Friday preceding the event without providing any medical certificate or proof of "force majeure". Starting from 5 pm (Swiss time) on Friday preceding the event, the National Federation will need to communicate directly (by using the appropriate form and medical certificate) to the Technical Supervisor assigned to the concerned event copying the FIVB (at beach@fivb.org or fax +41 345 3548) until – 1 minute (e.g. 12.59pm) of the day of the Country Quota Play Off meeting to withdraw without a penalty. Withdrawals due to "force majeure" are subjected to FIVB approval, a written notification is needed to justify such a case. Should a Qualification player withdraw after the above deadline without providing in a medical certificate or a satisfactory proof of "force majeure" a fine of USD 500 will be applied by the FIVB. The FIVB Technical Supervisor is requested to notify immediately the situation to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department. The concerned player must pay the fine to the FIVB either before arriving at his/her next event, or on-site to the FIVB Technical Supervisor of his/her next event, before the Technical Meeting concerned (i.e. Qualification Tournament or Main Draw depending on which event player is participating first). The player concerned will only be accepted by the FIVB to play in his/her next event if the amount due is received and officially acknowledged by the FIVB (in advance) or the FIVB Technical Supervisor (on-site) before the start of the event. All players withdrawing due to a medical reason must send to the FIVB the concerned certificate (of the time of the injury) 15 days after the event concerned in order to be eligible for the Bonus Pool.</p>			



	<p>b) Athletes who fail to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and the Technical Meeting of the Main Draw Tournament will be exempted from any fine only if the National Federation provides to the FIVB via fax and email a proof of "force majeure" or medical certificate (using the appropriate form) related to the withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athlete entered in the Main Draw Tournament. The National Federation needs to communicate the withdrawal to the FIVB Headquarters in Lausanne between -13 days and no later than 5 pm (Swiss time) on Friday preceding the event without providing a medical certificate or a proof of "force majeure". Starting from 5 pm (Swiss time) on Friday preceding the event, the National Federation will need to communicate directly (by using the appropriate form and medical certificate) to the Technical Supervisor assigned to the concerned event copying the FIVB (at beach@fivb.org or fax +41 345 3548) until – 1 minute (e.g. 12.59pm) of the day of the Country Quota Play Off Technical meeting to withdraw without a penalty. Withdrawals due to "force majeure" are subject to FIVB approval, a written notification is needed to justify such a case. Finally, should a Main Draw player withdraw without providing in due time a medical certificate or a satisfactory proof of "force majeure" after the above deadline a fine of USD 3,000 will be applied by the FIVB. The FIVB Technical Supervisor is requested to notify immediately the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department. The concerned player must pay the fine to the FIVB either before arriving at his/her next event, or on-site to the FIVB Technical Supervisor of his/her next event or before the Technical Meeting concerned (i.e. Qualification Tournament or Main Draw depending on which event player is participating first). The player concerned will only be accepted by the FIVB to play in his/her next event if the amount due is received and officially acknowledged by the FIVB (in advance) or the FIVB Technical Supervisor (on-site) before the start of that event, otherwise the player will not be eligible to play. In any case, athletes withdrawing either with a medical certificate or "force majeure", are not allowed to participate any Beach Volleyball (and if required any Volleyball) events at any level until the end of the week of the concerned events. All players withdrawing due to a medical reason must send to the FIVB the concerned certificate (of the time of the injury) 15 days after the event concerned in order to be eligible for the Bonus Pool. 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 (USD \$50- Country Quota; USD \$150-Qualification Tournament; and USD \$250 -Main Draw).</p> <p>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 Country Quota Play-off matches.</p> <p>The FIVB Web site will be updated after every withdrawal and substitution of players approved by the FIVB once the confirmed list issued. For further details please refer to Chapter 9 and 11 of the 2010 Handbook.</p>
INSURANCE	Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurances.
MEDICAL CONTROLS	The FIVB reserves the right to perform random medical controls to the participating athletes, as per FIVB rules and regulations and alcohol test to the officials.
APPENDIX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official invitation letter to be addressed to the participating FIVB officials and National Federations • Confirmed teams list (Main Draw and Qualification tournament) • List of hotels for the Qualification Tournament players, media and guests (see web site) • Travel Itinerary Form (WT/31). It is responsibility of the athletes to inform the concerned promoters accordingly about his/her travel itinerary.
OTHER	<p>For any eventual discrepancies, the FIVB Handbook version 2010 will prevail.</p> <p>http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/WorldTour/2010/Handbook.asp</p>

