



**2004
OLYMPIC GAMES**

**Qualification System
for Volleyball & Beach Volleyball Teams
Wishing To Participate
in the 2004 Olympic Games**

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EVENTS

VOLLEYBALL

12-team tournament for men

12-team tournament for women

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

24-team tournament for men

24-team tournament for women

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

VOLLEYBALL

Athlete quota: 144 men (12 teams of 12 athletes per team)
144 women (12 teams of 12 athletes per team)
Total of 288 athletes

Maximum per NOC: 1 men's team (with a maximum of 12 athletes) and 1 women's team
(with a maximum of 12 athletes)

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Athlete quota: 48 men (24 teams of 2 athletes per team)
48 women (24 teams of 2 athletes per team)
Total of 96 athletes

Maximum per NOC: 2 men's team (of 2 athletes per team) and 2 women's team (of 2 players
per team)

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR VOLLEYBALL AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL

- 1.1 National Federations must consult with their own NOC to determine whether the National Policy related to the Technical level required to participate in the Olympic Games permits its National Volleyball team(s) to seek an Olympic vacancy through the qualification process as established by the IOC and the FIVB.
- 1.2 Only National Federations having obtained their NOC approval as to their fulfilment of the conditions established for their eventual Olympic participation will be entitled to register Volleyball and Beach Volleyball Teams (men and/or women) by means of the Official FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry Form duly endorsed by its National Olympic Committee in which the team is authorised to seek one of the available vacancies and its Olympic participation granted in case of winning that vacancy.

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- 1.3 For Volleyball there are twelve (12) vacancies for women's teams and twelve (12) vacancies for men's teams.
- 1.4 For Beach Volleyball, there are twenty-four (24) vacancies for men's teams and twenty-four (24) vacancies for women's teams.
- 1.5 The teams will be considered for participation into the various qualification tournaments as per the formula below, only when the Official FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry forms, duly signed by the President and General Secretary of both National Federation and the National Olympic Committee concerned, have been received by the FIVB, not later than 20 September 2002. A late entry between 21 September and 21 October 2002 will be accepted in accordance with FIVB regulations.

2. VOLLEYBALL – MEN AND WOMEN

There are a total of twelve (12) vacancies for the men's Olympic volleyball tournament and twelve (12) vacancies for the women's Olympic volleyball tournament.

2.1 The host nation **1 vacancy**

Greece is directly granted one (1) vacancy in the men's Olympic volleyball tournament and one (1) vacancy in the women's Olympic volleyball tournament.

2.2 2003 Continental Championships/2003 World Cups **3 vacancies**

The top three (3) teams from the 2003 World Cups (Men & Women) will qualify to the Athens 2004 Olympic Games. Only teams which participate in the 2003 Continental Championships will be able to qualify for the 2003 World Cups.

a) 2003 CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Period: 1 – 30 September 2003

Participants: no less than four (4) teams of the same continent in accordance with the continental regulations, but only teams previously registered through the Official FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry forms will be able to qualify for the 2003 World Cups.

b) 2003 WORLD CUPS (MEN & WOMEN)

Period:

Women: 1 – 15 November 2003

Men: 16 – 30 November 2003

Location: Japan

Participants: the host country, five (5) continental champions, the next six (6) top teams in accordance with the World Cup regulations for a total of twelve (12) teams, all of them previously duly registered through the Official FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry forms.

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The teams finishing in first, second and third place in each of the World Cups will qualify for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

2.3 Continental Olympic Qualification tournaments **5 vacancies**

Period: 1 December 2003 – 15 January 2004. After the World Cups, each of the five (5) confederations will organise one (1) continental Olympic Qualification tournament, as soon as possible but not later than 15 January 2004 (with or without pre-qualification groups).

Participants: no less than four (4) teams from the same continent, all of them previously registered through the Official FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry forms. Only nations not previously qualified for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games may enter the Continental Olympic Qualification tournaments.

The winner of each tournament will qualify for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games only if and when the tournament is held with the participation of no less than 4 teams duly registered in the Official FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry forms.

Continental Tournaments held with only three or less duly registered teams for the Olympic Qualification will not be recognised for the Olympic Qualification, but the teams involved will have the right to enter any one of the World Olympic Qualification tournaments mentioned under point 2.4.

2.4 World Olympic Qualification tournaments **3 vacancies**

The FIVB will organise up to three (3) World Olympic Qualification tournaments in which three (3) vacancies plus any non-disputed continental vacancies will be decided.

Women – 1 tournament

Period: To be played in the period 17 May to 13 June 2004

Location: Japan

Vacancies decided: three (3) vacancies plus any non-disputed continental vacancies in accordance with FIVB Women's World Olympic Qualification Tournament regulations.

Men – 3 tournaments

Period: To be played during the week ending 23 May 2004

Locations: Spain, Portugal and Japan

Vacancies decided: three (3) vacancies with the winner of each tournament qualifying for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games in accordance with FIVB Men's World Olympic Qualification Tournament regulations.

Participants: in case of a single tournament, there should be no less than eight (8) teams not yet qualified in the World Cup or Continental Olympic Qualification tournaments.

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If there is more than one tournament each one shall require a minimum of four (4) participating teams not yet qualified in World Cups or Continental Olympic Qualification tournaments.

3. BEACH VOLLEYBALL – MEN AND WOMEN

- 3.1 All teams composed of two (2) athletes registered in each division will be able to accumulate points during the nominated Olympic Qualification Tournaments held world-wide from 1 January 2003 to 11 July 2004.
- 3.2 During these two seasons, the teams will be free to choose the Olympic Qualification Tournaments in which they wish to participate.
- 3.3 From the total number of Olympic Qualification Tournaments in which they actually participate, only the points accumulated in their eight (8) best performances as a team will be taken into account to determine their position in the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking.
- 3.4 No later than 13 July 2004, the FIVB will determine the Beach Volleyball World Ranking including all teams having participated in at least eight (8) FIVB official Olympic Qualification Tournaments held between 1 January 2003 and 11 July 2004.
Based on such World Ranking the FIVB will establish the order of the Olympic Qualification Ranking taking into consideration only the two (2) highest ranked teams of each country.
- 3.5 Continental Championships recognised by the FIVB as Olympic Qualification Tournaments may also be considered as one (1) of the eight (8) best performances of a team. Only one (1) result (the best) from a possible two (2) Continental Championship results may be considered.
- 3.6 The twenty-four (24) teams of each division that will have the right to participate in the Beach Volleyball Tournaments in Athens 2004, will be the following:
- 3.6.1 Olympic Qualification Ranking (23 vacancies)
The first twenty three (23) teams following the order of the Olympic Qualification Ranking established by the FIVB. The highest ranked teams (maximum two (2) per country) will be automatically selected.
- 3.6.2 Host nation (up to two (2) vacancies)
One (1) vacancy will be granted to the host nation. This team will be the highest ranked host nation team not yet qualified as per 3.6.1. above. One (1) additional host nation team may also qualify if they are included in the first twenty-three (23) teams of the Olympic Qualification Ranking as per 3.6.1 above. The maximum number of qualified teams (2 per division) will also apply to the host nation.
- 3.6.3 In order to respect the universality principle of the Olympic Games, in the event that a continent does not have any teams qualified, as per 3.6.1 above, the 23rd place (and, if applicable, 22nd place, etc) of the Olympic Qualification ranking will be granted as a wild card to the highest ranked eligible pair from that continent regardless of their position in the ranking.

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- 3.7 On 13 July 2004, FIVB shall send to the NOCs concerned the list of qualified teams (men-women) and the list of the athletes having taken part in at least eight (8) FIVB Official Olympic Qualification Tournaments recognised by the FIVB. The latter will be considered (per points 3.8.1 and 3.8.2), as eventual substitutes. The NOCs, upon proposal of their respective NF following this Olympic Qualification Formula, may then proceed to confirm to ATHOC the Olympic entry by name of their athletes.
- 3.8 To resolve eventual cases of "force majeure" previously assessed by the FIVB:
- 3.8.1 An NOC, upon submission of a proposal by the corresponding NF, may register two (2) additional athletes per qualified team, chosen from among the players who have taken part in at least eight (8) FIVB Official Olympic Qualification Tournaments.
- 3.8.2 These athletes might, if necessary be authorised to replace the incapacitated member(s) of a duly qualified team and this up to the time of the Preliminary Inquiry to be held before the competition.

HOST NATION QUALIFICATION

Volleyball

The host nation, Greece is directly granted one (1) vacancy in the men's Olympic Volleyball tournament and one (1) vacancy in the women's Olympic Volleyball tournament.

Beach Volleyball

The host nation, Greece is directly granted one (1) vacancy in the men's Olympic Beach Volleyball tournament and one (1) vacancy in the women's Olympic Beach Volleyball tournament. One (1) further vacancy is available in each gender through the above qualification process.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

VOLLEYBALL

1 - 30 September, 2003	Period for Continental Championships
1 – 15 November 2003	Women's World Cup (JPN)
16 – 30 November 2003	Men's World Cup (JPN)
1 December 2003 – 15 January 2004	Continental Olympic Qualification Tournaments
17 May - 13 June 2004	Women's World Olympic Qualifying Tournament (JPN)
Week ending 23 May 2004	Men's World Olympic Qualifying Tournaments – JPN, POR and ESP
21 July 2004	Deadline for Athens 2004 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

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BEACH VOLLEYBALL

1 January 2003 – 11 July 2004

Qualification period for World Championships, World Tour and FIVB Recognised Continental Championships events

By 13 July 2004

Allocation of eventual places to unqualified continents

21 July 2004

Deadline for Athens 2004 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

VOLLEYBALL AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL

For volleyball, at the conclusion of each Olympic Qualification tournament the FIVB will communicate in writing the confirmation of vacancy to the NF and NOC of each qualified team within fifteen (15) days of the conclusion of the competition.

For Beach Volleyball, the FIVB will establish the order of the Olympic Qualification Ranking by 13 July 2004 and on the same day, the FIVB will communicate in writing the confirmation of vacancy(s) to the National Federation and National Olympic Committee of each qualified team.

Upon receipt of confirmation of qualification to the Olympic volleyball tournaments from the FIVB, the NF and NOC must confirm their participation in the Olympic competition within fifteen (15) days for volleyball and within five (5) working days for beach volleyball in writing to the FIVB. If joint confirmation is not received from the NF and NOC, the FIVB will replace the team in accordance with FIVB regulations.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

VOLLEYBALL AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Unused quota places will be allocated in accordance with the process listed in the qualification system above in the first instance, and thereafter in accordance with FIVB regulations.



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FIVB OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
Formulaire Officiel d'inscription de la FIVB

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FOR OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

Pour la Qualification Olympique

TO BE RECEIVED BY THE FIVB NOT LATER THAN :
20th September 2002

1. NATIONAL FEDERATION DATA / Données concernant la Fédération Nationale

FEDERATION'S NAME : Nom de la fédération :	<input type="text"/>	COUNTRY'S CODE : Code du pays :	<input type="text"/>
Tel. :	<input type="text"/>	Fax. :	<input type="text"/>
E-Mail :	<input type="text"/>		

2. STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION / Déclaration de la Fédération Nationale

Hereby we, the undersigned, representatives of our National Volleyball Federation, officially register our competitors to participate in the corresponding qualifying events organised by the FIVB in accordance with the Olympic Qualification Formula approved by the IOC for Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. The official registration of our athletes with Athens 2004 ATHOC, in case of their eventual qualification, is guaranteed herebelow by our NOC.

Par la présente, NOUS, soussignés, représentants de notre Fédération Nationale de Volleyball, enregistrons officiellement nos athlètes pour participer aux épreuves qualificatives correspondantes organisées par la FIVB conformément à la Formule de Qualification Olympique approuvée par le CIO pour le Volleyball et le Beach Volleyball. L'inscription officielle de nos athlètes auprès du Comité d'Organisation de Athens 2004 ("ATHOC"), s'ils arrivent à se qualifier, est garantie ci-après par le Comité National Olympique de notre pays.

3. STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE / Déclaration du Comité National Olympique

Hereby we, the undersigned, representatives of the National Olympic Committee of declare to officially authorize the participation of our competitors in the corresponding qualifying events organised for Volleyball and Beach Volleyball by the FIVB in accordance with the Olympic Qualification Formula approved by the IOC for Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. We guarantee that we will proceed to their official registration with the Athens 2004 Organising Committee ("ATHOC"), in case of their eventual qualification as per above conditions.

Par la présente, NOUS, soussignés, représentant le Comité National Olympique de déclarons officiellement autoriser la participation de nos athlètes aux épreuves qualificatives correspondantes organisées pour le Volleyball et le Beach Volleyball par la FIVB conformément à la Formule de Qualification Olympique approuvée par le CIO pour le Volleyball et le Beach Volleyball. Nous garantissons que nous procéderons effectivement à leur inscription officielle auprès du Comité d'Organisation de Athens 2004 ("ATHOC"), s'ils arrivent à se qualifier, selon les conditions exposées ci-dessus.

4. INTENDED OLYMPIC GAMES PARTICIPATION / Participation souhaitée aux Jeux Olympiques

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART IN THE FOLLOWING EVENT(S) / Nous souhaitons participer aux épreuves suivantes:

Volleyball :	<input type="checkbox"/>	DIVISION	WOMEN/ Dames	<input type="checkbox"/>	MEN/ Hommes:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beach Volleyball :	<input type="checkbox"/>	DIVISION:	WOMEN/ Dames	<input type="checkbox"/>	MEN/ Hommes:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please cross appropriate case(s)
Veuillez cocher la (les) case(s) appropriée(s).

The undersigned, official representatives of the NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION and NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE of
Les soussignés, représentants officiels de la FEDERATION NATIONALE DE VOLLEYBALL et du COMITE NATIONAL OLYMPIQUE de

OFFICIALLY CERTIFY THE DATA HEREIN STATED / certifions la véracité des informations données ci-dessus.

Place: Date:

NOC SECRETARY GENERAL
Secrétaire Général du CNO

NOC Seal
Cachet du CNO

PRESIDENT OF NOC
Président du CNO

PRESIDENT OF NF
Président de la FN

NF Seal
Cachet de la FN

NF SECRETARY GENERAL
Secrétaire Général de la FN