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2005 FIVB EVENTS REGULATIONS



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PROMOTER	<p>Hellenic Volleyball Federation - Beach Volleyball Department c/o Alex PARASKEVOPOULOS, Tournament Director 47 Dimitrakopoulou Str., 117 42 Athens, GREECE Tel.:+30.210.9211645 Fax:+30.210.9236292 E-mail: beach@volleyball.gr Web: www.beachvolleyball.gr/AthensOpen</p>
NATIONAL FEDERATION	<p>Hellenic Volleyball Federation Mr. Thanassis BELIGRATIS, President 47 M. Botsari & Falirou Str., 117 42 Athens, GREECE Tel.:+30.210.9212243 Fax:+30.210.9228764 E-mail: beligratis@volleyball.gr Web: www.volleyball.gr</p>
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	<p>Alex PARASKEVOPOULOS, Tournament Director Manolis PAPADAKIS, NF Delegate Nikos SOFIANOS, Competition Director Roberto REGGIANI, Technical Supervisor</p>
VENUE	<p>Olympic Beach Volleyball Center, Faliron Coastal Zone, ATHENS, GREECE</p>
COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND FORMAT	<p>The Qualification Tournaments (1 day per gender) 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 Tournaments. Country Quota Playoff matches to be played <u>after 2:00 pm on Monday 29 August (Women) and Tuesday 30 August (Men)</u>, in conjunction with the practical part of the referee clinic.</p> <p>The Qualification Tournaments (max. 64 teams for each gender) at the completion of the "Country Quota Playoff" matches will consist of a single elimination format. The Main Draw (4 days per gender) 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.</p> <p>Qualification Tournaments: WOMEN: Tuesday, 30 August MEN: Wednesday, 31 August</p> <p>Main Draw and Finals: WOMEN: Wednesday 31 August, Thursday 1 September, Friday 2 September (and semi-finals), Saturday 3 September MEN: Thursday 1 September, Friday 2 September, Saturday 3 September (and semi-finals), Sunday 4 September</p> <p>FINALS: WOMEN: Saturday 3 September , 21:00' (3rd - 4th place), 22:00' (1st - 2nd place) MEN: Sunday 4 September , 20:00' (3rd - 4th place), 21:00' (1st - 2nd place)</p>







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PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY	Only players who sent in to the FIVB in due time the required forms (2005-2008 FIVB-National Federation - Athlete' Agreement duly signed by all parties) and in good standing with the FIVB will be considered eligible to take part into the 2005 Swatch-FIVB events.
ENTRY (FIVB WEB SITE)	The confirmed teams' entry list as well as useful information related to the event are available on the FIVB 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 (from -14 days to the start of the event)
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY AND TECHNICAL MEETING	Athletes must attend the Preliminary Inquiry. Athletes' attendance at the Technical Meeting is mandatory. The Preliminary Inquiries and the Technical Meetings will be held at <u>the Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre</u> . 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 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 Tournaments, 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 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-200 (67 cm +/-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/Beach</p>
   	

<p>WELCOME AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION</p>	<p>Teams will be welcomed at “Eleftherios Venizelos” Athens International Airport upon arrival. Only teams which will send the WT/31 form until Thursday, August 25th (20:00) will be guaranteed transport from the airport to the official hotel.</p> <p>A shuttle service will be provided for the local transportation between the officials hotels and the venue.</p> <p>Local transportation for any other persons, like coaches, guests, teams’ physiotherapists, friends, or family members will not be under the responsibility of the promoter.</p>
<p>BOARD AND LODGING</p>	<p>Qualification Tournament teams will be responsible for their own expenses including, but not limited to, airfare, visa, hotel¹, food and miscellaneous expenses</p> <p>The organizers will provide the WOMEN’S Main Draw teams (including the women’s athletes proceeding from the Qualification Tournament into the Main Draw) with hotel accommodation (double room) in the Main Draw Hotel (Hotel METROPOLITAN) and with meals, which will be served <u>at the Olympic Beach Volleyball Center</u> from the evening before the start of the Main Draw (TUESDAY 30 August 2005) until the day after the end of competition (SUNDAY 4 September 2005), breakfast included.</p> <p>The organizers will provide the MEN’S Main Draw teams (including the women’s athletes proceeding from the Qualification Tournament into the Main Draw) with hotel accommodation (double room) in the Main Draw Hotel (Hotel METROPOLITAN) and with meals, which will be served <u>at the Olympic Beach Volleyball Center</u> from the evening before the start of the Main Draw (WEDNESDAY 31 August 2005) until the day after the end of competition (MONDAY 5 September 2005), 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>
<p>TRANSPORTATION</p>	<p>The FIVB will financially participate in the athletes’ International transportation as per the FIVB-NF-Athlete Agreement.</p> <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. Only teams which will send the WT/31 form until Thursday, August 25th (20:00) will be guaranteed transport from the airport to the official hotel.</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>
<p>MAIN DRAW HOTEL</p>	<p>Metropolitan Hotel (*****) 385 Syngrou Avenue 17564 ATHENS, Greece Tel: +30 210 9471 000 Fax: +30 210 9471 010 e-mail: metropolitan@chandris.gr website: www.chandris.gr</p> <p>The hotel is located 3 minutes from the venue by car.</p>
<p>ACCREDITATION</p>	<p>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 in the FIVB Web site)</p>
	

¹ A suggested hotels’ list is enclosed in the appendix. It is **very important** to look for your accommodation early enough. Normally you will find no available accommodation for those days on site.
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<p>WITHDRAWAL AND SANCTIONS</p>	<p>Withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes entered in the Main Draw is not allowed once the confirmed list has been announced, except in case of "force majeure" or in case an athlete is injured. In such cases, a Medical Certificate or a declaration of good faith must be provided to the FIVB before the beginning of the Technical Meeting of the Main Draw.</p> <p>In case of withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes entered in the Main Draw once the confirmed list has been announced without any Medical Certificate or declaration of good faith presented at the latest during the Technical Meeting of the Main Draw, the FIVB will apply a US\$ 3,000 fine. This fine must be paid before the start of the following event in which a team wants to enter (if no events are staged, the fine must be paid no later than 30 days from the notification of the sanction). The proof of the wire must be sent via fax to the FIVB.</p> <p>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 the event an athlete in the Main Draw is replaced by any team member for reasons of "force majeure" for a second time during the season, the team concerned will then lose its Main Draw status and be automatically placed in the Qualification Tournament.</p> <p>Withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/athletes entered in the Qualification Tournament is not allowed once the confirmed list has been announced, except in case of "force majeure" or in case an athlete is injured. In such cases, a Medical Certificate or a declaration of good faith must be provided to the FIVB before the beginning of the Technical Meeting of the Qualification Tournament.</p> <p>In case of withdrawal and/or disbanding of teams/ athletes entered in the Qualification Tournament once the confirmed list has been announced without any Medical Certificate or declaration of good faith presented at the latest during the Technical Meeting of the Qualification Tournament, the FIVB will then apply a US\$ 500 fine. This fine must be paid before the start of the following event in which a team would like to enter (if no events are staged, the fine must be paid no later than 30 days from the notification of the sanction). The proof of the wire must be sent via fax to the FIVB.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</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 Qualification Tournament.</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</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>INSURANCE</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>MEDICAL CONTROLS</p>	<p>The FIVB reserves the right to perform random medical controls, as per FIVB rules and regulations.</p>
<p>APPENDIX</p>	<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 • Map of the city/venue • Travel Itinerary Form (WT/31)
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