

January 20, 2016

## OFFICIAL INVITATION

The all Participating National Federations, AVC Officials and Delegates;


Volleyball Australia is very pleased to invite your beach Volleyball teams, AVC Officials and Delegates to participate in the **2016 AVC MEN'S & WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**, to be held at Manly Beach, Sydney, Australia from March 25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> 2016.

1. Competitions Site: Manly Beach, Sydney, Australia
2. Arrival and Departure: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March
3. Accommodation: Novotel Sydney Manly Pacific, 55 N Stayne, Manly NSW 2095

This letter also serves as an **official invitation letter** to apply for entry visas at an Australian Embassy.

The Specific Competition Regulations have been attached with this letter. The Application forms and flight itinerary should be sent to Volleyball Australia and AVC before **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.

Yours sincerely,



Mathieu Meriaux  
Chief Executive Officer



Craig Carracher  
President



# EVENT REGULATION

2016 AVC Men's & Women's Beach Volleyball Championship  
 March 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> , 2016  
 Sydney, Australia

ORGANIZER:	Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC)
PROMOTER:	Volleyball Australia
NATIONAL FEDERATION:	Volleyball Australia Ltd. Contact Person: Verity Hanka Address: Building 20, Australian Institute of Sport Leverrier St BRUCE ACT, 2617Tel: +61 2 6214 3503 Email: verity.hanka@avf.org.au
VENUE:	Manly Beach, Sydney, Australia
NF QUOTA:	<p>Maximum 24 teams per gender will be allowed to play in the Tournament.</p> <p>In case there are more than 24 teams per gender registered for the tournament, the top 24 teams will be accepted as per their AVC Ranking Points.</p> <p><b>Entry points</b> are determined as at -30 days from the start of the Championships and is determined by the sum of AVC ranking points of the 2 players. The AVC ranking points will be calculated based on the points gained by each player from the AVC Beach Tour in -365 days plus the FIVB world ranking points in -365 days but only the best results on the equal number of AVC Beach Tour that will be eligible for entry points. For example, if there are 6 AVC tournaments counted towards the seeding, then the best 6 results from FIVB World Tour shall be counted but not all.</p> <p>Maximum 3 teams per gender for host NF (Australia), i.e. 3 men's teams and 3 women's teams will be accepted for Australia.</p> <p>Maximum 2 teams per gender for NF, i.e. 2 men's teams and 2 women's teams will be accepted for each NF.</p> <p>The host NF (Australia) may enter 1 more team if 24 entries are not received in either gender by the entry deadline.</p>
COMPETITION SCHEDULE & FORMAT	<p>The tournament is consisted of two phases as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Preliminary Phase of Pool Play</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2nd Phase of Single Elimination</p> <p>The tentative competition schedule is as follows:        Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> : Arrival of AVC Technical Supervisor and AVC Coordinator (if any).        Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>: Arrival of Referee Delegate        Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>: Arrival of officials (referees, line judges, scorers, etc)        Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>: Arrival of participating teams        Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> : Training upon team's arrival        Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> : Preliminary Inquiry        Mar 24<sup>th</sup> – Referee clinic        Mar 24<sup>th</sup> - 19:00:General Technical Meeting        Mar 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> : Preliminary Round – Pool Play        Mar 27<sup>th</sup> :2nd Phase – Single elimination</p>

	<p>Morning session: Eighth Final (16 matches)  Afternoon session: Quarter Final (8 matches)  Mar 28<sup>th</sup> : Finals  Morning session: Semi Final (4 matches)  Afternoon session: Bronze / Gold Medal Matches (4)  Mar 29<sup>th</sup> : Departure for All</p> <p><b>Note: Please follow the detailed match schedule on-site as approved by the AVC Technical Supervisor.</b></p>																														
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PRELIMINARY INQUIRY & TECHNICAL MEETING:	<p>Preliminary Inquiry: Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup>, Time &amp; place tba  General Technical Meeting: Mar 24<sup>th</sup>, (19:00 - venue tba)</p> <p>Players must attend the Preliminary Inquiry and present their uniforms and official forms (players' commitment, health certificate, Prize Money, passport, etc) during such an inquiry.</p> <p>Players must also attend the General Technical Meeting. Draws will be made during the meeting; seeding and detail information on the competition will be distributed to players during the meeting.</p>																														
UNIFORMS:	<p>Uniforms will be checked during the Preliminary Inquiry. Players of the same team must wear the same colour and style of uniforms (bottoms). The display of players' sponsors' logos on shorts and accessories is free as long as it complies with FIVB/AVC advertising regulations.</p> <p>Organiser will NOT provide playing tank tops and/or tops for the players. Please bring at least two sets of uniforms in contrasting colours (one set in dark colour and the other set in a light colour). Each set of uniform has to display the shirt number (i.e. No. 1 or No. 2) as well as the country code or country flag.</p>																														
RULES OF THE GAME & COURT SIZE	As per FIVB Rules of the Game																														
FORFEIT & WITHDRAWAL:	<p>Each NF is responsible for informing immediately both the AVC and Organizers in case of forfeit of an enrolled team. Such withdrawal shall be sent to AVC and the organizer at least <b>3 days</b> before the tournament starts (i.e. before the Saturday of the previous week ahead of the tournament).</p> <p>In case of urgency, verbal communication to either AVC or its official on-site will be accepted.</p> <p>Otherwise, <b>a scale of sanction</b> will be applied as followed:  between – 3 days &amp; start of Technical Meeting: sanction of 500 USD per team / NF  After the Technical Meeting: Sanction of 1,000 USD per team /NF  Such sanction will go directly to the NF. However, on-site withdrawal with the</p>																														

	proof of injury or “force-majure” will be considered as “Forfeit”. In such case, the teams will be able to be enrolled in the tournament with AVC points and prize money.
ENTRY & SEEDING	<p><b>Seeding &amp; Entry Regulation:</b> In accordance with the AVC regulation and the decision of AVC Technical Supervisor on-site.</p> <p><b>Entry points</b> are determined as at -30 days from the start of the Championships and is determined by the sum of AVC ranking points of the 2 players. The AVC ranking points will be calculated based on the points gained by each player from the AVC Beach Tour in -365 days plus the FIVB world ranking points in -365 days but only the best results on the equal number of AVC Beach Tour events that will be eligible for entry points. For example, if there are 6 AVC tournaments counted towards the seeding, then the best 6 results from FIVB World Tour shall be counted but not all.</p> <p><b>Seeding points</b> are determined on the day of the Technical Meeting by the sum of AVC ranking points of the 2 players. The AVC ranking points will be calculated based on the points gained from the AVC Beach Tour in -365 days plus the FIVB world ranking points in -365 days but only the best results on the equal number of AVC Beach Tour that will be eligible for seeding. For example, if there are 6 AVC tournaments counted towards the seeding, then best 6 results from FIVB World Tour shall be counted but not all.</p>
COACHING	Coaching is not allowed during matches.
MEDICAL CONTROLS	<b>The AVC reserves the right to perform random medical controls, as per FIVB rules and regulations.</b>
PLAYER'S ELIGIBILITY	<p>Only teams who officially sent the forms to AVC/organizer via its NF will be accepted in the tournament. The forms duly signed shall be sent to Volleyball Australia via <a href="mailto:verity.hanka@avf.org.au">verity.hanka@avf.org.au</a> and <a href="mailto:info@avf.org.au">info@avf.org.au</a>, and copy to AVC office (email: <a href="mailto:avc@asianvolleyball.org">avc@asianvolleyball.org</a> and <a href="mailto:avcbeach@gmail.com">avcbeach@gmail.com</a>, fax: +86 10 67125044).</p> <p><b>As per FIVB regulation, the participating teams of the 2016 AVC Championship shall also be registered by their respective NFs through FIVB Online Registration System at <a href="http://www.fivb.org/vis/">www.fivb.org/vis/</a></b></p>
INSURANCE	<b>It is mandatory that all athletes have their own liability and medical insurance. The AVC and / or Organizer will not be held responsible for any medical expenses incurred while competing in a tournament.</b>
VISA, WELCOME & LOCAL TRANSPORTATION:	<p>Players are responsible for their own international and domestic airfare and for any airport taxes or visa expenses to Sydney International Airport. Players are requested to apply early enough for their entry visas, whenever needed.</p> <p>The organizer will arrange and be responsible for all local transportation for all participants, Officials and referees, including transportation between the Sydney international airport and the site, and when needed, between the official hotel(s) and the venue of any technical and official hospitality or social functions. All participating teams requesting for the pick-up are required to send their travel itinerary to Volleyball Australia <b>by March 14th, 2016</b> via the contact listed above.</p>
BOARD & LODGING:	<p>The organizer will cover the board &amp; lodging costs of 3 teams per gender for the hosting NF &amp; 2 teams per gender for the visiting NFs starting from the evening of Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> to the breakfast on Mar 29<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Any other team members (including additional teams as stated above, coaches, trainers, physiotherapist, team manager, team leader or other accompanying member) are responsible for their own board &amp; lodging. Additional</p>

	<p>accommodation can be organized directly with recommended hotels or rental apartments via the internet. See list attached.</p> <p>All participants are however personally responsible for all and any extras at the hotel such as mini bar, phone calls, laundry, etc that must be paid at checkout.</p> <p>It is recommended that accompanying team members book &amp; confirm their accommodation as soon as possible as accommodation will be limited and in very high demand due to it being a major holiday period in Australia.</p>
HOTELS:	<p>Hotel 1. (Players MD) : Novotel Sydney Manly Pacific  Address:  55 N Stayne  Manly  NSW 2095  Email: h5462@accor.com  Phone: +61 2 9977 7666</p> <p>Hotel 2 : The Sebel Sydney Manly Beach  Address :  8/13 N Stayne  Manly  NSW 2095  Email : H8803@accor.com  Phone : +61 2 9977 8866</p> <p>Hotel 3 : Quest Apartments Manly  Address:  54A West Esplanade  Manly  NSW 2095  Email : questmanly@questapartments.com.au  Phone : +61 2 9976 4600</p> <p>There are also self-serviced apartments available within the Manly area. These can often be a cheaper accommodation option than a hotel.</p>
Entry:	<p>All teams wishing to participate must fill the entry form and return to Volleyball Australia &amp; AVC <b><u>before February 8th, 2016.</u></b></p>