

**2018 Men's World Volleyball Championship  
Qualification Tournament, Final Round Pool A  
In Tehran, Iran on August 10-14, 2017**

**COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

**1. ORGANIZER**

I.R. Iran Volleyball Association, affiliated to AVC, has been entrusted with the organization of 2018 Men's World Volleyball Championship Qualification Tournament, Final Round Pool A in Tehran, Iran on August 10-14, 2017

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**2. COMPETITION CALENDAR**

Arrival of AVC Supervisor and Neutral Referee: August 7, 2017  
Arrival of teams and accompanying referees: August 8, 2017  
Competition days: August 10 - 14, 2017  
Departure day: August 15, 2017

**3. HOST CITY AND HALLS**

City: Tehran  
Training Halls: Azadi Sports Complex Training Hall 1 & 2  
Competition Hall: Azadi Sports Complex

**4. PARTICIPATING TEAMS**

- 4.1 The 2018 Men's World Volleyball Championship Qualification Tournament, Final Round Pool A in Tehran, Iran on August 10-14, 2017, is open to IRI, CHN, KOR, QAT and the qualified team of Central Zone, that respect their obligations and financial responsibilities with regard to the FIVB and AVC and have sent to FIVB the official entry for the Championship according to FIVB Regulations.

The players must have the nationality of the country or region they represent, justifying it by means of a passport.

- 4.2 Naturalised players must have been proven resident in the country or region of their new nationality for not less than two years (up to the opening day of the Championship) from the date of issue of the official document granting the new

citizenship.

- 4.3 Once the passport has been checked and accepted by AVC Supervisor, the Organizer will issue the ID cards valid for the Championship.
- 4.4 Teams may change up to two players registered on the O-2bis form, due to medical reasons or force majeure duly proven, in the period between the Preliminary Inquiry and the General Technical Meeting. In this case, the new player must have been listed upon the O-2 form and can play at any moment upon arrival after having been accredited by the Organizing Committee. The expenses incurred in changing the players are at full cost to the National Federation. No changes will be allowed after the commencement of the General Technical Meeting.

## **5 ENTRIES, TEAM INFORMATION AND FEE**

- 5.1 If the qualified team withdraws from the qualification tournament, the next World Ranking team as of January 2017 will be replaced to participate the qualification tournament. The reconfirmation of participation shall be informed to AVC within the end of April 2017.
- 5.2 Not later than June 10, 2017, each entered team must send the O-2 Form, two (2) personal photos of each member, a team photo, and sports biography of the team to AVC and to the Organizer.
- 5.3 Within April 15, 2017, the Organizer has to present the Competition Schedule and submit it to AVC for approval.
- 5.4 During the Preliminary Inquiry, each participating team must submit its final list of twelve (12 to 14) players (O-2bis Form) to AVC Supervisor. These 12 to 14 players must be chosen among the 19 players indicated in the O-2 Form.
- 5.5 The organizer will take care of accommodation up to 21 members (12 to 14 players, 6 Officials and 1 accompanying International Referee) of each team. The expenses of extra members, must be paid to the Organizer in cash during the Preliminary Inquiry. If not, they have to pay for their accommodation directly to the hotel and shall not be allowed to participate in the championship.

## **6 COMPETITION SYSTEM**

- 6.1 Single round robin is applied.
- 6.2 Free Warm-up time
  - 6.2.1 The participating team can use the competition court in free time before the official protocol being started when a warming up court is not available inside the competition venue.
  - 6.2.2 A team with extra members who are not on the official list (i.e., 2<sup>nd</sup> coach and/or trainer) may be on the competition court during the free warm-up time, but the extra members of the team must leave the court upon instruction by the referees before the official protocol is started.

## **7 INSPECTIONS, PREPARATORY REPORT**

- 7.1 The organizer should strictly follow the AVC competition guidelines and regulations.

- 7.2 AVC will make an inspection at the Organizer’s expenses to the host city if it is necessary. And the Organizers have no right to change the competition facilities and hotels after the final inspection or the invitation letter is sent to all the participating teams.

## **8 ORDER OF MATCHES AND, ORGANIZER’S RIGHTS AND DUTIES**

- 8.1 The order of matches is assigned by the drawing of lots in accordance with the Berger Table.
- 8.2 The Organizer has the right to choose 2 matches if the pool is composed of 5 teams or more.
- 8.3 The Organizer has the right to change the timetable and order of matches for TV broadcasting reasons and with the approval of AVC Supervisor. Each team must be informed of the timetable changes at least 24 hours before the match.
- 8.4 The Organizer has the duty to prepare additional manual scoreboards for substitution in case that the Electronic Scoreboard is out of order.

## **9 CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS**

The Classification of Teams will be considered up to the following orders:

- 9.1 Number of Victories: The teams will be classified in descending order by the number of matches won.
- 9.2 In The Case of Equal Matches Won
- 9.2.1 The following points will be awarded per match to each team:

Match won 3-0; 3-1	3 points
Match won 3-2	2 points
Match lost 2-3	1 point
Match lost 0-3; 1-3	0 point
Match forfeited	0 points (25-0;25-0;25-0)

9.2.2 Set quotient. In the case of equality in the number of match points by two or more teams, they will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost.

9.2.3 Points quotient. If the tie persists as per the set quotient (9.2.2) the teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of points lost during all sets.

9.2.4 If the tie continues as per the point quotient (9.2.3) between two teams, the priority will be given to the team which won the last match between them. When the tie in point quotient is between three or more teams, a new classification of these teams in the terms of 9.2.1. 9.2.2 and 9.2.3 will be made taking into consideration only the matches in which they were opposed to each other.

## **10 CONDUCTING OF THE COMPETITIONS**

The 2018 Men’s World Championship Qualification Tournament Final Round Pool A will be conducted by AVC Supervisor under the leadership of AVC President or his representative.

One (1) Neutral Referee nominated by AVC, his / her travelling expense and per diem according to AVC Competition Regulations is responsible by AVC. International referees accompanying the teams and from the organizing country will officiate in the 2018 Men's World Championship Qualification Tournament Final Round.

## **11 MEDICAL SERVICES AND CONTROL (If it is needed)**

- 11.1 All players are obliged to present a health certificate (M-3 form) issued no more than two months before the competition by the competent authority in their country in which the health of the competitor and the absence of signs of use, or the lack of equipment to detect the use of forbidden substances is clearly stated. This health certificate must be countersigned by the National Federation and the competitor who thus both take the responsibility for the validity of such certificate.
- 11.2 The Organizer is obliged to nominate a Medical Director in charge of all medical affairs during the championship.
- 11.3 Very well before the event, the Medical Director appointed by the Organizer must contact with the AVC Secretariat and Medical Delegate in charge of the event to report progression of preparations for the medical affairs including Doping Control Testing. Following items should be included in the report.
  - 11.3.1. Name of the Doping Control Officers (DCO) who should be authorized by World Anti Doping Agency (WADA)
  - 11.3.2. Name list of Doping Control Team headed by DCO accredited by WADA. The team should be consisted with TWO (minimum) Chaperons and TWO (minimum) technicians to collect urine samples
  - 11.3.3. Name list of Medical Support Team that should be consisted with Sports Physicians and other Medical Doctors, Physiotherapists, Registered Nurses
  - 11.3.4. Name list of designated hospitals and clinics suitable for the event
  - 11.3.5. Photocopy of the contract between the organizer and WADA Accredited Laboratory
- 11.4 First aid and medical treatment will be provided by the Organizer under the control of AVC Supervisor.
- 11.5 Doping Control shall be conducted in accordance with the FIVB Medical Regulations.
  - 11.5.1. The Organizer is obliged to prepare all adequate number of the equipments and human resources according to the FIVB Medical Regulations and WADA CODE.
  - 11.5.2. The Organizer must be responsible to courier the collected and sealed samples to designated WADA accredited laboratory within due time according to the AVC requirements.
- 11.6 Referees' medical check and alcohol test will be conducted by the local medical team nominated by the Organizer under control of AVC Supervisor. The Organizer is obliged to prepare all equipments and official forms generated by the FIVB needed for the medical check according to the FIVB Medical Regulations.
- 11.7 The Organizer is requested to provide adequate size room, forms and equipments for the Medical Delegate Meeting that would be held after the General Technical Meeting or earlier upon request from AVC Supervisor.
- 11.8 All team delegations are recommended to take out their own liability and medical insurance.

## **12 PRELIMINARY INQUIRY**

- 12.1 Team delegations must arrive at least 48 hours before the start of the competition and be available for the preliminary inquiry.
- 12.2 The Preliminary Inquiry will be carried out in accordance with the FIVB General Regulations.
- 12.3 Team managers, Coaches and Doctors must be present at the Preliminary Inquiry and must bring the following documents:
  - O2-bis form
  - Passport of all players
  - Health Certificate for all players (M3)
  - Doctor's FIVB Accreditation Card
  - Therapist's FIVB Accreditation Card
  - Journalist's FIVB Accreditation Card
  - Samples of captain's uniforms (3 colors)
  - Advertising Approval Certificate

## **13 GENERAL TECHNICAL MEETING**

- 13.1 Team Managers, Head Coaches and Doctors must be present in the General Technical Meeting.
- 13.2 The General Technical Meeting will be carried out in accordance with the FIVB General Regulations.

## **14 TRAINING**

- 14.1 The organizer must prepare a training schedule, in which each team is guaranteed the exclusive use of a training gym for 1.5 hours per day.
- 14.2 Each team will have at least one hour training on each competition court before their first match.
- 14.3 Trainings must not be scheduled at the same time as the Preliminary Enquiry and the General Technical Meeting.

## **15 PRESS CONFERENCE**

The head coach and team captain or the player requested by the press must be available for the press conference immediately after each match.

## **16 OFFICIAL VOLLEYBALL RULES AND BALLS**

- 16.1 The Championship shall be played in accordance with the FIVB Rules of the Game in force. All necessary interpretations will be made before the Championship during the Refereeing Clinic and the General Technical Meeting.

- 16.2 Only International Referee approved by AVC Referee Committee will be nominated as the team's accompanying referee for 2018 Men's World Championship Qualification Tournament, Final Round
- 16.3 The Championship will be played with the MIKASA Volleyball MVA200.

## **17 UNIFORMS**

- 17.1 The playing uniform must be in conformity with FIVB standards. Each team must have available three sets of playing uniforms of a different color. The players' numbers on the uniforms must be the same as on the O-2, O-2bis forms.  
  
Any improper use of uniform color shall get penalties. Details see Article 19.5.
- 17.2 The playing uniforms of the team captain must be presented during the Preliminary Inquiry.
- 17.3 The team officials on the bench, as approved in the Preliminary Inquiry, must confirm to either of the following dress code options:
  - 17.3.1 All to wear their official warming up suit and polo shirt of the same color and style, or
  - 17.3.2 All to wear dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks of the same color and style, or
  - 17.3.3 All to wear dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks of the same color and style except the trainer who may wear the official warming up suit and polo shirt.
  - 17.3.4 The penalty for non-compliance of the dress code for team officials on the bench will be that the team officials concerned will not be allowed to sit on the team bench and must leave the competition control area and thus will have no further contact with the team until they respect the approved dress code.
- 17.4 Team accompanying referees must bring their own refereeing uniform.

## **18 COMPLAINTS**

- 18.1 All complaints must be presented in writing by Team Manager or Head Coach to the Zonal Control Committee members on duty within 30 minutes after the match.
- 18.2 Complaints about the result of a match must be accompanied by a deposit of US\$300 cash (or the equivalent in local currency) for each complaint.

## **19 SANCTIONS**

- 19.1 Negligence in regard to the competition or late forwarding of the team entry and/or O-2 form: US\$500 fine.
- 19.2 Non (or incomplete) forwarding of team and players photos, sports biographies or payment of entry fee: US\$500 fine.
- 19.3 If the National Federation that sent O-2 Form to the organizer for the 2018 Men's World Championship Qualification Tournament, Final Round happens to cancel its participation, the penalty will imposed by AVC:
  - 19.3.1 After the deadline of O-2 Form until drawing of lots: US\$3,000.

- 19.3.2 After the drawing of lots until one month prior to the Championship:  
US\$5,000.
- 19.3.3 Less than one month to a week prior to the opening day of the  
Championship: US\$10,000.
- 19.3.4 7 days or less prior to the opening day of the Championship: US\$20,000.
- 19.4 If there is no accompanying referee included in the participating team, the penalties of US\$2,000 (Two Thousand US Dollar only) will be imposed on this team in order for AVC to nominate a neutral referee from nearby country to officiate the championship.
- 19.5 The penalty of US\$500 will be imposed to a team which does NOT wear the assigned uniform colour as indicated on the O-1 form until the official protocol of the match being started.
- 19.6 If the penalty fee is not paid, the national federation will be suspended until payment has been made (transit period in one month after the invoice is issued).
- 19.7 The penalty fee should be paid by the national federation involved to the Zonal account.
- 19.8 If a participating team returns back to their home before finishing all the matches, this team should be sanctioned.
- 19.9 Players not complying with the Eligibility Rules defined by Article 5 of the FIVB General Regulations for International Championships or who do not present the Health Certificate (M-3) as required in Article 11.1 of the same Regulations will not be allowed to compete.
- 19.10 Players who refuse to undergo doping control test will be automatically disqualified. The team concerned will lose the match to its opponent 0-3 (0-25, 0-25, 0-25).
- 19.11 Voluntary forfeit of a team before or during a match entails its exclusion from the Championship with the following consequences:
- 19.11.1 From the moment the team must cover its own expenses.
- 19.11.2 Damages and other sanctions may be decided by the AVC Board of Administration. All matches previously played will be declared forfeited 0-3 (0-25, 0-25, 0-25).

## **20 COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION**

- 20.1 Each delegation will be composed of maximum 21 (twenty) members as follows: 12-14 players, 1 Team Manager, 1 Head Coach, 2 Assistant Coaches, 1 FIVB Accredited Doctor, 1 FIVB Accreditation Therapist and 1 International Referee. The organizer will take care of 19-21 members free of charge, the exceed members have to pay for accommodation as the extra members.
- 20.2 Each delegation must have one accompanying International Referee. If not, penalties shall be incurred as per Article 19.4.
- 20.3 Up to 2 extra officials may be added to the delegation of a team. They will be accredited if their expenses have been paid before the Championship.
- 20.4 The team officials to be seated on the bench may not be changed after General Technical Meeting except for a medical emergency case.
- 20.5 The number of players of each delegation represented at the competition must include in a minimum 9 players. If less than 9 players of a team participation in the 2018 Men's World Championship Qualification Tournament, the penalty of US\$ 2,000 per player will be imposed to this team.

## **21 FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**

- 21.1 Each delegation will take care of the following expenses:
  - 21.1.1 Airfares of the team to and from Tehran
  - 21.1.2 Penalties incurred as per Article 19.
  - 21.1.3 Full payment of accommodation with full board for extra persons, if any.
  - 21.1.4 Extra luggage charge is to be covered by the team delegation.
- 21.2 The expenses to be covered by the Organizer:
  - 21.2.1 Accommodation of 19-21 members of each team (3 single rooms for Team Manager, Head Coach and accompanying Referee. The other will be provided in twin sharing rooms.)
  - 21.2.2 Accommodation with full board for the AVC Supervisor and Neutral Referee nominated by AVC (all single rooms).
  - 21.2.3 Internal transport between hotel and Airport, and local transport.
  - 21.2.4 Medical first aid.
  - 21.2.5 Laundry of player's game uniform each competition day (one pair of socks, one pair of shirt and short worn during the match).
  - 21.2.6 Prepare the demonstrative teams and personnel for theoretical and practical Refereeing Clinics according to the competition calendar.
  - 21.2.7 If the delegation arrives one day earlier or leaves one day later than the schedule due to the lack of flight availability of the hosting city, the Organizer must not charge any extra costs, but partial payment.
  - 21.2.8 Any extra expenses are not covered in the Organizers' commitments.
- 21.3 The expenses to be covered by AVC:
  - 21.3.1 Air tickets for 1 AVC Supervisor and 1 Neutral Referee
  - 21.3.2 Per-diem at US\$ 80 / day / person for 1 AVC Supervisor and 1 Neutral Referee
- 21.4 Publicity on Uniforms
  - (a) Advertising on team's uniforms is subject to prior AVC approval at least four weeks before the start of the competition. An advertising Approval Certificate issued by AVC must be presented at the Preliminary Inquiry.
  - (b) The fee for having the right for publicity on uniforms is US\$5,000 (Five Thousand US Dollars Only) per team, which must be remitted to AVC account number before the Preliminary Inquiry.

## **22 ADVERTISING BOARDS**

- 22.1 The Organizer must strictly follow the guideline for the installation of advertising board as specified by AVC.
- 22.2 The Organizer should send the layout of advertising panel and banners inside the competition hall to AVC for approval.
- 22.3 The layout of competition hall must be controlled by AVC Supervisor before and during the Championship.
- 22.4 The organizer should place the advertising boards around the playing area of the main court even if the organizer does not have sponsors for the competition.

**23 AWARDS (Up to the organizer's decision, it is not mandatory for QT)**

**24 DAILY BULLETIN**

Copies of a Daily Bulletin will be distributed by the Organizer to the AVC Head Office, all participating teams, referees and AVC Supervisor from the day before the start of competition (i.e. at the General Technical Meeting) until the day after competition.

**25 VIS-SYSTEM**

The Organizer takes care of the results and statistics according to FIVB VIS-System.

**26 UNFORESEEN ITEMS**

Any matters not mentioned in the present Regulations should be decided by AVC Supervisor in consultation with the organizing federation.

**27 COMPETITION MANUAL**

AVC Competition Manual will be officially effective for 2018 Men's World Championship Qualification Tournament, Final Round.

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