



AVC BEACH VOLLEYBALL CONTINENTAL CUP

2023-2024 AVC Beach Volleyball Continental Cup

Information

1. Introduction

The AVC Beach Volleyball Continental Cup will feature the participation of eligible AVC Affiliated National Federations and will act as an additional route through which National Federations are able to qualify one (1) Beach Volleyball team per gender for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, according to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Qualification System for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

2. Competition Regulations

2.1 Competition Format

General information

- Playing country vs country matches in a single elimination “best-of-three” format
Except SEA Zone, the SEA Games will be used as the AVC Continental Cup Phase 1. The competition format used in SEA Games will be applied.
- Each country participates with minimum 2 teams composed by 2 players each and up to 1 reserve team composed by 2 players.
- Men’s and Women’s competitions are separated
- In case of a tie after the 2 matches, a “Golden Match” has to be played.
In such case, the head of delegation/captain of the country decides which athletes play thus Golden Match (Optional: this match can be played in any combination of the 4 players from the same country)

2.2 Competition Calendar

The AVC Beach Volleyball Continental Cup is composed by the following 3 phases:

- 1st Phase played during January-December 2023 in 5 zones of Asia, with the exception of the Champion NFs of the previous AVC Beach Volleyball Continental Cup Final
 - Western Zone – Doha, Qatar February 21-25, 2023
Participating NFs: JOR, KUW, LBN, OMA, PLE, QAT, KSA
 - SEA Zone – Preah Sihanouk, Cambodia May 11-16, 2023
Participating NFs: CAM, INA, LAO, MAS, PHI, SGP, THA, VIE, TLS
 - Oceania Zone – Port Vila, Vanuatu September 1-5, 2023
Participating NFs: AUS (Women’s only), ASA, COK, FIJ, GUM, KIR, MSH, FSM, NRU, NZL, PAU, PNG, SAM, SOL, TGA, TUV, VAN
 - Central Zone – Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh September 8-11, 2023
Participating NFs: AFG, BAN, BHU, IND, IRI, KAZ, KGZ, MDV, NEP, PAK, SRI, TJK, TKM, UZB
 - Eastern Zone – Nanjing, China August 31 – September 2, 2023
Participating NFs: CHN (Men’s only), KOR, PRK, JPN, HKG, MAC, MGL, TPE
- 2nd Phase played in no later than 21 June 2024, including the 1st runner-up NFs per gender from 1st Phase (5 NFs), plus 1 Host NF. In the case that the host NF already qualified to the 3rd Phase or is one of the 5 NFs from 1st Phase, the competition will be participating by 5 NFs. Total 5 or 6 NFs per gender

- 3rd Phase played during the week of June 21-23, 2024, including the 5 winning NFs per gender from 1st Phase plus 1 Host NF, 1 2021 Continental Cup Champion NF, 1 Winning NF from 2nd Phase, Total 8 NFs per gender
- If only 4 events in certain gender in 1st Phase, the 1st runner-up from 2nd Phase will advance to 3rd Phase.

2.3 Participation Limitations

- The NF of AVC Continental Cup (2019-2021) Champion per gender will advance directly to the 3rd Phase without participating in the 1st and 2nd Phase tournaments.
- In case the host NF of 2nd Phase and 3rd Phase tournaments already qualify through the 1st Phase to 2nd Phase or to 3rd Phase, such quota is reallocated to the next best ranked NF of the gender event from the concerned zone.
- In case there is a withdrawn team in 2nd Phase and 3rd Phase tournaments, the quota will be reallocated to next best ranked NF in the Zonal Phase from the concerned zone.
- As per the IOC Qualification system circulated in April 2022, an athlete can earn a maximum of one (1) quota place for his/her NOC/NF to the Olympic Games Paris 2024. Any athlete(s) already secured a quota place for their NOCs/NFs are not allowed to participate in any Phases, and therefore benefit their NFs.
- In addition to the above, in case any NF that has already obtained maximum of two (2) quota places through other Olympic qualification pathways before the start of the any Phases, will not be able to play in any Phases and shall be replaced by the next eligible NF from the concerned zone accordingly.

2.4 Seeding Policy

The NFs will be seeded in the competition bracket according to the seeding policy below:

The combined finishes (points) of all four players becomes the team ranking/seeding. Calculated by:

- *Each individual player's best finishes, in terms of ranking points, in FIVB sanctioned events within the last 365 days up to the day of General Technical Meeting. Maximum of 4 events.*
- *Plus, each individual player's best finishes, in terms of ranking points, in AVC sanctioned events including multi-sport and zonal/ regional events within the last 365 days up to the day of General Technical Meeting. Maximum of 4 events.*
- *Only 1 Multi sport or Zonal / Regional event to be included in total.*
- *Only 1 AVC Championship event to be included in total.*

If the host country is among the Top #4 NF's present, the NF will receive Seed 1 otherwise it will be Seed 4. If there are 4 teams or less then the following will apply: If the host country team is among the Top #2 NF's present, the team will receive Seed 1 otherwise it will be Seed 2.

In case of a tie, a drawing of lots will decide.

The sum points of "team 1" from each participating National Federation should be higher than "team 2". If equals, the head of delegation/captain of the country decides which team will be team 1.

2.5 Reserve player

- During the Preliminary Inquiry, each NF shall confirm the final 4 players by its head of delegation or head coach, based on the team composition as shown in the entry form.
- The final list of team composition will be announced at General Technical Meeting, with Team 1 with higher sum of ranking points than Team 2.

- From the beginning of the General Technical Meeting, no change can be made to the team composition, even for medical reason or force majeure. As we play best of three matches, i.e. team 1 against team 1, team 2 against team 2, and the golden match can be played by any 2 of the 4 players from one NF. So, if one player injured, subsequently they will forfeit the match but the NF still have a chance in the golden match.

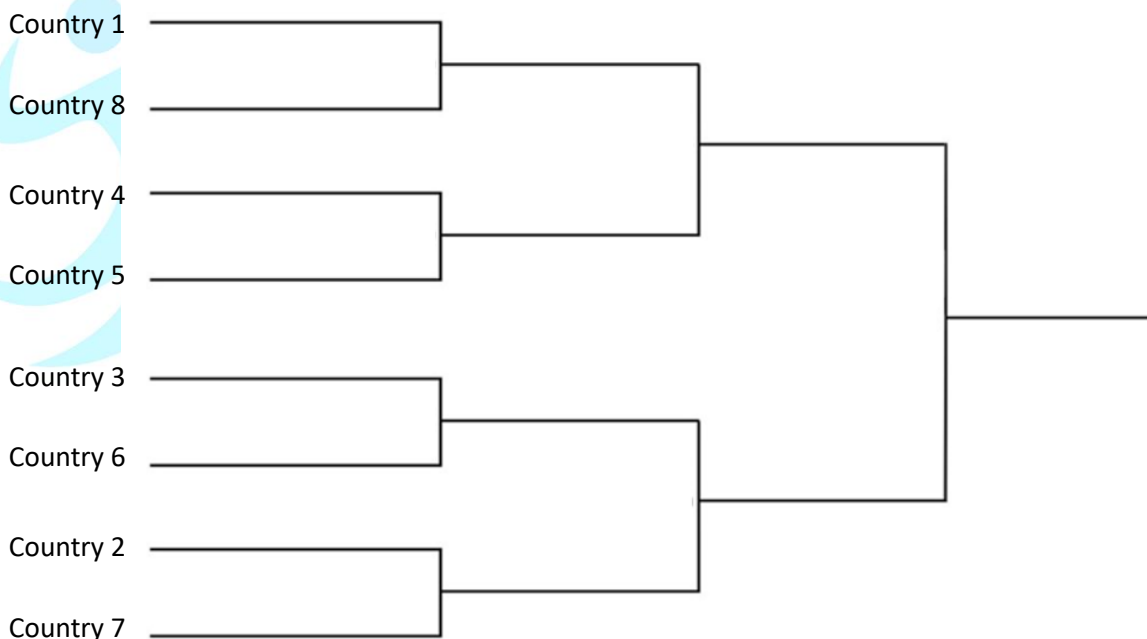
2.6 Competition schedule

In the “best-of-three” format, the sequence of matches will be as following:

- 1) (Higher seeded NF) team 1 vs (Lower seeded NF) team 1
- 2) (Higher seeded NF) team 2 vs (Lower seeded NF) team 2
- 3) Golden Match – in case of tie in win and lost matches

The Head of Delegation of each NF, as identified during the Preliminary Inquiry, confirms in writing to the AVC Technical Supervisor which athletes will play the Golden Match (Optional: this can be a mix of the teams).

A minimum break of 45 minutes between the end of the 2nd match and the start of the Golden Match needs to be applied.



2.7 Uniforms

- Uniforms will be checked during the Preliminary Inquiry. Players of the same team must wear the same colour and style of uniforms. The display of players' sponsors' logos on shorts and accessories is free as long as it complies with FIVB/ AVC advertising regulations.
- Host 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 light colour). Each set of uniform has to display the shirt number (i.e. No. 1 & No. 2) as well as the country code or country flag.
- No sponsorship allowed on playing tops. Small manufacturers' logo acceptable.

2.8 Allocation of points

World Ranking points will be allocated to the participants of the AVC Beach Volleyball Continental Cup according to the FIVB World Ranking allocation table

2.9 Official Game Balls

The ball to be used is the MIKASA BV-550C.

2.10 Rules of the game

All matches shall be played according to the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball rules in their latest edition.

2.11 Board, lodging & local transportation

Partial payment or full payment of full board and lodging of maximum 6 players from 2 days before the competition until the breakfast of the departure day.