

2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships

(6 to 15 October 2023, Tlaxcala, Mexico)

Qualification System

1. Athlete's Quota:

Total Quota: Forty-eight (48) places/ teams per gender:

Qualification Pathway	Qualification System
FIVB Ranking Points	Twenty-five (25) teams per gender, based on the sum of ranking points accumulated from the best six (6) finishes over the period of 1st February to 21st August 2023 , including minimum two (2) teams per gender guaranteed to the host country Mexico, regardless of the ranking points.
Wild Card	Three (3) teams per gender
Continental Quota	Twenty (20) teams (4 teams per Confederation providing the players meeting Athletes' Eligibility requirement set out below in Point 3)
Total	Forty-eight (48) per gender

Maximum quota per NF per gender:

	Quota per NF
Host NF	Maximum 6 teams per gender, excluding Wild Cards
Foreign NF	Maximum 4 teams per gender, excluding Wild Cards

2. Timelines:

Timeline	Milestone
By 31 st January 2023	<p>Confederations to submit qualification systems to the FIVB for approval.</p> <p>In principle, the continental confederation qualification system shall be established to give a fair and equitable opportunity for the best athletes from the said continental confederation to participate in the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships. The allocation of the quota places should reflect the above principle through dedicated qualification tournaments or ranking based on on-field results established within the last 365 days, with 21st August 2023 as the final entries deadline.</p> <p>FIVB strongly recommends the use of the Team ranking (if any) of the Continental Confederation, or dedicated qualification tournament (if feasible) to determine the teams qualified through the Continental Qualification pathway to the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships.</p>

By 15 th February 2023	FIVB approve/refuse the proposal based on the compliance with the Continental Qualification Requirements (set out below in point 4). In case of refusal, the continental confederation's quota places shall be granted to the next eligible teams registered in the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships as per their FIVB Ranking Points updated on 21 st August 2023.
11 th August 2023	Entry deadline
By 11 th August 2023	Confederations to submit to FIVB its tentative team list (i.e. long list but with team entry by name) qualified to the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships according to the FIVB approved Continental Qualification System. *Note: The long list shall include all possible teams that qualified to the Continental Qualification pathway, to allow the Athletes Eligibility assessment. Should there be any change of player due to medical reason or force majeure, the Continental Confederations will submit to the FIVB the new composition of teams concerned (with copy of proof) to update the long team list. The long list shall feature in priority the 4 teams tentatively confirmed from the Continental Qualification pathway, and any necessary reserve teams in the sequence of priority in case the above 4 teams already qualified through the FIVB Ranking Points, or the National Federation concerned reaches the maximum quota place per gender.
11 th August 2023 onwards	Invitation Letter can be provided by the organizer for Visa Purpose
By 11 th August 2023	Deadline for NFs to submit the Wild Card request to FIVB/Volleyball World. Deadline for Confederations to confirm the list through Continental Qualification pathway
11 th to 23 rd August 2023	Athlete Eligibility assessment as per the athlete eligibility requirements (set out below in point 3). Should a team fail to comply with the athlete eligibility requirements, the respective place shall be granted to the next eligible teams registered in the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships as per their FIVB Ranking Points calculated on 21 st August 2023.
25 th August 2023 (-6 weeks prior to the WCHs 2023)	FIVB to publish the Confirmed Team Entry list (team roster with 48 teams/gender including teams qualified from Continental Qualification Pathway, Wild Cards and host country teams) after the athlete eligibility assessment. FIVB to establish the seeding list of 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships as per their FIVB Ranking Points calculated on 21 st August 2023.
After the publish of Confirmed Team Entry List and no later than 10 th September 2023	Drawing of Lots to place the teams into the pools. The match schedule of pool phase will be announced a few days after the drawing of lots upon the confirmation from FIVB/Volleyball World. Other date can be approved by FIVB upon the request from the organizer but shall be after the Confirmed Team Entry List is published on 25 th August 2023.

Note: Athletes (and their National Federations) are strongly requested to apply early enough for their entry visas to ensure their travel plan. FIVB will implement the athlete eligibility assessment as per the requirements set out below in point 3 including the status of valid entry visa and travel arrangement.

3. Athletes' Eligibility:

All athletes qualifying to the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships, either through FIVB Ranking Points or Continental qualification pathway, must:

- a. Hold the citizenship of the country they represent, subject to the condition set out in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations and Sports Operations Manual;
- b. Register with their respective National Federation;
- c. Fulfil the entry conditions as per the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations and Sports Operations Manual;
- d. The athletes must appear as an individual in the FIVB Athlete Entry Ranking within the first 250 places as of 21st August 2023;
- e. Or the athletes must have qualified their NFs to the Final Phase (Continental Cup Final) of the respective Continental Cup qualifying to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games;
- f. The athletes must submit to the FIVB their confirmed travel arrangements and a valid entry visa request/arrangement **no later than 4th September 2023**.
- g. Only exception may be considered for new athlete receiving wild card.

4. Continental Qualification - FIVB Requirements:

- a. Each Confederation with an FIVB approved Continental Qualification System has a maximum of four (4) qualification quota places (teams) per gender;
- b. Continental Qualification process shall also respect the country quota of maximum four (4) teams per gender per country.
- c. FIVB strongly recommends the use of the Team ranking (if any) of the Continental Confederation, to determine the teams qualified through the Continental Qualification pathway to the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships.
- d. Qualification system in other formats, such as Continental NF Ranking, Qualification tournament, etc. will only be accepted by FIVB upon its approval of Continental Qualification System submitted by 31st January 2023.
- e. The Confirmed Team Entry List shall consider the qualified teams in priority (respecting the maximum country quota per gender, i.e. four (4) for foreign NF and six (6) for host NF):
 - FIVB Ranking Points (first 25 places per gender updated on 21st August 2023, including minimum 2 teams per gender guaranteed to the host country Mexico, regardless of the FIVB Ranking Points)
 - Teams qualified through Continental Qualification pathway (maximum 20 places per gender)
 - Wild Cards granted by the FIVB (3 quota places per gender)

- f. An athlete can obtain a maximum of one (1) quota place for his/her National Federation to 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships. In the event that an athlete qualifies through both the FIVB Ranking Points and the Continental Qualification pathway (for example Continental Team Ranking), its quota place shall be confirmed through the FIVB Ranking Points qualification pathway, while the next eligible team from the Confederation concerned shall qualify through the Continental Qualification Pathway. This in accordance with the Continental team quota.

**Please, see below some examples (*) of different scenarios for a better understanding.*

- g. All teams qualified shall comply with the athlete eligibility requirements, otherwise its quota place shall be granted to the next eligible team as per the FIVB Ranking Points updated on 21st August 2023.

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- h. In case of unused quota from a Confederation, the unused quota will be reallocated to the next eligible team in the FIVB Ranking Points qualification pathway updated on 21st August 2023 respecting maximum country quota per gender, i.e., four (4) for foreign NF and six (6) for host NF).

5. Example

Example: We have identified 3 scenarios as follows for reference:

1st scenario

Example: Poland will have their first 3 vacancies from the FIVB Ranking Points, and the 4th vacancy from the Continental Qualification pathway (for example Continental Team Ranking).

FIVB Ranking	Continental Ranking (CEV)
1.USA	1.AUT
2.BRA	2.SUI
3. POL	3. POL
4. POL	4.CZE
5.CHN	5.GER
6. POL	6.RUS
7.CAN	7.FRA
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23 vacancies after

Country quota

2nd scenario

Should a certain country earn the 4 vacancies through the FIVB Ranking Points, therefore reaching the maximum of the country quota, it could not earn any additional vacancy through the Continental Qualification pathway (for example Continental Team Ranking), but the next eligible team in the Continental Qualification pathway which has not reached the maximum country quota yet, can earn such a vacancy. For example, if Poland will be able to earn 4 vacancies through the FIVB Ranking Points, the 4 NFs qualifying to the World Championships from the Continental Qualification path will be, AUT, SUI, CZE and RUS, if they will not already reach the maximum country quota per gender.

FIVB Ranking	Continental Ranking (CEV)
1.USA	1.AUT
2.BRA	2.SUI
3. POL	3. POL
4. POL	4.CZE
5.CHN	5. POL
6. POL	6.RUS
7.CAN	7.FRA
8.AUS	8.....
9.LAT
10. POL
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23 vacancies after

Country quota

3rd scenario

An NF without any vacancies earned through the FIVB Ranking Points, can earn the vacancy (one (1) or more vacancies) through the Continental Qualification Pathway.