



This booklet provides information, facts and figures on the FIVB and the 2009 **SWATCH FIVB World Tour**. At the present time, the 2009 **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** will be scheduled over an eighth-month period starting in April in Brazil and ending in November in Thailand.

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2009 SWATCH FIVB World Tour Men's & Women's Highlights & Schedule

Highlighted by the SWATCH FIVB World Championships and four Grand Slam events, the 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Tour calendar is scheduled to begin in April and conclude in November. Here are 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Tour highlights.

- The total prize money for 2009 is US\$7.770-million.
- The calendar features 20 sites in 17 countries within three FIVB confederations (Asia, Europe and South America).
- The 2009 calendar will include 13 double gender events.
- Men's single gender events will be in Italy (Rome and Roseto degli Abruzzi) and Poland (Myslowice).
- Women's single gender stops will be in Japan (Osaka), Korea (Seoul), Spain (Barcelona) and Thailand (Phuket).
- The 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Championships will be held June 25-July 5 in Stavanger, Norway. It marks the fifth-time that a European country has hosted the event.
- The 2009 calendar will contain four SWATCH FIVB World Tour Grand Slam events with total prize money of \$2.4-million. The Swiss Alps village of Gstaad, which hosted the 2007 SWATCH FIVB World Championships, is the first Grand Slam event followed by events in Moscow, Marseille and Klagenfurt.
- There are four new sites on the 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Tour calendar, including Brasília (Brazil), Rome (Italy), The Hague (Netherlands) and Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates).
- The Finnish event in Aland returns to the 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Tour calendar after not being held in 2008 due to the Beijing Olympic Games.
- Myslowice will host a men's SWATCH FIVB World Tour stop in 2009 after staging a women's event in 2008.
- Barcelona will host a women's SWATCH FIVB World Tour in 2009 after staging a double gender stop in 2008.
- The FIVB will sanction two world championships for players under the age of 21. Mexico will host the ninth annual SWATCH FIVB World Championships for players under the age of 21 in Monterrey September 2-6. Turkey will host the eighth edition of the SWATCH FIVB World Championships for players under the age of 19 in Alanya August 19-23.

2009 SWATCH FIVB World Tour Schedule (as of March 11, 2009, *to be confirmed)

Dates	Site	Gender.....	Prize Money (US dollars)
April 20-26	Brasília, Brazil	Women & Men	\$380,000
April 28- May 3	Shanghai, China	Women & Men	\$380,000
May 12-17	Rome, Italy	Men.....	\$190,000
May 19-24	Osaka, Japan	Women	\$190,000
May 26-31	Seoul, Korea	Women	\$190,000
May 26-31	Myslowice, Poland	Men.....	\$190,000
June 25-July 5	Stavanger, Norway	Women & Men World Championships	\$1,000,000
July 6-12	Gstaad, Switzerland	Women & Men Grand Slam	\$600,000
July 13-19	Moscow, Russia	Women & Men Grand Slam	\$600,000
July 20-26	Marseille, France	Women & Men Grand Slam	\$600,000
July 27-August 2	Klagenfurt, Austria	Women & Men Grand Slam	\$600,000
August 3-9	Stare Jablonki, Poland	Women & Men	\$380,000
August 10-16	Kristiansand, Norway*	Women & Men	\$380,000
August 17-23	Aland, Finland	Women & Men	\$380,000
August 24-30	The Hague, Netherlands	Women & Men	\$380,000
September 1-6	Roseto degli Abruzzi, Italy	Men.....	\$190,000
September 8-13	Barcelona, Spain	Women	\$190,000
October 18-24	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates*	Women & Men	\$380,000
October 27-November 1	Sanya, China	Women & Men	\$380,000
November 3-8	Phuket, Thailand	Women	\$190,000

2008 SWATCH FIVB World Tour Highlights & Results

Highlighted by the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and six Grand Slam events, the 2008 **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** calendar began in March and concluded in November with total prize money of US\$8,325-million. The calendar featured 25 sites in 19 countries in three FIVB confederations (Asia, Europe and South America). The 2008 calendar featured 16 double gender events, including the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. With the addition of an event in Moscow, the 2008 calendar contained six **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** Grand Slam events with total prize money of \$3.6-million. Other Grand Slams were staged in Berlin, Paris, Stavanger, Gstaad and Klagenfurt. A total of US\$8.615-million in prize money was available in 2008 as the FIVB sanctioned 12 Challenger/Satellite events. Overall, the 2008 campaign featured 53 combined tournaments for men and women, including the Olympics, 39 major events and 12 FIVB Challenger/Satellite events. In addition, the FIVB sanctioned the “youth” and “junior” world championships for men and women in Netherlands and Great Britain, respectively. The 57 events attracted competitors from 67 countries from all five FIVB confederations as the total participation number featured 1,287 players, including 730 men and 557 women. Leading the way was the **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** where 911 competitors from 59 countries vied for a record \$8.325-million in prize money at 20 men’s and 19 women’s events. The FIVB sanctioned six men’s and six women’s Challenger/Satellite stops where 424 players from 41 countries competed for \$290,000 in prize money. The “youth” and “junior” events in The Hague and Brighton attracted 265 players from 31 countries.

Dates	Men’s Tournament	Gold Medal Team
March 25-30	Adelaide, Australia	Harley Marques/Pedro Salgado, Brazil
April 28-May 3	Shanghai, China	Harley/Salgado, Brazil
May 6-11	Prague, Czech Republic	Jake Gibb/Sean Rosenthal, United States
May 13-18	Roseto degli Abruzzi, Italy	Harley/Salgado, Brazil
May 20-25	Zagreb, Croatia	Reinder Nummerdor/Richard Schuil, Netherlands
May 27-June 1	Barcelona, Spain	Julius Brink/Christoph Dieckmann, Germany
June 3-8	Stare Jablonki, Poland	Emanuel Rego/Ricardo Santos, Brazil
June 10-15	Berlin, Germany	Emanuel/Ricardo, Brazil
June 17-22	Paris, France	Phil Dalhausser/Todd Rogers, United States
June 24-29	Stavanger, Norway	Dalhausser/Rogers, United States
July 1-6	Moscow, Russia	Dalhausser/Rogers, United States
July 15-20	Marseille, France	Marcio Araujo/Fabio Magalhaes, Brazil
July 22-27	Gstaad, Switzerland	Harley/Salgado, Brazil
July 29-August 3	Klagenfurt, Austria	Dmitri Barsouk/Igor Kolodinsky, Russia
August 9-22	Beijing 2008 Olympic Games	Dalhausser/Rogers, United States
August 26-31	Kristiansand, Norway	Pablo Herrera/Raul Mesa, Spain
September 2-7	Mallorca	Harley/Salgado, Brazil
September 16-21	Guarujá, Brazil	Harley/Salgado, Brazil
October 6-11	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Nummerdor/Schuil, Netherlands
October 27-November 1	Manama, Bahrain	Alison Cerutti/Pedro Cunha, Brazil
November 10-15	Sanya, China	Benjamin Insfran/Harley, Brazil

Dates	Women’s Tournament	Gold Medal Team
March 25-30	Adelaide, Australia	Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, Brazil
April 29-May 4	Shanghai, China	Talita Antunes/Renata Ribeiro, Brazil
May 13-18	Seoul, Korea	Chen Xue/Xi Zhang, China
May 20-25	Osaka, Japan	Juliana/Larissa, Brazil
May 26-31	Barcelona, Spain	Nicole Branagh/Elaine Youngs, United States
June 2-7	Stare Jablonki, Poland	Shelda Bede/Ana Paula Connelly, Brazil
June 9-14	Berlin, Germany	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, United States
June 16-22	Paris, France	May-Treanor/Walsh, United States
June 23-28	Stavanger, Norway	May-Treanor/Walsh, United States
June 30-July 5	Moscow, Russia	Xue/Zhang, China
July 14-20	Marseille, France	Stephanie Pohl/Okka Rau, Germany
July 21-26	Gstaad, Switzerland	Shelda/Ana Paula, Brazil
July 28-August 2	Klagenfurt, Austria	Shelda/Ana Paula, Brazil
August 9-21	Beijing 2008 Olympic Games	May-Treanor/Walsh, United States
August 25-30	Kristiansand, Norway	Maria Antonelli/Vanilda Leão, Brazil
September 2-7	Myslowice, Poland	Carolina Salgado/Maria Clara Salgado, Brazil
September 15-20	Guarujá, Brazil	Vivan Cunha/Larissa, Brazil
October 6-11	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Branagh/Walsh, United States
November 4-9	Phuket, Thailand	Jen Kessy/April Ross, United States
November 11-16	Sanya, China	Kessy/Ross, United States

2009 SWATCH FIVB Junior World Championships

After staging "open" international Beach Volleyball events in Acapulco and Rosarito, Mexico will host the 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Championships for players under the age of 21 in Monterrey September 2-6. The capital city of the northeastern Mexican state of Nuevo León, Monterrey is an industrial and business center with a population of 1.1 million as the metropolitan has over 3.8 million residents. The city has hosted several international events, including 1986 FIFA World Cup games. The mountains surrounding Monterrey contain canyons, trails and roads crossing deserts and forests. The Sierra Madre Oriental mountains south of the city are included in the "Parque Nacional Cumbres de Monterrey" (National Park), which was added to UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Program of Biosphere Reserves in 2006.

A North American country, Mexico becomes the first nation to stage a U-21 Beach Volleyball event within the NORCECA confederation (North, Central America and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation). Seven of the first eight U-21 world championship events were held within the European confederation (CEV), including tournaments in England (Brighton 2008), France (Le Lavandou 2001 and Saint Quay Portrieux 2003), Italy (Catania 2002 and Modena 2007), Poland (Myslowice 2006) and Portugal (Porto Santo 2004). The South American confederation hosted the 2005 event in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Of the eight previous SWATCH FIVB World Championships for players under 21 years old, Brazilians have captured three men's and six women's titles. Pablo Herrera, who won the 2002 U-21 title for Spain with Raul Mesa, captured the silver medal at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games with Javier Bosma. Martins Plavins and Aleksandrs Samoilovs, the 2005 U-21 champions from Latvia, placed ninth at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. The Latvians upset eventual 2008 Olympic gold medal winners Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers of the United States in their first Beijing match. Brazilian Pedro Salgado, the 2008 **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** champions with Harley Marques, captured the 2003 and 2006 U-21 titles with Pedro Cunha and Bruno Oscar Schmidt, respectively.

Russian Alexandra Shiryaeva, who competed in Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, captured the gold medal at the 2003 women's U-21 world championships with Anna Morozova. The Schwaiger sisters (Doris and Stefanie), who placed fifth at the Beijing Summer Games for Austria, claimed the bronze medal at the 2005 U-21 championships.

Francesco Giontella and Paolo Nicolai of Italy won their second U-21 title in 2008 after claiming the title in 2007 when the event was held in Modena, Italy. At the 2006 U-19 in Berumda, Giontella and Nicolai claimed the silver medal with compatriots Matteo and Paolo Ingrosso placing third for Italy. The Ingrossos captured the 2008 U-21 bronze medal.

Marleen Van Iersel realized her gold medal aspirations at a SWATCH FIVB Junior/Youth World Championship event as she teamed with Dutch partner Daniëlle Remmers to capture the 2008 U-21 title for women. Van Iersel was playing in her ninth FIVB Junior/Youth world finale since first competing internationally for the first-time in 2003. A bronze medal winner at the past two worlds for players under the age of 21 with Marloes Wesselink in Italy and Poland, Van Iersel was teaming with Remmers on a FIVB podium for the second-time as the pair was second at the 2006 U19s in Bermuda.

SWATCH FIVB Junior World Championships - Final Four Placements

Men's	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Medals	4thsFinal 4s	Women's	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Medals	4thsFinal 4s
Brazil	3	1	1	5	1 6	Brazil	6	0	2	8	1 9
Spain	2	2	0	4	0 4	Netherlands	1	1	2	4	1 5
Italy	2	0	1	3	0 3	Germany	0	3	0	3	0 3
Germany	0	1	2	3	2 5	Czech Republic	0	0	2	2	0 2
Latvia	1	1	0	2	1 3	Russia	1	1	0	2	0 2
Poland	0	1	1	2	0 2	Switzerland	0	1	0	1	3 4
Russia	0	0	2	2	0 2	Australia	0	1	0	1	0 1
Netherlands	0	1	0	1	1 2	France	0	1	0	1	0 1
Czech Republic	0	0	1	1	0 1	Austria	0	0	1	1	0 1
Venezuela	0	1	0	1	0 1	Poland	0	0	1	1	0 1
France	0	0	0	0	1 1	Greece	0	0	0	0	1 1
Greece	0	0	0	0	1 1	Mexico	0	0	0	0	1 1
San Marino	0	0	0	0	1 1	Spain	0	0	0	0	1 1

Past SWATCH FIVB Junior World Championships Results

Men

England, Brighton (September 3-7, 2008)

1. Francesco Giontella/Paolo Nicolai, Italy
 2. Alexander Brouwer/Christiaan Varenhorst, Netherlands
 3. Matteo Ingrosso/Paolo Ingrosso, Italy
 4. Matthias Penk/Alexander Walkenhorst, Germany
- G** - Giontella/Nicolai def. Brouwer/Varenhorst, 21-15, 21-17 (39 minutes)
B - Ingrosso/Ingrosso def. Penk/Walkenhorst, 21-12, 21-18 (43)

Italy, Modena (September 5-9, 2007)

1. Giontella/Nicolai, Italy
 2. Adrián Gavira/Alejandro Rojas, Spain
 3. Jonathan Erdmann/Stefan Windscheif, Germany
 4. Marco Daalmeijer/Tim Oude Elferink, Netherlands
- G** - Giontella/Nicolai def. Gavira/Rojas, 13-21, 21-17, 15-13 (50)
B - Erdmann/Windscheif def. Daalmeijer/Elferink, 21-14, 21-16 (43)

Poland, Myslowice (August 24-27, 2006)

1. Bruno Oscar Schmidt/Pedro Salgado, Brazil
 2. Tomasz Sinczak/Rafal Sternal, Poland
 3. Piotr Marciniak/Krzysztof Orman, Poland
 4. Janis Smedins-Toms Smedins, Latvia
- G** - Bruno/Pedro def. Sinczak/Sternal 21-11, 21-13 (31)
B - Marciniak/Orman def. Smedins/Smedins, 21-13, 17-21, 15-13 (56)

Brazil, Rio de Janeiro (September 7-11, 2005)

1. Martins Plavins/Aleksandrs Samoilovs, Latvia
 2. Jackson Henriquez/Jesus Villafane, Venezuela
 3. Serguei Prokopiev/Yaroslav Koshkarev, Russia
 4. Salgado/Tiago Santos, Brazil
- G** - Plavins/Samoilovs def. Henriquez/Villafane, 21-15, 21-9 (39)
B - Prokopiev/Koshkarev def. Salgado/Tiago, 21-16, 29-27 (48)

Portugal, Porto Santo (September 16-19, 2004)

1. Miguel Angel Amo/Inocencio Lario, Spain
 2. Valters Ramma/Toms Smedins, Latvia
 3. Mois Santos/Salgado, Brazil
 4. Tom Gotz/Stefan Uhmman, Germany
- G** - Amo/Lario def. Ramma/Smedins, 21-19, 21-12 (32)
B - Santos/Salgado def. Gotz/Uhmman, 21-17, 25-23 (39)

France, Saint Quay Portrieux (August 7-10, 2003)

1. Pedro Cunha/Salgado, Brazil
 2. Daniel Krug/Mischa Urbatzka, Germany
 3. Ravel Rotreki/Pavel Kolar, Czech Republic
 4. Gregoire Capitaine/Damien Quoirin, France
- G** - Cunha/Salgado def. Krug/Urbatzka, 21-12, 21-18 (34)
B - Rotreki/Kolar, def. Capitaine/Quoirin, 21-15, 21-16 (39)

Italy, Catania (July 10-14, 2002)

1. Pablo Herrera/Raul Mesa, Spain
 2. Cunha/Adriano Fonseca, Brazil
 3. Matthias Karger/Maarten Lammens, Germany
 4. Andreas Gortsianouk/Georgios Knapek, Greece
- G** - Herrera/Mesa def. Cunha/Fonseca, 21-21-11, 21-19 (29)
B - Karger/Lammens def. Gortsianouk/Knapek, 17-21, 21-19, 15-11 (53)

France, Le Lavandou (August 24-26, 2001)

1. Cunha/Anselmo Sigoli, Brazil
 2. Herrera/Mesa, Spain
 3. Anton Koulinovski/Alexei Verbov, Russia
 4. Alfredo Tabarini/Francesco Tabarini, San Marino
- G** - Cunha/Sigoli def. Herrera/Mesa, 17-21, 21-17, 15-13 (55)
B - Koulinovski/Verbov def. Tabarini/Tabarini, 22-20, 21-17 (37)

Women

England, Brighton (September 3-7, 2008)

1. Danielle Remmers/Marleen Van Iersel, Netherlands
 2. Michelle Stiekema/Sophie Van Gestel, Netherlands
 3. Monika Brzostek/Karolina Sowala, Poland
 4. Tanja Goricanec/Taryn Sciarini, Switzerland
- G** - Remmers/Van Iersel def. Stiekema/Van Gestel, 21-14, 21-14 (32)
B - Brzostek/Sowala def. Goricanec/Sciarini, 20-22, 21-17, 15-12 (48)

Italy, Modena (September 5-9, 2007)

1. Lili Maestrini/Barbara Figueiredo Seixas, Brazil
 2. Becchara Palmer/Alice Rohkamper, Australia
 3. Marleen Van Iersel/Maloes Wesselink, Netherlands
 4. Elsa Baquerizo/Liliana Steiner, Spain
- G** - Lili-Seixas def. Palmer/Rohkamper, 25-27, 21-17, 15-7 (71)
B - Van Iersel/Wesselink def. Baquerizo/Liliana, 21-16 21-19 (43)

Poland, Myslowice (August 24-27, 2006)

1. Carolina Aragao/Figueiredo Seixas, Brazil
 2. Julia Sude/Jana Kohler, Germany
 3. Marleen Van Iersel/Maloes Wesselink, Netherlands
 4. Carolina Salgado/Julia Caldas, Brazil
- G** - Seixas/Aragao def. Sude/Kohler, 21-13, 20-22, 15-6 (55 minutes)
B - Van Iersel/Wesselink def. Carol-Julia 19-21, 21-12, 18-16 (58)

Brazil, Rio de Janeiro (September 7-10, 2005)

1. Carolina/Camillinha Saldanha, Brazil
 2. Ruth Flemig/Ilka Semmler, Germany
 3. Stefanie Schwaiger/Doris Schwaiger, Austria
 4. Nadine Zumkehr/Muriel Graessli, Switzerland
- G** - Carolina/Camillinha def. Flemig/Semmler, 11-21, 21-17, 17-15 (58)
B - Schwaigers def. Zumkehr/Graessli, 21-18, 21-19 (34)

Portugal, Porto Santo (September 16-19, 2004)

1. Taiana Lima/Carolina, Brazil
 2. Marion Castelli/Eva Hamzaoui, France
 3. Sarka Nakladalova/Veronika Opravilova, Czech Republic
 4. Arjanne Stevens/Marleen Van Iersel, Netherlands
- G** - Taiana/Carolina def. Castelli/Hamzaoui, 21-11, 21-12 (29)
B - Nakladalova/Opravilova def. Stevens/Van Iersel, 21-16, 21-17 (38)

France, Saint Quay Portrieux (August 7-10, 2003)

1. Anna Morozova/Alexandra Shiryaeva, Russia
 2. Katrin Holtwick/Maria Kleefisch, Germany
 3. Carolina/Maria Clara Salgado, Brazil
 4. Tanya Schmocker/Melanie Schoneberger, Switzerland
- G** - Morozova/Shiryaeva def. Holtwick/Kleefisch, 21-19, 21-16 (37)
B - Carolina/Maria def. Schmocker/Schoneberger 21-12, 21-18 (34)

Italy, Catania (July 10-14, 2002)

1. Juliana Felisberta Silva/Taiana, Brazil
 2. Isabelle Forrer/Melanie Schoneberger, Switzerland
 3. Talita Rocha/Maria Clara, Brazil
 4. Vassiliki Arvaniti/Efthalia Koutroumanidou, Greece
- G** - Juliana/Lima def. Forrer/Schoneberger, 21-18, 21-15 (34)
B - Rocha/Maria def. Arvaniti/Koutroumanidou, 21-15, 21-9 (33)

France, Le Lavandou (August 24-26, 2001)

1. Shaylyn Bede/Maria Clara, Brazil
 2. Anna Bobrova/Anna Morozova, Russia
 3. Katerina Tychnova/Markiea Tychnova, Czech Republic
 4. Jeaqueline Alvares/Norma Perez, Mexico
- G** - Shaylyn/Maria def. Bobrova/Morozova, 21-16, 21-10 (29)
B - Tychnova/Tychnova def. Alvares/Perez, 21-13, 21-15 (29)

2008 SWATCH FIVB Youth World Championships

Turkey returns to the international Beach Volleyball calendar as the Mediterranean seaside resort city of Alanya hosts the 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Championships for players under 19 years old. The eighth annual event will be August 19-23 in Alanya, which is located on the Gulf of Antalya and is situated between the Taurus Mountains to the north and the Mediterranean Sea. The 2009 U-19 gold medal team will be rewarded a “wild card” by the FIVB for a future **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** event during the final months of the 2009 or in 2010.

With a population of more than 400,000, Alanya is part of the Turkish Riviera. The relatively moderate Mediterranean climate, natural attractions, and historic heritage makes Alanya a popular destination for tourism, and responsible for nine percent of Turkey's tourism sector and thirty percent of foreign purchases of real estate in Turkey.

“These events have been critical to create a new generation of Beach Volleyball athletes,” said Angelo Squeo, the FIVB Beach Volleyball Events Director. “In a few years, these players will challenge for **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** medals and vie for berths in future Olympic Games. The winners of these events will also be rewarded by the FIVB and the respective organizers with wild cards and free transportation to take part in the main draw of a **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** event in 2009 or 2010.”

While Brazilians dominated the FIVB U-21 competition, the U-18/19 has seen the medal and “final four” count almost evenly distributed among 20 countries. The German men and women have each captured two gold medals along with two Dutch women teams. The Polish team of Michal Kadziola and Jakub Szalankiewicz gave their country the lead on the men's medal list by capturing the 2007 U-19 title. Estonia claimed its first junior/youth world championship medal in 2008 as the men's team of Kristo Kollo and Oliver Venno claimed the title.

Germany, which was denied a women's podium placement for the first-time in 2007, rebounded in 2008 as Chantal Laboureur and Levke Spinger won the gold medal. The Netherland's Danielle Remmers and Michelle Stiekema claimed the 2007 title as the Dutch team of Sanne Keizer and Arjanne Stevens won the first-ever women's gold medal when the competition was for players under the age of 18. The age for the competition was changed in 2005 for players under the age of 19.

SWATCH FIVB Youth World Championships - Final Four Placements

Men's	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Medals	4ths	Final 4s	Women's	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Medals	4ths	Final 4s
Poland	1	1	3	5	2	.....7	Germany	2	1	5	8	0	.....8
Germany	2	1	0	3	1	.....4	Netherlands	2	2	0	4	1	.....5
Brazil	1	1	0	2	0	.....2	Brazil	1	2	0	3	1	.....4
Italy	0	1	1	2	0	.....2	Poland	1	1	0	2	2	.....4
United States	0	2	0	2	0	.....2	Australia	1	0	0	1	0	.....1
Slovenia	1	0	0	1	0	.....1	Czech Republic	0	0	1	1	1	.....2
Estonia	1	0	0	1	0	.....1	Italy	0	1	0	1	0	.....1
Lithuania	1	0	0	1	0	.....1	Russia	0	0	1	1	0	.....1
Latvia	0	0	1	1	0	.....1	Mexico	0	0	0	0	1	.....1
Russia	0	0	1	1	0	.....1	Switzerland	0	0	0	0	1	.....1
Greece	0	1	0	1	0	.....1							
Ukraine	0	0	1	1	0	.....1							
Canada	0	0	0	0	1	.....1							
France	0	0	0	0	1	.....1							
Mexico	0	0	0	0	1	.....1							
Spain	0	0	0	0	1	.....1							

Past SWATCH FIVB Youth World Championships Results

Men

Netherlands, The Hague (July 30-August 3, 2008)

1. Kristo Kollo/Oliver Venno, Estonia
 2. Jeffrey Carlson/Antonio Ciarelli, United States
 3. Marek Leznicki/Damian Wojtasik, Poland
 4. Victor Bouza/Jesus Castizo, Spain
- G** - Kollo/Venno def. Carlson/Ciarelli, 21-17, 21-16 (34 minutes)
B - Leznicki/Wojtasik def. Bouza/Castizo, 21-17, 21-12 (30)

Poland, Myslowice (July 12-15, 2007)

1. Michal Kadziola/Jakub Szalankiewicz, Poland
 2. Stefan Kohler/Malte Stiel, Germany
 3. Vitalii Didukh/Pavlo Ostapenko, Ukraine
 4. Marcin Kantor/Damian Wojtasik of Poland
- G** - Kadziola/Szalankiewicz def. Kohler/Stiel, 21-16, 21-16 (39)
B - Didukh/Ostapenko def. Kantor/Wojtasik, 16-21, 21-11, 15-10 (48)

Bermuda, Horseshoe Bay (September 6 - 10, 2006)

1. Jonathan Erdmann/Marvin Klass, Germany
 2. Paolo Nicolai/Francesco Giontella, Italy
 3. Matteo Ingrosso/Paolo Ingrosso, Italy
 4. Renaud Ventresque/Brice Thesee, France
- G** - Erdmann/Klass def. Nicolai/Giontella 21-18, 17-21, 15-12 (54)
B - Ingrosso/Ingrosso def. Ventresque/Thesee FRA 22-20, 21-15 (38)

France, Saint Quay Portrieux (August 3-7, 2005)

1. Tine Urnaut/Nejc Zemljak, Slovenia
 2. Joseph Dykstra/Mark Van Zwieten, United States
 3. Grzegorz Fijalek/Michal Matyja, Poland
 4. Jonathan Erdmann/Stefan Windscheif, Germany
- G** - Urnaut/Zemljak def. Dykstra/VanZwieten, 21-13, 21-23, 15-12 (49)
B - Fijalek/Matyja def. Erdmann/Windscheif, 12-21, 21-17, 15-10 (47)

Italy, Termoli (September 8-12, 2004)

1. Arunas Kirsnyas/Arvydas Miseikis, Lithuania
 2. Zbigniew Bartman/Michal Kubiak, Poland
 3. Ingars Ivanovs/Janis Smedins, Latvia
 4. Reid Hall/Adam Podstawka, Canada
- G** - Kirsnyas/Miseikis def. Bartman/Kubiak, 21-14, 22-24, 15-13 (54)
B - Ivanovs/Smedins def. Hall/Podstawka, 21-15 and 21-14 (34)

Thailand, Pattaya (August 27-31, 2003)

1. Sebastian Fuchs/Thomas Kaczmarek, Germany
 2. Ian Borges/Pedro Salgado, Brazil
 3. Tomasz Sinczak/Rafat Sztarnal, Poland
 4. Michel Mokomdoko/Juan Virgen, Mexico
- G** - Fuchs/Kaczmarek def. Borges/Salgado, 21-19, 23-25, 18-16 (64)
B - Sinczak/Sztarnal def. Mokomdoko/Virgen, 21-17, 21-17 (37)

Greece, Xylokastro (August 28-September 1, 2002)

1. Ian Borges/Salgado, Brazil
 2. Andreas Gortisanouk/Theodoris Papadimitriou, Greece
 3. Rouslan Daynov/Yaroslav Koshkarev, Russia
 4. Kamil Lyczko/Sebastian Pecherz, Poland
- G** - Borges/Salgado def. Gortisanouk/Papadimitriou, 21-18, 22-20 (41)
B - Daynov/Koshkarev def. Lyczko/Pecherz, 21-19, 21-18 (40)

Women

Netherlands, The Hague (July 30-August 3, 2008)

1. Chantal Laboureur/Levke Spinger, Germany
 2. Rimke Braakman/Sophie Van Gestel, Netherlands
 3. Irinia Chayka /Ekaterina Karapischenko, Russia
 4. Beata Galek/Daria Paszek, Poland
- G** - Laboureur/Spinger def. Braakman/Van Gestel, 10-21, 21-16, 15-11 (48)
B - Chayka/Karapischenko def. Galek/Paszek, 21-18, 21-19 (36)

Poland, Myslowice (July 12-15, 2007)

1. Danielle Remmers/Michelle Stiekema, Netherlands
 2. Gilda Lombardo/Marta Menegatti, Italy
 3. Iveta Halbichova/Barbora Jerabkova, Czech Republic
 4. Monika Brzostek/Weronika Kurek, Poland
- G** - Remmers/Stiekema, def. Lombardo/Menegatti, 21-10, 19-21, 15-10 (52)
B - Halbichova/Jerabkova def. Brzostek/Kurek, 14-21, 21-15, 15-9 (49)

Bermuda, Horseshoe Bay (September 5-9, 2006)

1. Becchara Palmer/Alice Rohkamper, Australia
 2. Marleen Van Iersel/Remmers, Netherlands
 3. Britta Bthe/Svenja Engelhardt, Germany
 4. Tanja Goricanec/Taryn Sciarini, Switzerland
- G** - Palmer/Rohkamper def. Van Iersel/Remmers, 17-21, 21-19, 15-11 (69)
B - Bthe/Engelhardt def. Goricanec/Sciarini, 21-12, 21-17 (38)

France, Saint Quay Portrieux (August 3-7, 2005)

1. Carolina Aragao/Figueiredo Seixas, Brazil
 2. Katarzyna Urban/Joanna Wiatr, Poland
 3. Florentina Bttner/Julia Sude, Germany
 4. Veronika Opravilova/Marketa Slukova, Czech Republic
- G** - Figueiredo/Aragao def. Urban/Wiatr, 21-14, 15-21, 15-10 (52)
B - Bttner/Sude def. Opravilova/Slukova, 21-18, 21-17 (39)

Italy, Termoli (September 8-12, 2004)

1. Katarzyna Urban/Joanna Wiatr, Poland
 2. Barbara Figueiredo Seixas/Carolina Salgado, Brazil
 3. Florentina Bttner/Julia Sude, Germany
 4. Van Iersel/Margo Wiltens, Netherlands
- G** - Urban/Wiatr def. Figueiredo/Salgado, 17-21, 21-17, 15-13 (53)
B - Bttner/Sude def. Van Iersel/Wiltens, 21-19, 21-10 (34)

Thailand, Pattaya (August 27-31, 2003)

1. Jana Kohler/Laura Ludwig, Germany
 2. Figueiredo Seixas/Carolina, Brazil
 3. Frederike Fischer/Sandra Piasecki, Germany
 4. Diana Estrada/Martha Revuelta, Mexico
- G** - Kohler/Ludwig def. Figueiredo/Carolina, 21-11, 30-32, 15-7 (62)
B - Fischer/Piasecki def. Estrada/Revuelta, 21-19, 17-21, 15-7 (36)

Greece, Xylokastro (August 28-September 1, 2002)

1. Sanne Keizer/Arjanne Stevens, Netherlands
 2. Claudia Lehmann/Friederike Romberg, Germany
 3. Ruth Flemig/Ilka Semmler, Germany
 4. Isabel Grael/Carolina, Brazil
- G** - Keizer/Stevens def. Lehmann/Romberg, 24-22, 21-14 (44)
B - Flemig/Semmler def. Grael/Carolina, 21-14, 21-16 (38)

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With the qualification period for Beach Volleyball at the London 2012 Olympic Games to be determined, the site for the fifth renewal of the Summer Games competition will be Horse Guards Parade. The facility dates from 1745 and takes its name from the soldiers who have provided protection for the monarch since the restoration of the monarchy in 1660. The parade ground lies at the heart of London's ceremonial life, and hosts the Trooping of the Colour event that takes place on the Queen's official birthday each year. Horse Guards Parade lies at the heart of Whitehall, the political centre of the United Kingdom. It is close to Downing Street and across St James' Park from Buckingham Palace. It is a short walk from Trafalgar Square and easy to get to by tube, bus or on foot from the city centre. A temporary arena will be built in 2012 for 15,000 spectators, with sand brought in to create London's very own "beach". The temporary facilities will be taken down after the Games.



Men.....	Olympic Champions.....	Women
Karch Kiraly/Kent Steffes, United States.....	Atlanta 1996.....	Sandra Pires/Jackie Silva, Brazil
Dain Blanton/Eric Fonoimoana, United States	Sydney 2000	Natalie Cook/Kerri Pottharst, Australia
Emanuel/Ricardo Santos, Brazil	Athens 2004.....	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, United States
Phil Dalhausser/Todd Rogers, United States	Beijing 2008.....	May-Treanor/Walsh, United States
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April 20-26, Banco do Brasil Open presented by KIA, Brasilia, Men & Women, \$380,000 - Brasilia is one of three new sites on the 2009 **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** calendar along with Rome (Italy) and The Hague (Netherlands). Brazil has hosted the most **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** events, including 30 men's and 25 women's events. The 2009 Brasilia stop marks the 23rd year that Brazil has hosted a men's SWATCH stop and 17th-straight season staging a women's event. Except for the 2004 men's event in Rio de Janeiro, teams from the South American country have medaled for host Brazil. Brazil also hosted the 2007 PanAm Games in Rio de Janeiro where Brazilians Emanuel Rego/Ricardo Santos and Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca captured the titles.

PAST BRAZILIAN MEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 53, USA 19, Switzerland 6, Argentina 4, Germany 4, Canada 2, Cuba 1, Norway 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Rio de Janeiro	1987	Randy Stoklos/Sinjin Smith, USA	Karch Kiraly/Pat Powers, USA	Renan Dal Zotto/Jose Montanaro, BRA
2. Rio de Janeiro	1988	Karch Kiraly/Pat Powers, USA	Bernard/Luis Amerigo, BRA	Renan/Montanaro, BRA
3. Rio de Janeiro	1989	Stoklos/Smith, USA	Eduardo Tinoco/Edinho de Mattos, BRA	Mike Dodd/Tim Hovland, USA
4. Rio de Janeiro	1990	Stoklos/Smith, USA	Dodd/Hovland, USA	Franco Neto/Roberto Lopes, BRA
5. Rio de Janeiro	1991	Stoklos/Smith, USA	Kent Steffes/Tim Hovland, USA	Guilherme Marques/Andre Lima, BRA
6. Rio de Janeiro	1992	Stoklos/Smith, USA	Paulao Moreira/Paulo Emilio Silva, BRA	Eduardo Garrido/Roberto Moreira, BRA
7. Rio de Janeiro	1993	Adam Johnson/Steffes, USA	Eduardo Bacil/Jose Loiola, BRA	Stoklos/Smith, USA
8. Rio de Janeiro	1994	Franco/Roberto Lopes, BRA	Carlos Briceno/Jeff Williams, USA	Ze Marco de Melo/Paulo Emilio, BRA
9. Fortaleza	1994	Franco/Roberto Lopes, BRA	Jan Kvalheim/Bjorn Maaseide, NOR	Guilherme/Para Ferreria, BRA
10. Rio de Janeiro	1995	Andre Gomes/Carlos Loss, BRA	Emanuel/Ze Marco, BRA	Franco/Roberto Lopes, BRA
11. Fortaleza	1995	Franco/Roberto Lopes, BRA	Juan Rosell/Francisco Alvarez, CUB	Guilherme/Para, BRA
12. Rio de Janeiro	1996	Franco/Roberto Lopes, BRA	Emanuel/Ze Marco, BRA	John Child/Mark Heese, CAN
13. Joao Pessoa	1996	Paulao/Paulo Emilio, BRA	Eduardo Martinez/Martin Conde, ARG	Emanuel/Ze Marco, BRA
14. Fortaleza	1996	Dodd/Mike Whitmarsh, USA	Guilherme/Para, BRA	Emanuel/Ze Marco, BRA
15. Rio de Janeiro	1997	Emanuel/Ze Marco, BRA	Bacil/Loiola, BRA	Jody Holden/Conrad Leinemann, CAN
16. Fortaleza	1997	Emanuel Ze Marco, BRA	Eduardo Garrido/Guilherme, BRA	Martinez/Conde, ARG
17. Rio de Janeiro	1998	Ze Marco/Ricardo Santos, BRA	Loiola/Emanuel, BRA	Franco/Roberto Lopes, BRA
18. Vitoria	1998	Guilherme/Para, BRA	Franco/Roberto Lopes, BRA	Jose Salema/Mariano Baracetti, ARG
19. Vitoria	1999	Ze Marco/Ricardo, BRA	Jose Loiola/Emanuel Rego, BRA	Franco/Roberto Lopes, BRA
20. Guaruja	2000	Marcio Araujo/Benjamin Infran, BRA	Martin Laciga/Paul Laciga, SUI	Loiola/Emanuel, BRA
21. Vitoria	2000	Marcio Araujo/Benjamin, BRA	Emanuel Rego/Tande Ramos, BRA	M. Laciga/P. Laciga, SUI
22. Vitoria	2001	Emanuel/Tande Ramos, BRA	Jose Loiola/Ricardo Santos, BRA	M. Laciga/P. Laciga, SUI
23. Fortaleza	2002	Marcio Araujo/Benjamin, BRA	Stein Metzger/Kevin Wong, USA	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA
24. Rio de Janeiro	2003*	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Holdren/Metzger, USA	Marcio Araujo/Benjamin, BRA
25. Salvador	2004	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Patrick Heuscher/Stefan Kobel, SUI	Baracetti/Conde, ARG
26. Rio de Janeiro	2004	M. Dieckmann/J. Reckerman, GER	Heuscher/Kobel, SUI	Markus Egger/Mischa Heyer, SUI
27. Salvador	2005	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Marcio Araujo/Fabio Magalhaes, BRA	Jake Gibb/Metzger, USA
28. Vitoria	2006	Julius Brink/Christoph Dieckmann, GER	Gibb/Sean Rosenthal, USA	Pedro Cunha/Franco, BRA
29. Fortaleza	2007	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Phil Dalhausser/Todd Rogers, USA	Marcio Araujo/Fabio, BRA
30. Guarajá	2008	Harley Marques/Pedro Salgado, BRA	Brink/C. Dieckmann, GER	Reckermann/Mischa Urbatzka, GER

PAST BRAZILIAN WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 47, USA 24, Australia 3, Japan 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Rio de Janeiro	1993	Nancy Reno/Karolyn Kirby, USA	Adriana Samuel/Monica Rodrigues, BRA	Jackie Silva/Karina Silva, BRA
2. Santos	1993	Liz Masakayan/Kirby, USA	Isabel Salgado/Roseli Timm, BRA	Adriana Behar/Magda Lima, BRA
3. Santos	1994	Samuel/Monica, BRA	Masakayan/Kirby, USA	Salgado/Timm, BRA
4. Rio de Janeiro	1995	Sandra Pires/Jackie Silva, BRA	Samuel/Monica, BRA	Kirby/Deb Richardson, USA
5. Santos	1995	Linda Hanley/Barbra Fontana, USA	Holly McPeak/Angela Rock, USA	Pires/Jackie Silva, BRA
6. Maceio	1996	Pires/Jackie Silva, BRA	Samuel/Monica, BRA	Shelda Bede/Adriana, BRA
7. Recife	1996	Pires/Jackie Silva, BRA	Samuel/Monica, BRA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA
8. Rio de Janeiro	1996	Pires/Jackie Silva, BRA	Kerri Pottharst/Natalie Cook, AUS	Shelda/Adriana, BRA
9. Salvador	1996	Samuel/Monica, BRA	Pires/Jackie Silva, BRA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA
10. Rio de Janeiro	1997	Samuel/Monica, BRA	McPeak/Lisa Arce, USA	Pires/Jackie Silva, BRA
11. Salvador	1997	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Holly McPeak/Arce, USA	Pires/Jackie Silva, BRA
12. Rio de Janeiro	1998	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Pottharst/Pauline Manser, AUS	Pires/Jackie Silva, BRA
13. Salvador	1998	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Hanley/Fontana, USA	Pires/Samuel, BRA
14. Salvador	1999	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Masakayan/Elaine Youngs, USA	Pires/Samuel, BRA
15. Fortaleza	2000	McPeak/Misty May-Treanor, USA	Pires/Samuel, BRA	Leanne McSorley/Nancy Mason, USA
16. Vitoria	2000	Masakayan/Youngs, USA	Pires/Samuel, BRA	Mika Teru Saiki/Yukiko Takahashi, JPN
17. Fortaleza	2001	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	McPeak/Kerri Walsh, USA	Masakayan/Dianne DeNecochea, USA
18. Vitoria	2002	Youngs/McPeak, USA	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Ana Paula Connelly/Tatiana Minello, BRA

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Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
19. Rio de Janeiro	2003*	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Cook/Nicole Sanderson, AUS
20. Fortaleza	2004	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Juliana Felisberta Silva/ Larissa Franca, BRA
21. Rio de Janeiro	2004	Ana Paula/Pires, BRA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Juliana/Larissa, BRA
22. Salvador	2005	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Juliana/Larissa, BRA	Rachel Wacholder/Youngs, USA
23. Vitoria	2006	Juliana/Larissa, BRA	Leila Barros/Ana Paula, BRA	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA
24. Fortaleza	2007	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Juliana/Larissa, BRA	Nicole Branagh/Youngs, USA
25. Guarajá	2008	Vivian Cunha/Larissa, BRA	Shaylyn Bede/Agatha Bednarczuk, BRA	Shelda/Ana Paula, BRA

*FIVB World Championships

April 28-May 3, China Shanghai Open, Men & Women, \$380,000 and October 26-November 1, Sanya Open, China, Men & Women, \$380,000 - China hosts a **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** event for the 12-straight season. With China hosting a women's SWATCH stop since 1998, the Asian country will be staging a men's FIVB event for the sixth-straight year. Jinshan Beach has been the site of the international tour stop in Shanghai since 2004 with the 2009 event being the fifth-straight season of double gender competition. While Chinese women's teams have won two gold medals in Shanghai, the best finish by a host country men's team was a silver medal placement at the 2008 Shanghai stop Penggen Wu and Linyin Xu. The 2006 women's gold medal for Chen Xue made her the youngest player to win a SWATCH gold medal (17 years, 3 months, 10 days).

PAST CHINESE MEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 13, Germany 2, Switzerland 2, Argentina 1, China 1, Spain 1, USA 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Lianyungang	2004	Javier Bosma/Pablo Herrera, ESP	Emanuel Rego/Ricardo Santos, BRA	Pedro Cunha/Para Ferreira, BRA
2. Shanghai	2005	C. Dieckmann/Andreas Scheuerpflug, GER	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Markus Egger/Martin Laciga, SUI
3. Shanghai	2006	Marcio Araujo/Fabio Magalhaes, BRA	Cunha/Franco Neto, BRA	Julius Brink/Christoph Dieckmann, GER
4. Shanghai	2007	Harley Marques/Pedro Salgado, BRA	Marcio Araujo/Fabio, BRA	Patrick Heuscher/Sascha Heyer, SUI
5. Shanghai	2008	Harley/Salgado, BRA	Penggen Wu/Linyin Xu, CHN	Cunha/Franco, BRA
6. Beijing Olympics	2008	Phil Dalhausser/Todd Rogers, USA	Marcio Araujo/Fabio, BRA	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA
7. Sanya	2008	Benjamin Insfran/Harley, BRA	Cunha/Roberto Pitta, BRA	Mariano Baracetti/Jose Salema, ARG

PAST CHINESE WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 12, USA 12, China 8, Australia 4, Germany 1, Netherlands 1, Norway 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Dalian	1998	Shelda Bede/Adriana Behar, BRA	Lisa Arce/Holly McPeak, USA	Pauline Manser/Kerri Pottharst, AUS
2. Dalian	1999	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Annett Davis/Jenny J. Jordan, USA	Arce/Barbra Fontana, USA
3. Dalian	2000	Liz Masakayan/Elaine Youngs, USA	Misty May-Treanor/McPeak, USA	Ron Chi/Zi Xiong, CHN
4. Maoming	2001	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Tatiana Minello/Sandra Pires, BRA	Natalie Cook/Kerri Pottharst, AUS
5. Maoming	2002	May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, USA	McPeak/Youngs, USA	Cook/Pottharst, AUS
6. Lianyungang	2003	Rebekka Kadijk/Marrit Leenstra, NED	Suzanne Lahme/Danja Musch, GER	Cook/Nicole Sanderson, AUS
7. Shanghai	2004	McPeak/Youngs, USA	Davis/Johnson Jordan, USA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA
8. Shanghai	2005	Juliana F. Silva/Larissa Franca, BRA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Ana Paula Connelly/Shaylyn Bede, BRA
9. Shanghai	2006	Chen Xue/Xi Zhang, CHN	Jia Tian/Jie Wang, CHN	Juliana/Larissa, BRA
10. Shanghai	2007	Tian/Wang, CHN	Nilia Ann Hakedal/Ingrid Tørlen, NOR	Talita Antunes/Renata Ribeiro, BRA
11. Shanghai	2008	Talita/Renata, BRA	Juliana/Larissa, BRA	Xue/Zhang, CHN
12. Beijing Olympics	2008	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Tian/Wang, CHN	Xue/Zhang, CHN
13. Sanya	2008	Jen Kessy/April Ross, USA	Ying Huang/Zhang, CHN	Nicole Branagh/Tyra Turner, USA

May 12-17, Italian Open, Rome, Italy, Men, \$190,000 and Italian Open Presented by Abruzzo, Roseto degli Abruzzi, Italy, Men, \$190,000 - The **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** will make its first visit to the Rome when the international Beach Volleyball circuit stages its first of two "open" men's event in Italy in 2009. The 2009 Rome event is one of four new men's SWATCH stops along with Brasilia (Brazil), Myslowice (Poland) and The Hague (Netherlands). Roseto degli Abruzzi will host the second Italian **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** event during the first week of September. Italy joins China, Norway and Poland in hosting two **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** events in 2009. Teams from Brazil have won eight of the previous 14 **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** events in Italy, including the last two stops in Roseto degli Abruzzi. The best finish by a host country men's team in Italy was in the first **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** stop in the European country when Giovanni Errichiello and Dio Lequaglie laced second in the 1989 Jesi event.

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Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Jesi	1989	Sinjin Smith/Randy Stoklos, USA	Giovanni Errichiello/Dio Lequaglie, ITA	Karch Kiraly/Steve Timmons, USA
2. Lignano	1990	Tim Hovland/Kent Steffes, USA	Eddo/Sean Fallowfield, USA	Eduardo Garrido/Roberto Moreira, BRA
3. Cattolica	1991	Smith/Stoklos, USA	John Eddo/Leif Hanson, USA	Guilherme Marques/Andre Lima, BRA
4. Lignano	1992	Paulao Moreira/Paulo Emilio Silva, BRA	Eduardo/Roberto, BRA	Scott Friederichsen/Tim Walmer, USA
5. Lignano	1995	Paulao/Paulo Emilio, BRA	Martin Conde/Eduardo Martinez, ARG	Franco Neto/Roberto Lopes, BRA
6. Lignano	1996	Emanuel Rego/Ze Marco de Melo, BRA	Carl Henkel/Smith, USA	Jan Kvalheim/Bjorn Maaseide, NOR
7. Lignano	1997	Conde/Martinez, ARG	Emanuel/Ze Marco, BRA	Kvalheim/Maaseide, NOR
8. Lignano	1998	Guilherme/Para Ferreira, BRA	Martin Laciga/Paul Laciga, SUI	Jose Loiola/Emanuel, BRA
9. Lignano	1999	Emanuel/Loiola, BRA	Guilherme/Para, BRA	Conde/Martinez, ARG
10. Lignano	2000	Ze Marco/Ricardo, BRA	M. Laciga/P. Laciga, SUI	John Child/Mark Heese, CAN
11. Lignano	2001	Mariano Baracetti/Conde, ARG	Loiola/Ricardo, BRA	Emanuel/Tande Ramos, BRA
12. Roseto	2006	Patrick Heuscher/Stefan Kobel, SUI	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Benjamin Insfran/Harley Marques, BRA
13. Roseto	2007	Marcio Araujo/Fabio Magalhaes, BRA	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Dmitri Barsouk/Igor Kolodinsky, RUS
14. Roseto	2008	Harley Marques/Pedro Salgado, BRA	Julius Brink/Christoph Dieckmann, GER	Phil Dalhausser/Todd Rogers, USA

May 19-24, Keihan/Smfg Japan Open, Osaka, Women, \$190,000 - After a two-year absence, Osaka returned to the **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** calendar by staging its 13th event. Dubbed Japan's "second city", Osaka has hosted the most international Beach Volleyball stops since the start of the women's FIVB circuit in 1992. The French Mediterranean port city of Marseille ranks second on the list with 11 events. Rio de Janeiro tops the men's list with 14 **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** events since the start of the men's circuit in 1987. After teams from the United States and Australia combined to win the first three Osaka stops, Brazilian tandems have won the last 10 events led by legendary pair of Shelda Bede and Adriana Behar. After placing third in 1997, Shelda and Adriana won six of the next eight Osaka events as the South Americans placed second in 2003 and third in 2005. Shaylyn Bede, Shelda's younger sister, captured the 2005 Osaka gold medal with Ana Paula Connelly, who teamed with Sandra Pires to defeat Shelda and Adriana for the 2003 crown. The best finish by the host country was a silver medal in 2000 by Mika Teru Saiki and Yukiko Takahashi, who finished fourth at the Sydney Olympic Games for Japan.

PAST JAPANESE WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 19, USA 9, Australia 6, China 2, Germany 1, Japan 1, Switzerland 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Osaka	1994	Barbra Fontana/Lori Forsythe, USA	Isabel Salgado/Roseli Timm, BRA	Karolyn Kirby/Liz Masakayan, USA
2. Osaka	1995	Holly McPeak/ Nancy Reno, USA	Linda Hanley/Angela Rock, USA	Sandra Pires/Jackie Silva, BRA
3. Osaka	1996	Natalie Cook/Kerri Pottharst, AUS	Danalee Bragado/Pat Keller, USA	Liane Fenwick/Sarah Straton, AUS
4. Osaka	1997	Monica Rodrigues/Adriana Samuel, BRA	Maike Friedrichsen/Danja Musch, GER	Shelda Bede/Adriana Behar, BRA
5. Osaka	1998	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Pires/Samuel, BRA	Lisa Arce/McPeak, USA
6. Osaka	1999	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Cook/Pottharst, AUS	Ana Paula/Silva, BRA
7. Osaka	2000	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Mika Teru Saiki/Yukiko Takahashi, JPN	Cook/Pottharst, AUS
8. Osaka	2001	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Misty May /Kerri Walsh, USA	Fontana/ Elaine Youngs, USA
9. Osaka	2002	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Ana Paula/Tatiana Minello, BRA	May/Walsh, USA
10. Osaka	2003	Ana Paula/Pires, BRA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Cook/Nicole Sanderson, AUS
11. Osaka	2004	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Cook/Sanderson, AUS	Simone Kuhn/Nicole Schnyder, SUI
12. Osaka	2005	Shaylyn Bede/Ana Paula, BRA	Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, BRA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA
13. Osaka	2008	Juliana/Larissa, BRA	Jia Tian/Jie Wang, CHN	Chen Xue/Xi Zhang, CHN

May 26-31, Seoul Open, Korea, Women, \$190,000 - The **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** returns to Seoul for the third-straight season as the Asian country hosted its first three international Beach Volleyball events in Pusan (1995-1997). After teams from the United States won the three Pusan women's gold medals, pairs from Australia and China have topped the first two Seoul podiums. Natalie Cook, Australia's three-time Olympian and Sydney 2000 gold medal winner, captured the inaugural Seoul stop last season with Tamsin Barnett as the pair upset top-seeded Jia Tian and Jie Wang of China 21-19 and 21-19 in the 44-minute finale. Kyung-Hee Ji and Sung-Min Kim were ninth at the 1996 Pusan stop for the top women's placement for South Korea on the **SWATCH FIVB World Tour**.

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PAST KOREAN WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - USA 5, Brazil 5, Australia 2, China 2, Japan 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Pusan	1995	Holly McPeak/Nancy Reno, USA	Karolyn Kirby/Liz Masakayan, USA	Sandra Pires/Jackie Silva, BRA
2. Pusan	1996	Lisa Arce/McPeak, USA	Yuki Ishizaka/Yukiko Takahashi, JPN	Monica Rodrigues/Adriana Samuel, BRA
3. Pusan	1997	Arce/McPeak, USA	Monica/Adriana, BRA	Natalie Cook/Kerri Pottharst, AUS
4. Seoul	2007	Tamsin Barnett/Cook, AUS	Jia Tian/Jie Wang, CHN	Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, BRA
5. Seoul	2008	Chen Xue/Xi Zhang, CHN	Shelda Bede/Ana Paula Connelly, BRA	Nancy Branagh/Elaine Youngs, USA

May 26-31, Myslowice Open, Poland, Men, \$190,000 and August 3-9, Mazury Open Presented by Hotel Anders, Stare Jablonki, Poland, Men & Women, \$380,000 - After hosting SWATCH FIVB Junior and Youth World Championships in 2006 and 2007, respectively, and staging women's "open" event in 2008, Myslowice will be the site for a men's **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** stop in 2009. Myslowice is one of four new men's sites on the 2009 **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** calendar along with Brasilia (Brazil), Rome (Italy) and The Hague (Netherlands). The Finnish island of Aland returns to the international Beach Volleyball calendar after not staging an event in 2008 due to the Beijing Olympic Games. Poland has hosted **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** men's events since 2004 in Stare Jablonki as Athens 2004 Olympic champions Emanuel Rego and Ricardo Santos have won four gold and one bronze medals in five starts together at the Hotel Anders site. The Mazury region expanded its presence by hosting a double gender event in 2008 where teams from Brazil captured both the men's and women's gold medals in Stare Jablonki. Polish junior world champions Michal Kadziola/Jakub Szalankiewicz and Katarzyna Urban/Joanna Wiatr have posted their country's best SWATCH finishes with 17ths in 2007 and 2006, respectively. Grzegorz Fijalek and Mariusz Prudel placed 17th for Poland at the 2008 Stare Jablonki stop.

PAST POLISH MEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 8, Argentina 1, Australia 1, China 1, Germany 1, Norway 1, Spain 1, Switzerland 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Stare Jablonki	2004	Emanuel Rego/Ricardo Santo, BRA	Franco Neto/Tande Ramos, BRA	Vegard Hoidalen/Jorre Kjemperud, NOR
2. Stare Jablonki	2005	Markus Egger/Martin Laciga, SUI	Markus Dieckmann/Jonas Reckermann, GER	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA
3. Stare Jablonki	2006	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Pedro Cunha/Franco, BRA	Penggen Wu/Linyin Xu, CHN
4. Stare Jablonki	2007	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Mariano Baracetti/Martin Conde, ARG	Marcio Araujo/Fabio Magalhaes, BRA
5. Stare Jablonki	2008	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Adrian Gavira Collado/Inocencio Lario, ESP	Andrew Schacht/Joshua Slack, AUS

PAST POLISH WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 6, China 3, Germany 1, Norway 1, USA 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Warsaw	2006	Wang Jie/Tian Jia, CHN	Xue Chen/Zhang Xi, CHN	Leila Barros/Ana Paula Connelly, BRA
2. Warsaw	2007	Juliana F. Silva/Larissa Franca, BRA	Shelda Bede/Adriana Behar, BRA	Chen Xue/Xi Zhang, CHN
3. Stare Jablonki2008		Shelda/Ana Paula, BRA	Tyra Turner/Rachel Wacholder, USA	Carolina Salgado/Maria Clara Salgado, BRA
4. Myslowice	2008	Carolina/Maria Clara, BRA	Katrin Holtwick/Ilka Semmler, GER	Nila Ann Hakedal/Ingrid Torlen, NOR

June 25-July 5, SWATCH FIVB World Championships presented by ConocoPhillips, Stavanger, Norway, Men & Women, \$1,000,000 and August 25-31, Kristiansand Open, Norway, Men & Women, \$380,000 - Norway joins China, Italy and Poland in hosting two **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** events in 2000. Details on the SWATCH FIVB World Championships presented by ConocoPhillips are available on pages 118-123 of this media guide. Norway's top men's finishers in Stavanger are fifths by Vegard Hoidalen and Jorre Kjemperud in 2001 and 2002. Nila Ann Hakedal and Ingrid Torlen placed second in 2008 for the top finish by a Norwegian women's team in Norway.

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PAST NORWEGIAN MEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 20, Germany 3, Switzerland 3, Argentina 1, Australia 1, China 1, Netherlands 1, New Zealand 1, Spain 1, USA 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Stavanger	1999	Jose Loiola/Emanuel Rego, BRA	Guilherme Marques/Para Ferreira, BRA	Ze Marco de Melo/Ricardo Santos, BRA
2. Stavanger	2000	Ze Marco/Ricardo, BRA	Marcio Araujo/Benjamin Insfran, BRA	Loiola/Emanuel, BRA
3. Stavanger	2001	Emanuel/Tande Ramos, BRA	Martin Laciga/Paul Laciga, SUI	Para/Ze Marco de, BRA
4. Stavanger	2002	Emanuel/Tande, BRA	Loiola/Ricardo, BRA	Stefan Kobel/Patrick Heuscher, SUI
5. Stavanger	2003	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Martin Conde/Mariano Baracetti, ARG	Julien Prosser/Mark Williams, AUS
6. Stavanger	2004	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Dave Klemperer/Niklas Rademacher, GER	Franco/Tande, BRA
7. Stavanger	2005	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Benjamin/Harley Marques, BRA	Heuscher /Kobel, SUI
8. Stavanger	2006	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Marcio Araujo/Fabio Magalhaes, BRA	Benjamin/Harley, BRA
9. Stavanger	2007	Marcio Araujo/Fabio, BRA	Reinder Nummerdor/Richard Schuil, NED	Penggen Wu/Linyin Xu, CHN
10. Kristiansand	2007	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Jonas Reckermann/Mischa Urbatzka, GER	Marcio Araujo/Fabio, BRA
11. Stavanger	2008	Phil Dalhausser/Todd Rogers, USA	Reckermann/Urbatzka, GER	Julius Brink/Christoph Dieckmann, GER
12. Kristiansand	2008	Pablo Herrera/Raul Mesa, ESP	Joao Maciel/Bruno Oscar Schmidt, BRA	Jason Lochhead/Kirk Pitman, NZL

PAST STAVANGER WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - USA 9, Brazil 9, China 4, Greece 2, Australia 1, Austria 1, Norway 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Stavanger	2002	Holly McPeak/Elaine Youngs, USA	Natalie Cook/Kerri Pottharst, AUS	Adriana Behar/Shelda Bede, BRA
2. Stavanger	2003	Ana Paula Connelly/Sandra Pires, BRA	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, USA	Adriana/Shelda, BRA
3. Stavanger	2004	McPeak/Youngs, USA	Annett Davis/Jenny Johnson Jordan, USA	Walsh/Rachel Wacholder, USA
4. Stavanger	2005	Vasso Karadassiou/Vassiliki Arvaniti, GRE	Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, BRA	Jia Tian/Fei Wang, CHN
5. Stavanger	2006	Juliana/Larissa, BRA	Adriana/Shelda, BRA	Leila Barros/Ana Paula, BRA
6. Stavanger	2007	Jen Kessy/April Ross, USA	Tian/Jie Wang, CHN	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA
7. Kristiansand	2007	Juliana/Larissa, BRA	Chen Xue/Xi Zhang, CHN	Tian/Jie Wang, CHN
8. Stavanger	2008	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Karadassiou/Arvaniti, GRE	Kessy/Ross, USA
9. Kristiansand	2008	Maria Antonelli/Vanilda Leao, BRA	Nilia Ann Hakedal/Ingrid Torgen, NOR	Doris and Stefanie Schwaiger, AUT

July 6-12, 1to1 Energy Grand Slam, Gstaad, Switzerland, Men & Women, \$600,000 - The SWATCH FIVB World Tour returns to Switzerland for the 10-straight season as the village of Gstaad hosts men and women in the first post-world championship event on the 2009 international Beach Volleyball calendar. Gstaad was the site of the 2007 SWATCH FIVB World Championships along with hosting the first event following the conclusion of the qualifying process for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. Brazilian pairs captured the 2008 gold medals as the teams of Harley Marques/Pedro Salgado and Shelda Bede/Ana Paula Connelly won their first-ever SWATCH Grand Slam events. The Gstaad stop on the **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** started with women's competition in 2000 followed by the first double gender event the next year. The 2007 stop featured the \$1-million SWATCH FIVB World Championships where the American teams of Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh and Phil Dalhausser/Todd Rogers captured the women's and men's gold medals, respectively. The men's 2007 podium marked the first-time that a Brazilian team did not win a medal as reigning Olympic champions Emanuel Rego and Ricardo Santos dropped "final four" matches to Dalhausser/Rogers and Andrew Schacht/Joshua Slack, who became the first men's team from Australia to medal in the SWATCH FIVB World Championships. Swiss men's teams have medaled twice, including a title in 2004 by Patrick Heuscher and Stefan Kobel. Simone Kuhn and Lea Schwer placed fifth at the 2008 stop for the highest finish by a Swiss women's team in Gstaad. Previously, Kuhn posted the best placements with four ninth-place finishes, including two each with Nicole Schnyder-Benoit (2002 and 2003) and Lea Schwer (2005 and 2006).

PAST SWISS MEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 11, Germany 3, Switzerland 3, USA 3, Argentina 1, Australia 1, Netherlands 1, Russia 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Gstaad	2001	Stein Metzger/Kevin Wong, USA	Martin Laciga/Paul Laciga, SUI	Emanuel Rego/Tande Ramos, BRA
2. Gstaad	2002	Martin Conde/Mariano Baracetti, ARG	Marcio Araujo/Benjamin Insfran, BRA	Stein Metzger/Kevin Wong, USA
3. Gstaad	2003	Marcio Araujo/Benjamin, BRA	Markus Dieckmann/Jonas Reckermann, GER	Stefan Kobel/Patrick Heuscher, SUI
4. Gstaad	2004	Heuscher/Kobel, SUI	M. Dieckmann/Reckermann, GER	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA
5. Gstaad	2005	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Benjamin/Harley Marques, BRA	Marcio Araujo/Fabio Magalhaes, BRA
6. Gstaad	2006	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Marcio Araujo/Fabio, BRA	Julius Brink/Christoph Dieckmann, GER
7. Gstaad	2007*	Phil Dalhausser/Todd Rogers, USA	Dmitri Barsouk/Igor Kolodinsky, RUS	Andrew Schacht/Joshua Slack, AUS
8. Gstaad	2008	Harley/Pedro Salgado, BRA	Reindeer nummerdor/Richard Schuil, NED	Alison Cerutti/Emanuel, BRA

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PAST SWISS WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 12, USA 9, China 5, Australia 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Gstaad	2000	Shelda Bede/Adriana Behar, BRA	Holly McPeak/Misty May-Treanor, USA	Ana Paula Connelly/Monica Rodrigues, BRA
2. Gstaad	2001	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Barbra Fontana/Elaine Youngs, USA	May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, USA
3. Gstaad	2002	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Natalie Cook/Kerri Pottharst, AUS
4. Gstaad	2003	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Ana Paula/Sandra Pires, BRA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA
5. Gstaad	2004	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	McPeak/Youngs, USA
6. Gstaad	2005	Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, BRA	Jia Tian/Fei Wang, CHN	Shelda/Adriana, BRA
7. Gstaad	2006	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Juliana/Larissa, BRA	Tian/Jie Wang, CHN
8. Gstaad	2007*	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Tian/Jie Wang, CHN	Juliana/Larissa, BRA
9. Gstaad	2008	Shelda/Ana Paula, BRA	Tian/Jie Wang, CHN	Chen Xue/Xi Zhang, CHN

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July 13-19, Grand Slam Moscow, Russia, Men & Women, \$600,000 - After stops the past three years in historic St. Petersburg on the Neva River, the Russian Volleyball Federation staged a **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** Grand Slam event in 2008 for men and women in Moscow. It was the women's first-ever event in the Russian capital while the men were visiting Moscow for the first-time since back-to-back events 1998 and 1999. Team from China and the United States snapped Brazilian gold medal streaks as the men's and women's teams from the South American country captured each of the gold medals in St. Petersburg with three different men's champions while Juliana Felisberta Silva and Larissa Franca claimed all three women's titles. Russia's first appearance on the **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** calendar was in 1994 for the Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg where teams from Norway and the United States captured the men's and women's gold medal, respectively. Dmitri Barsouk and Igor Kolodinsky, the most successful Russian team in **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** history, placed second at the 2007 St. Petersburg event. The top finishes by Russian women's teams on home sand were sevenths by Natalya Belousova/Mariya Kopylova (1994) and Alexandra Shiryaeva/Natalya Uryadova (2007).

PAST RUSSIAN MEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 9, Germany 2, USA 2, Argentina 1, Netherlands 1, Norway 1, Portugal 1, Russia 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. St. Petersburg	1994	Jan Kvalheim/Bjorn Maaseide, NOR	Carlos Briceno/Jeff Williams, USA	Bruk Vandeweghe/Sinjin Smith, USA
2. Moscow	1998	Para Ferreira/Guilherme Marques, BRA	Martin Conde/Eduardo Martinez, ARG	Jorg Ahmann/Axel Hager, GER
3. Moscow	1999	Joao Brenha/Miguel Maia, POR	Ze Marco de Melo/Ricardo Santos, BRA	Jose Loiola/Emanuel Rego, BRA
4. St. Petersburg	2005	Emanuel Rego/Ricardo Santos, BRA	Marcio Araujo/Fabio Magelhaes, BRA	Franco Neto/Tande Ramos, BRA
5. St. Petersburg	2006	Marcio Araujo/Fabio, BRA	Julius Brink/Christoph Dieckmann, GER	Jochem De Grijter/Gijs Ronnes, NED
6. St. Petersburg	2007	Harley Marques/Pedro Salgado, BRA	Dmitri Barsouk/Igor Kolodinsky, RUS	Marcio Araujo/Fabio, BRA
7. Moscow	2008	Phil Dalhausser/Todd Rogers, USA	Penggen Wu/Linyin Xu, CHN	David Klemperer/Eric Koreng, GER

PAST RUSSIAN WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 7, USA 5, China 3

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. St. Petersburg	1994	Karolyn Kirby/Liz Masakayan, USA	Monica Rodrigues/Adriana Samuel, BRA	Barbra Fontana/Lori Kotas, USA
2. St. Petersburg	2005	Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, BRA	BRARenata Riberio/Talita Antunes, BRA	Leila Barros/Ana Paula Connelly, BRA
3. St. Petersburg	2006	Juliana/Larissa, BRA	Xue Chen.Zhang Xi, CHN	Adriana Behar/Shelda Bede, BRA
4. St. Petersburg	2007	Juliana/Larissa, BRA	Jen Kessy/April Ross, USA	Nicole Branagh/Elaine Youngs, USA
5. Moscow	2008	Xue/Zhang, CHN	Branagh/Youngs, USA	Jia Tian/Jie Wang, CHN

July 14-20, World Series 13 Grand Chelem, Marseille, France, Men & Women, \$600,000 - Marseille will break a tie with Rio de Janeiro in hosting the most **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** events as the Mediterranean port city has staged an international Beach Volleyball tournament every year since 1994, except in 2005 when the organizer was developing a stop in Paris. The 15th event in Marseille is also a SWATCH Grand Slam stop. While the men have completed in each Marseille event with Brazilians securing 20 podium placements and 12 gold medals, the 2009 women's event will be Event No. 12 in the French port. Only Osaka (13) has staged more women's SWATCH stops than Marseille. Stephanie Pohl and Okka Rau's Marseille gold medal finish was the first-ever by a German women's team in **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** history. The 2007 gold medal by with Pedro Cunha by Franco Neto (40 years, eight months, 11 days) made the Brazilian the oldest player to win a SWATCH event. Women's teams from Brazil and the United States have split the previous 10 titles. France's top finish by a men's team was in 1994 when Jean-Philippe Jodard and Christian Penigaud dropped the title match to Jan Kvalheim and Bjorn Maaseide of Norway in the first all-European finale on the **SWATCH FIVB World Tour**. Ethel-Julie Arjona and Virginie Kadjo had posted ninths in Marseille (2003 and 2004) for France's best women's finishes as a host country entry with Deborah Giaoui and Eva Hamzaoui matching the feat in 2008.

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PAST FRENCH MEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 31, USA 11, Argentina 4, Germany 4, Norway 4, Switzerland 4, Australia 1, Canada 1, China 1, Cuba 1, France 1, Italy 1, Netherlands 1, Russia 11

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Sete	1990	Andre Lima/Guilherme Marques, BRA	John Eddo/Sean Followfield, USA	Roberto Lopes/Franco Neto, BRA
2. CapdAgde	1991	Eddo/Leif Hanson, USA	Andrea Ghiurghi/Dionisio Lequaglie, ITA	Andre Lima/Guilherme Marques, BRA
3. Marseille	1994	Jan Kvalheim/Bjorn Maaseide, NOR	Christian Penigaud/J-P Jodard, FRA	Carlos Briceno/Jeff Williams, USA
4. Marseille	1995	Emanuel Rego/Ze Marco de Melo, BRA	Kvalheim/Maaseide, NOR	Andre Gomes/Carlos Loss, BRA
5. La Baule	1995	Roberto Lopes/Franco, BRA	Emanuel/Ze Marco, BRA	John Child/Mark Heese, CAN
6. Marseille	1996	Roberto Lopes/Franco, BRA	Carl Henkel/Sinjin Smith, USA	Eduardo Martinez/Martin Conde, ARG
7. Pornichet	1996	Emanuel/Ze Marco, BRA	Guilherme/Para Ferreira, BRA	Kvalheim/Maaseide, NOR
8. Marseille	1997	Guilherme/Para, BRA	Emanuel/Ze Marco, BRA	Julie Prosser/Lee Zahner, AUS
9. Marseille	1998	Ze Marco/Ricardo Santos, BRA	Jorg Ahmann/Axel Hager, GER	Bill Boullianne/Ian Clark, USA
10. Marseille	1999*	Jose Loiola/Emanuel, BRA	Martin Laciga/Paul Laciga, SUI	Guilherme/Para, BRA
11. Marseille	2000	Ze Marco/Ricardo, BRA	Vegard Hoidalen/Jorre Kjemperud, NOR	Loiola/Emanuel, BRA
12. Marseille	2001	Mariano Baracetti/Conde, ARG	Emanuel/Tande Ramos, BRA	Stein Metzger/Kevin Wong, USA
13. Marseille	2002	Loiola/Ricardo, BRA	Francisco Alvarez/Juan Rossell, CUB	Emanuel/Tande, BRA
14. Marseille	2003	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	M. Laciga/P. Laciga, SUI	Dain Blanton/Jeff Nygaard, USA
15. Marseille	2004	Marcio Araujo/Benjamin Infran, BRA	Patrick Heuscher/Stefan Kobel, SUI	Baracetti/Conde, ARG
16. Paris	2005	Heuscher/Kobel, SUI	Jake Gibb/Metzger, USA	Julius Brink/Kjell Schneider, GER
17. Marseille	2006	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Marcio Araujo/Fabio, BRA	Pedro Cunha/Franco, BRA
18. Paris	2006	Marcio Araujo/Fabio, BRA	Gibb/Sean Rosenthal, USA	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA
19. Paris	2007	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Cunha/Franco, BRA	Mike Lambert/Metzger, USA
20. Marseille	2007	Cunha/Franco, BRA	Baracetti/Conde, ARG	Dmitri Barsouk/Igor Kolodinsky, RUS
21. Paris	2008	Phil Dalhausser/Todd Rogers, USA	Reinder Nummerdor/Richard Schuil, NED	David Klemperec/Eric Koreng, GER
22. Marseille	2008	Marcio Araujo/Fabio, BRA	Penggen Wu/Linyin Xu, CHN	Kay Matysik/Stefan Uhmman, GER

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PAST FRENCH WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 21, USA 18, China 4, Australia 1, Germany 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Marseille	1997	Shelda Bede/Adriana Behar, BRA	Lisa Arce/Holly McPeak, USA	Monica Rodrigues/Adriana Samuel, BRA
2. Marseille	1998	Sandra Pires/Samuel, BRA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Jackie Silva/Monica, BRA
3. Marseille	1999*	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Annett Davis/Jenny Johnson Jordan, USA	Liz Masakayan/Elaine Youngs, USA
4. Marseille	2000	Davis/Johnson Jordan, USA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Ana Paula Connelly/Monica Rodrigues, BRA
5. Marseille	2001	Barbra Fontana/Youngs, USA	Shelda/Adriana Behar, BRA	Arce/McPeak, USA
6. Marseille	2002	McPeak/Youngs, USA	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, USA	Natalie Cook/Kerri Pottharst, AUS
7. Marseille	2003	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Ana Paula/Pires, BRA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA
8. Marseille	2004	Rachel Wacholder/Walsh, USA	Davis/Johnson Jordan, USA	Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, BRA
9. Paris	2005	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Juliana/Larissa, BRA	Jia Tian, Feil Wang, CHN
10. Marseille	2006	Juliana/Larissa, BRA	Adriana/Shelda, BRA	Leila Barros/Ana Paula, BRA
11. Paris	2006	Juliana/Larissa, BRA	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Leila/Ana Paula, BRA
12. Paris	2007	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Tian/Jie Wang, CHN	Tyra Turner/Wacholder, USA
13. Marseille	2007	Talita Antunes/Renata Ribeiro, BRA	Chen Xue/Xi Zhang, CHN	Tian/Jie Wang, CHN
14. Paris	2008	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Turner/Wacholder, USA	Nicole Branagh/Youngs, USA
15. Marseille	2008	Stephanie Pohl/Okka Rau, GER	Maria Antonelli/Vanilda Leao, BRA	Carolina Salgado/Maria Clara Salgado, BRA

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July 27-August 2, Austrian Grand Slam, Klagenfurt, Austria, Men & Women, \$600,000 - The 13th Klagenfurt stop will be the final **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** Grand Slam event on the 2009 calendar as the fifth of five "major" international Beach Volleyball tournaments this season. The 2008 Klagenfurt event saw Dmitri Barsouk and Igor Kolodinsky claim Russia's first-ever SWATCH gold medal while Brazilians Shelda Bede and Ana Paula Connelly won their second-straight FIVB Grand Slam title this season. Athens 2004 Olympic champions Emanuel Rego and Ricardo Santos of Brazil claimed the 2008 Klagenfurt claimed their fifth-straight Austrian medal after winning gold in 2004 and 2007, and placing second in 2005 and 2006. Overall, Brazilian men's teams have won eight Klagenfurt gold medals with Emanuel also claiming titles with Ze Marco de Melo (1997) and Jose Loiola (1998, 1999 and 2000). Nikolas Berger and Clemens Doppler posted fifths in 2002 and 2003 for the best Austrian men's placement in Klagenfurt. American Olympic and world champions Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh have won four of the eight Klagenfurt titles. Walsh has been atop the Austrian podium five times as she captured the 2004 crown with Rachel Wacholder when May-Treanor was sidelined before the Athens 2004 Olympic Games with an adnominal strain. Sara Montagnolli and Sabine Swoboda posted the best Austrian women's finish in Klagenfurt with a 2006 fifth.

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PAST AUSTRIAN MEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 20, Germany 4, USA 4, Norway 3, Switzerland 2, Argentina 1, Netherlands 1, Russia 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Klagenfurt	1997	Emanuel Rego/Ze Marco de Melo, BRA	Jorg Ahmann/Axel Hager, GER	Paulao Moreira/Paulo Emilio Silva, BRA
2. Klagenfurt	1998	Jose Loiola/Emanuel, BRA	Dain Blanton/Eric Fonoimoana, USA	Jan Kvalheim/Bjorn Maaseide, NOR
3. Klagenfurt	1999	Loiola/Emanuel Rego, BRA	Ze Marco/Ricardo Santos, BRA	Guilherme Marques/Para Ferreira, BRA
4. Klagenfurt	2000	Loiola/Emanuel, BRA	Ze Marco/Ricardo, BRA	Paulao/Jefferson Bellaguarda, BRA
5. Klagenfurt	2001*	Mariano Baracetti/Martin Conde, ARG	Loiola/Ricardo, BRA	Vegard Hoidalen/Jorre Kjemperud, NOR
6. Klagenfurt	2002	Loiola/Ricardo, BRA	Markus Egger/Sascha Heyer, SUI	Hoidalen/Kjemperud, NOR
7. Klagenfurt	2003	Marcio Araujo/Benjamin Infran, BRA	Stein Metzger/Kevin Wong, USA	Stefan Kobel/Patrick Heuscher, SUI
8. Klagenfurt	2004	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Franco Neto/Tande Ramos, BRA	C. Dieckmann/Andreas Scheuerpflug, GER
9. Klagenfurt	2005	Christoph. Dieckmann/Scheuerpflug, GER	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Marcio Araujo/Fabio Magalhaes, BRA
10. Klagenfurt	2006	Phil Dalhausser/Todd Rogers, USA	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	Marcio Araujo/Fabio, BRA
11. Klagenfurt	2007	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA	David Klemperer/Eric Koreng, GER	Reinder Nummerdor/Richard Schuil, NED
12. Klagenfurt	2008	Dmitri Barsouk/Igor Kolodinsky, RUS	Metzger/Mark Williams, USA	Emanuel/Ricardo, BRA

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PAST AUSTRIAN WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 9, USA 8, Germany 3, China 2, Czech Republic 1, Ukraine 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Klagenfurt	2001*	Shelda Bede/Adriana Behar, BRA	Sandra Pires/Tatiana Minello, BRA	Eva Celbova/Sona Novakova, CZE
2. Klagenfurt	2002	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, USA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Elaine Youngs/Holly McPeak, USA
3. Klagenfurt	2003	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Pires/Ana Paula Connelly, BRA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA
4. Klagenfurt	2004	Walsh/Rachel Wacholder, USA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Annett Davis/ Jenny Johnson Jordan, USA
5. Klagenfurt	2005	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Wacholder/Youngs, USA	Tian Jia/Wang Fei, CHN
6. Klagenfurt	2006	Wang Jie/Tian Jia, CHN	Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, BRA	Stephanie Pohl/Okka Rau, GER
7. Klagenfurt	2007	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Juliana/Larissa, BRA	Sara Goller/Laura Ludwig, GER
8. Klagenfurt	2008	Shelda/Ana Paula, BRA	Svitlana Baburina/Galya Osheyko, UKR	Katrin Holtwick/Ilka Semmler, GER

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August 17-23, PAF Open, Åland, Finland, Men & Women, \$380,000 - After a year's hiatus, the **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** returns to 2009 international Beach Volleyball calendar as the second annual PAF Open will be staged in Mariehamn on the Åland Islands. The PAF Open marks the second time that the Finnish and Swedish Volleyball federations have joined forces to stage a **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** event with the first being in 2007 when teams from Brazil captured the gold medals. Åland is an archipelago and has 25,000 permanent residents and attracts more than 2-million visitors annually. Åland also features the most sunshine hours in the entire Nordic region. Pictured below are 2007 Åland winners (left to right) Pedro Salgado, Harley Marques and Larissa Franca.

PAST FINNISH MEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Austria 1, Brazil 1, Germany 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Åland	2007	Harley Marques/Pedro Salgado, BRA	Jonas Reckermann/Mischa Urbatzka, GER	Florian Gosch/Alexander Horst, AUT

PAST FINNISH WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - China 2, Brazil 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Åland	2007	Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, BRA	Tian/Jie Wang, CHN	Chen Xue/Xi Zhang, CHN

August 24-30, The Hague Open, Men & Women, \$380,000 - After hosting the youth world championships for players under the age of 19, the Netherlands will host its first **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** event for the world's elite Beach Volleyball performers at The Hague. Teams from Estonia and Germany won the FIVB youth titles after The Hague completed a three-season run of staging European Tour events, including the 2006 continental championships. The Hague, the third-largest city in the Netherlands after Amsterdam and Rotterdam with a population of nearly 500,000, is the largest Dutch city on the North Sea and comprises two distinct beach towns. The main beach resort Scheveningen, in the northwestern part of the city, is a popular destination for tourists and young people with 10 million visitors a year.

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September 8-13, Barcelona Open, Women, \$190,000 - After hosting a double gender event in 2008, Barcelona returns to the **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** calendar with a women's stop. The 2008 event was the first SWATCH stop on the international circuit since 2004 as Barcelona joins Almeria, Gran Canaria, Madrid and Mallorca in hosting a women's tournament. Beijing 2008 Olympians Nicole Branagh and Elaine Youngs rebounded from a setback in the second-round of the 2008 Barcelona event to win the gold medal for the United States. With the title, the 38-year old Youngs became the oldest woman to win a **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** event. The top placement by a Spanish women's team was a ninth by Monica Del Prado and Liliana Diaz at the 1992 Almeria event, the first-ever women's stop on the **SWATCH FIVB World Tour**.

PAST SPANISH WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 9, USA 6, Australia 1, Czech Republic 1, Germany 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Almeria	1992	Karolyn Kirby/Nancy Reno, USA	Linda Chisholm/Angela Rock, USA	Roseliana Santos/Roseli Timm, BRA
2. Gran Canaria	2001	Shelda Bede/Adriana Behar, BRA	Barbra Fontana/Elaine Youngs, USA	Tatiana Minello/Sandra Pires, BRA
3. Madrid	2002	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, USA	Ana Paula Connelly/Minello, BRA	Natalie Cook/Kerri Pottharst, AUS
4. Mallorca	2002	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Ana Paula/Minello, BRA
5. Mallorca	2004	Juliana F. Silva/Larissa Franca, BRA	Susanne Lahme/Danja Musch, GER	Eva Celbova Rysava/Sona Novakova, CZE
6. Barcelona	2008	Nicole Branagh/Youngs, USA	Talita Antunes/Renata Ribeiro, BRA	Juliana/Larissa, BRA

October 19-24, UAE Open, Abu Dhabi, Men & Women, \$390,000 - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) stop on the 2009 **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** calendar has been switched to Abu Dhabi as an international Beach Volleyball events will be held in the Arabian Gulf for the third-straight year. Dutchmen Reinder Nummerdor and Richard Schuil won the inaugural UAE stop in 2008 at Dubai after American Olympians Nicole Branagh and Kerri Walsh captured the women's title. Two weeks later in Bahrain, Alison Cerutti and Pedro Cunha of Brazil won the second annual event. Abu Dhabi is the capital and second most populous city in the United Arab Emirates after Dubai. Approximately 860,000 people lived in Abu Dhabi as of 2007. One of the world's largest producers of oil, Abu Dhabi has actively attempted to diversify its economy in recent years through investments in financial services and tourism. Pictured below (left to right) are Dubai 2008 winners Nummerdor and Schuil, and Bahrain 2008 victors Cerutti and Cunha along with the Dubai men's and women's podiums.

PAST ARABIAN GULF MEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - Brazil 4, Germany 2, Netherlands 2, France 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Bahrain	2007	Reinder Nummerdor/Richard Schuil, NED	Pedro Cunha/Franco Neto, BRA	Harley Marques/Pedro Salgado, BRA
2. Dubai	2008	Nummerdor/Schuil, NED	Jonas Reckermann/Mischa Urbatzka, GER	Harley/Salgado, BRA
3. Bahrain	2008	Alison Cerutti/Cunha, BRA	Andy Ces/Kevin Ces, FRA	Sebastian Dollinger/Stefan Windscheif, GER

PAST ARABIAN GULF WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - USA 2, Brazil 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Dubai	2008	Nicole Branagh/Kerri Walsh, USA	Jen Kessy/April Ross, USA	Carolina Salgado/Maria Clara Salgado, BRA

November 3-8, Phuket Thailand Open, Women, \$190,000 - After staging women's FIVB Challenger/Satellite events in Pattaya (2001), Bangkok (2005) and Phuket (2005), Thailand will be hosting a women's event on the 2009 **SWATCH FIVB World Tour** calendar for the fourth-straight year. The 2005 Phuket stop served as a prelude to the inaugural SWATCH stop in Thailand in 2006 where the competition was part of the Andaman Festival to mark the first anniversary of the Tsunami of 2004. Jen Kessy and Heather Lowe won the 2001 Pattaya event for the United States while China's Linjun Ji and Whenhui You captured the Bangkok stop. Lijun Ji was 18 years old when she won the event to become the youngest player ever to win "any" international Beach Volleyball event at the time. Eiko Koizumi and Shinako Tanaka captured Japan's first-ever international Beach Volleyball gold medal by winning the 2005 Phuket event. After upsetting reigning Olympic champions Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh of the United States in the semi-finals, then 17-year old Chen Xue and her then 21-year old partner Xi Zhang upset Chinese rivals Jia Tian and Jie Wang for the 2006 gold medal. May-Treanor and Walsh maintained their podium spot in 2007 by defeating American rivals Nicole Branagh and Elaine Youngs in the finals. Branagh and Youngs advanced to the gold medal match by upsetting Tian and Wang in the semi-finals. Kessy and new partner April Ross (pictured to the right) won the second-straight All-American finale by defeating Branagh and Tyra Turner 18-21, 21-14 and 15-12 in the 63-minute 2008 gold medal match.

PAST THAILAND WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS - Medals - USA 5, China 3, Germany 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Phuket	2006	Xue/Zhang, CHN	Tian/Jie Wang, CHN	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA
2. Phuket	2007	May-Treanor/Walsh, USA	Nicole Branagh/Elaine Youngs, USA	Tian/Jie Wang, CHN
3. Phuket	2008	Jen Kessy/April Ross, USA	Branagh/Tyra Turner, USA	Geeske Banck/Anja Gunther, GER