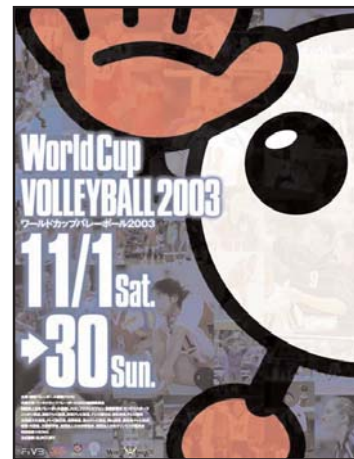
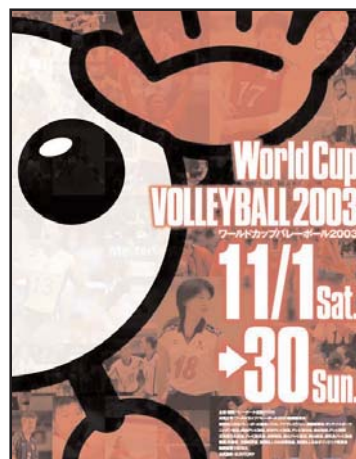
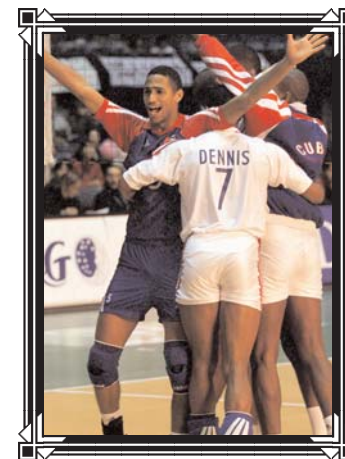
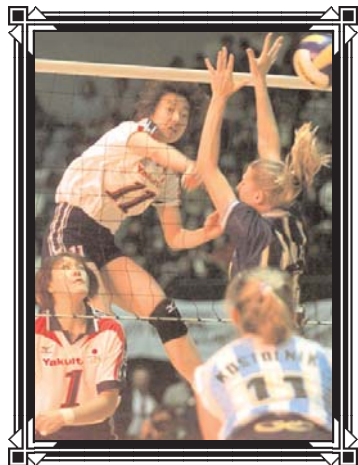


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Locations



Fukuoka



Nagano



Kogoshima

Tokyo



Tokyo



Osaka

Japan brings to the tournament some of the finest state-of-the art sports complexes in the world, as well as the world-renowned Japanese hospitality and an enthusiasm for the sport of Volleyball that spans decades. Host broadcasters FUJI TV bring with them a wealth of technical expertise and experience and will deliver the excitement and action of the 2003 World Cups into the living rooms of Volleyball enthusiasts around the world.



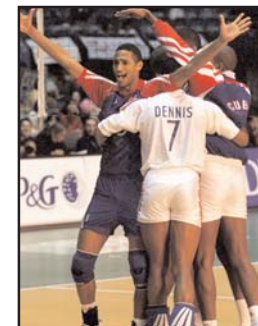
For more information on the venues visit:

www.fivb.org/EN/Volleyball/Competitions/WorldCup/2003/Venues/Venues.asp





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A brief history of the World Cups

The first World Cup was played in Warsaw, Poland in 1965 and until 1989 it was an event that put the Olympic medalists to the test just one year after the Games. Three out of six tournaments confirmed the Olympic result while on four other occasions the result was overturned. East Germany, 4th at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico won at home in 1969. In 1969 the USSR, silver medallists from Montreal in 1976, won in Tokyo the year after. Cuba, unplaced in Seoul 1988 won in 1989 in Italy and the Italians, fifth in Barcelona in 1992 won in 1995.

The tournament took on a new look in 1991 when the calendar was modified, making the quadrennial event a qualifier for the Olympic Games.

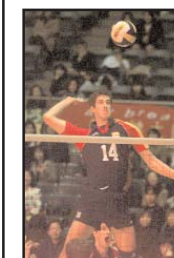
Since 1977, Japan, which brings prestigious sponsors, powerful media and enthusiastic spectators to the World Cup, has been the regular host of this important FIVB event.

About the tournament

The World Cup is one of three major international Volleyball competitions - together with the Olympic Games and the World Championship - and has been hosted by Japan since 1977, where its excitement and fever engulfs the country every time.

In the World Cup 2003, Men will have its 10th and Women will have its 9th event. Starting from the Opening Ceremony scheduled on November 1st at Tokyo National Yoyogi Daiichi Gymnasium, World cup fever and excitement will take over as the top teams from around the world do battle.

The World Cup serves as an Olympic qualifier, and the World Cup 2003 is the first qualifier for the Olympic Games 2004 in Athens. The top 3 men's and women's finishers will qualify for Athens, as the best teams in the world compete for what is one of Volleyball's supreme events.





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Qualified Women's Teams

	Japan - World Cup Hosts and Asian Vice-Champions (Ranked 11th in the world)
	Brazil - South American Continental Champions (Ranked 5th in the world)
	Argentina - South American Continental Vice-Champions (Ranked 13th in the world)
	Egypt - African Continental Champions (Ranked 23rd in the world)
	USA - NORCECA Continental Champions (Ranked 1st in the world)
	Cuba - NORCECA Continental Vice-Champions (Ranked 6th in the world)
	China - Asian Continental Champions (Ranked 2nd in the world)
	Korea - Third at Asian Continental Championships behind Japan (Ranked 7th in the world)
	Poland - European Continental Champions (Ranked 10th in the world)
	Turkey - European Continental Vice-Champions (Ranked 15th in the world)
	Dominican Rep. - Wild Card - Chosen by the FIVB and JVA/Fuji TV (Ranked 14th)
	Italy - Wild Card - Chosen by the FIVB and JVA/Fuji TV (Ranked 4th in the world)

WOMENS WORLD RANKINGS (As per 29 Sept)

1	USA
2	China
3	Russia
4	Italy
5	Brazil
6	Cuba
7	Korea
8	Netherlands
9	Germany
10	Poland

For more information on how the teams qualified visit:

www.fivb.org/EN/Volleyball/Competitions/WorldCup/2003/Press/Press_pre_sea.asp





Qualified Men's Teams

	Japan - World Cup Hosts (Ranked 19th in the world)
	Korea - Asian Continental Champions (Ranked 15th in the world)
	China - Asian Continental Vice-Champions (Ranked 17th in the world)
	Italy - European Continental Champions (Ranked 4th in the world)
	France - European Continental Vice-Champions (Ranked 5th in the world)
	Brazil - South American Continental Champions (Ranked 1st in the world)
	Venezuela - South American Continental Vice-Champions (Ranked 16th in the world)
	Tunisia - African Continental Champions (Ranked 24th in the world)
	USA - NORCECA Continental Champions (Ranked 10th in the world)
	Canada - NORCECA Continental Vice-Champions (Ranked 20th in the world)
	Serbia & Montenegro - Wild Card - Chosen by the FIVB and JVA/Fuji TV (Ranked 2nd)
	Egypt - Wild Card - Chosen by the FIVB and JVA/Fuji TV (Ranked 24th in the world)

MENS WORLD RANKINGS (As per 1st October)

1	Brazil
2	Serbia & Montenegro
3	Russia
4	Italy
5	France
6	Argentina
7	Netherlands
8	Poland
9	Greece
10	USA

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Women's Draw site A

1st Round

01-Nov KOR-USA 12:00 03:00 Tokyo
 01-Nov ITA-EGY 14:30 05:30 Tokyo
 01-Nov ARG-JPN 18:00 09:00 Tokyo
 02-Nov ITA-KOR 12:30 03:30 Tokyo
 02-Nov USA-ARG 15:00 06:00 Tokyo
 02-Nov JPN-EGY 18:00 09:00 Tokyo
 03-Nov USA-ITA 12:30 03:30 Tokyo
 03-Nov EGY-ARG 15:00 06:00 Tokyo
 03-Nov JPN-KOR 18:00 09:00 Tokyo

2nd Round

05-Nov USA-EGY 13:30 04:30 Nagoya
 05-Nov KOR-ARG 16:00 07:00 Nagoya
 05-Nov ITA-JPN 19:00 10:00 Nagoya
 06-Nov EGY-KOR 13:30 04:30 Nagoya
 06-Nov ARG-ITA 16:00 07:00 Nagoya
 06-Nov JPN-USA 19:00 10:00 Nagoya

3rd Round

08-Nov USA-POL 12:30 03:30 Sapporo
 08-Nov ITA-DOM 15:00 06:00 Sapporo
 08-Nov JPN-TUR 18:00 09:00 Sapporo
 09-Nov ITA-POL 12:30 03:30 Sapporo
 09-Nov USA-TUR 15:00 06:00 Sapporo
 09-Nov JPN-DOM 18:00 09:00 Sapporo
 10-Nov USA-DOM 12:30 03:30 Sapporo
 10-Nov ITA-TUR 15:00 06:00 Sapporo

4th Round

13-Nov ITA-CUB 12:30 03:30 Osaka
 13-Nov USA-CHN 15:00 06:00 Osaka
 13-Nov JPN-BRA 18:00 09:00 Osaka
 14-Nov USA-BRA 12:30 03:30 Osaka
 14-Nov ITA-CHN 15:00 06:00 Osaka
 14-Nov JPN-CUB 18:00 09:00 Osaka
 15-Nov ITA-BRA 12:30 03:30 Osaka
 15-Nov USA-CUB 15:00 06:00 Osaka
 15-Nov JPN-CHN 18:00 09:00 Osaka

Women's World Cup Schedule

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Women's Draw site B

1st Round

01-Nov DOM-CUB 12:05 13:05 Kagoshima
 01-Nov BRA-CHN 14:35 05:35 Kagoshima
 01-Nov TUR-POL 18:05 09:05 Kagoshima
 02-Nov DOM-POL 12:35 03:35 Kagoshima
 02-Nov CHN-CUB 15:05 06:05 Kagoshima
 02-Nov BRA-TUR 18:05 09:05 Kagoshima
 03-Nov CHN-DOM 12:35 03:35 Kagoshima
 03-Nov POL-BRA 15:05 06:05 Kagoshima
 03-Nov CUB-TUR 18:05 09:05 Kagoshima

2nd Round

05-Nov CUB-POL 12:35 03:35 Sendai
 05-Nov BRA-DOM 15:05 06:05 Sendai
 05-Nov CHN-TUR 18:05 09:05 Sendai
 06-Nov POL-CHN 12:35 03:35 Sendai
 06-Nov TUR-DOM 15:05 06:05 Sendai
 06-Nov CUB-BRA 18:05 09:05 Sendai

3rd Round

08-Nov CUB-ARG 12:35 03:35 Toyama
 08-Nov BRA-EGY 15:05 06:05 Toyama
 08-Nov CHN-KOR 18:05 09:05 Toyama
 09-Nov CUB-EGY 12:35 03:35 Toyama
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 10-Nov CUB-KOR 12:35 03:35 Toyama
 10-Nov BRA-ARG 15:05 06:05 Toyama
 10-Nov CHN-EGY 18:05 09:05 Toyama

4th Round

13-Nov DOM-KOR 12:35 03:35 Osaka
 13-Nov POL-ARG 15:05 06:05 Osaka
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Men's First Round, site A

1st Round

16-Nov	CHN-SCG	12:30	03:30	Tokyo
16-Nov	CAN-USA	15:00	06:00	Tokyo
16-Nov	JPN-EGY	18:00	09:00	Tokyo
17-Nov	EGY-CAN	12:30	03:30	Tokyo
17-Nov	SCG-USA	15:00	06:00	Tokyo
17-Nov	JPN-CHN	18:00	09:00	Tokyo
18-Nov	USA-CHN	12:30	03:30	Tokyo
18-Nov	SCG-EGY	15:00	06:00	Tokyo
18-Nov	CAN-JPN	18:00	09:00	Tokyo

2nd Round

20-Nov	SCG-CAN	12:30	03:30	Hiroshima
20-Nov	EGY-CHN	15:00	06:00	Hiroshima
20-Nov	USA-JPN	18:00	09:00	Hiroshima
21-Nov	USA-EGY	12:30	03:30	Hiroshima
21-Nov	CHN-CAN	15:00	06:00	Hiroshima
21-Nov	JPN-SCG	18:00	09:00	Hiroshima

3rd Round

23-Nov	USA-TUN	12:30	03:30	Fukuoka
23-Nov	SCG-KOR	15:00	06:00	Fukuoka
23-Nov	JPN-VEN	18:00	09:00	Fukuoka
24-Nov	USA-KOR	12:30	03:30	Fukuoka
24-Nov	SCG-VEN	15:00	06:00	Fukuoka
24-Nov	JPN-TUN	18:00	09:00	Fukuoka
25-Nov	SCG-TUN	12:30	03:30	Fukuoka
25-Nov	USA-VEN	15:00	06:00	Fukuoka
25-Nov	JPN-KOR	18:00	09:00	Fukuoka

4th Round

28-Nov	USA-ITA	12:30	03:30	Tokyo
28-Nov	SCG-BRA	15:00	06:00	Tokyo
28-Nov	JPN-FRA	18:00	09:00	Tokyo
29-Nov	USA-BRA	12:30	03:30	Tokyo
29-Nov	SCG-FRA	15:00	06:00	Tokyo
29-Nov	JPN-ITA	18:00	09:00	Tokyo
30-Nov	SCG-ITA	12:30	03:30	Tokyo
30-Nov	USA-FRA	15:00	06:00	Tokyo
30-Nov	JPN-BRA	18:00	09:00	Tokyo

Men's World Cup Schedule

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Men's Draw site B

1st Round

16-Nov	ITA-TUN	12:35	03:35	Nagano
16-Nov	FRA-VEN	15:05	06:05	Nagano
16-Nov	KOR-BRA	18:05	09:05	Nagano
17-Nov	TUN-KOR	12:35	03:35	Nagano
17-Nov	VEN-ITA	15:05	06:05	Nagano
17-Nov	FRA-BRA	18:05	09:05	Nagano
18-Nov	BRA-VEN	12:35	03:35	Nagano
18-Nov	FRA-TUN	15:05	06:05	Nagano
18-Nov	ITA-KOR	18:05	09:05	Nagano

2nd Round

20-Nov	KOR-FRA	12:35	03:35	Hamamatsu
20-Nov	TUN-VEN	15:05	06:05	Hamamatsu
20-Nov	BRA-ITA	18:05	09:05	Hamamatsu
21-Nov	ITA-FRA	12:35	03:35	Hamamatsu
21-Nov	VEN-KOR	15:05	06:05	Hamamatsu
21-Nov	BRA-TUN	18:05	09:05	Hamamatsu

3rd Round

23-Nov	ITA-CAN	12:35	03:35	Okayama
23-Nov	BRA-CHN	15:05	06:05	Okayama
23-Nov	FRA-EGY	18:05	09:05	Okayama
24-Nov	BRA-CAN	12:35	03:35	Okayama
24-Nov	ITA-EGY	15:05	06:05	Okayama
24-Nov	FRA-CHN	18:05	09:05	Okayama
25-Nov	ITA-CHN	12:35	03:35	Okayama
25-Nov	BRA-EGY	15:05	06:05	Okayama
25-Nov	FRA-CAN	18:05	09:05	Okayama

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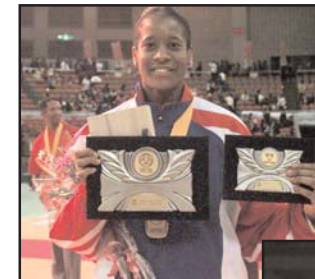
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29-Nov	VEN-CAN	12:35	03:35	Tokyo
29-Nov	TUN-EGY	15:05	06:05	Tokyo
29-Nov	KOR-CHN	18:05	09:05	Tokyo
30-Nov	VEN-EGY	12:05	03:05	Tokyo
30-Nov	TUN-CHN	14:35	05:35	Tokyo
30-Nov	KOR-CAN	17:05	08:05	Tokyo



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World Cup Results



WOMEN'S				
YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	SECOND	THIRD
1973	Uruguay	USSR	Japan	South Korea
1977	Japan	Japan	Cuba	South Korea
1981	Japan	China	Japan	USSR
1985	Japan	China	Cuba	USSR
1989	Japan	Cuba	USSR	China
1991	Japan	Cuba	China	USSR
1995	Japan	Cuba	Brazil	China
1999	Japan	Cuba	Russia	Brazil

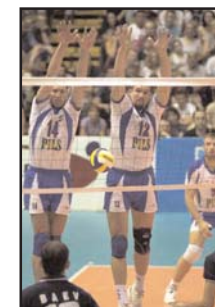


MEN'S				
YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	SECOND	THIRD
1965	Poland	USSR	Poland	Czechoslovakia
1969	East Germany	West Germany	Japan	USSR
1977	Japan	USSR	Japan	Cuba
1981	Japan	USSR	Cuba	Brazil
1985	Japan	USA	USSR	Czechoslovakia
1989	Japan	Cuba	Italy	USSR
1991	Japan	USSR	Cuba	USA
1995	Japan	Italy	Netherlands	Brazil
1999	Japan	Russia	Cuba	Italy





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International Results

MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2002	Brazil	Russia	France

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2002	Italy	USA	Russia

MEN'S OLYMPIC TOURNAMENT

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2000	Yugoslavia	Russia	Italy

WOMEN'S OLYMPIC TOURNAMENT

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2000	Cuba	Russia	Brazil

MEN'S WORLD LEAGUE

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2003	Brazil	Yugoslavia	Italy
2002	Russia	Brazil	Yugoslavia

WOMEN'S WORLD GRAND PRIX

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2003	China	Russia	USA
2002	Russia	China	Germany



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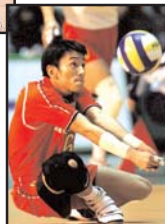
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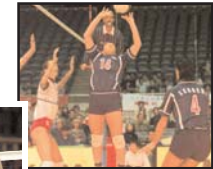
Blocking



Receiving



Spiking



Setting



Serving



Rules of the game

Volleyball is a complex game of simple skills. The ball is hit from up to 60cm above the height of a basketball hoop - that's about 3.65m - and takes 0.3sec to get from the spiker to the baseline receiver. That means the receiver must assess incoming angle, decide where to pass the ball and then control the pass in the blink of an eye. A purely rebound sport (you can't hold the ball), volleyball is a game of constant motion.

A team can touch the ball three times on its side of the net. The usual pattern is a dig (an underarm pass made with the forearms), a set (an overhead pass made with the hands) and a spike (the overhead attacking shot). The ball is served into play. Teams can also try to block the opponent's spike as it crosses the net. A block into your own court counts as one of your three touches in Beach Volleyball, but not in Volleyball.

Power and height have become vital components of international teams, but the ability of teams and coaches to devise new strategies, tactics and skills has been crucial for success more recently at international level.

Competition System

The competition system of the 2003 World Cups for Men & Women is a single Round-Robin system. Each team plays once against each of the 11 remaining teams. Points are accumulated during the whole tournament, and the final ranking is determined by the total points gained.

Distribution of Points: Winner = 2 points Loser = 1 point Forfeit = 0 point

Olympic Games Qualification

The top three teams in the 2003 World Cups for Men & Women will be qualified to participate in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

