

Important Information on the FIVB Ranking System Reopening

The FIVB Ranking System has been frozen since 16th March 2020 and will reopen following the World Tour 4-star Katara Beach Volleyball Cup double gender event in Doha, Qatar on 8-12 March 2021.

The World Tour 4-star Katara Beach Volleyball Cup will also be the first World Tour event counting towards the Olympic Ranking List in 2021.

Entry and Seeding Points Calculation

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the frozen of FIVB Ranking system, it was decided that once the FIVB Ranking system reopens, the calculation date window will be extended from 365 days to 365 + number of days that the ranking has been frozen, while the respective methodology for entry and seeding points will remain as per the Sports Regulations. The frozen period lasts 357 days and therefore, the date window is now 722 days.

Accordingly, starting from the World Tour 4-star Katara Beach Volleyball Cup as the FIVB Ranking System reopens, the athletes entry points are the FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points earned at the best four (4) out of last six (6) FIVB World Tour (1-5 star) & FIVB Senior World Championships events (whenever rankings points are awarded to the above-mentioned events) within the last 722-days at the given date prior to the start of an event.

For this 4-star event, the date for entry calculation is -21 days prior to the start of an event (i.e. 15 February 2021). And the date for seeding calculation is on the day of the first preliminary inquiry of an event.

Eligible events (respecting the principles of fair access and equal opportunities) with ranking points awarded during the frozen period are as follows:

- CEV Championships 2020
- CEV U18, U20 & U22 Championships 2020
- MEVZA Zonal Tour 2020 (Men's tournament only)
- Homologated nation tour events with results and ranking correctly registered in the VIS

*** Note:**

- The calculation is as per 14.4 of FIVB Sports Regulations and the above continental, zonal and national events will be calculated only if they are among the best 4 results within the date window.
- The above events plus World Tour 1-star events organized during the frozen period will count towards eligibility criteria as one of 12 finishes should the quota place obtained through Continental Cup Finals for Tokyo Olympic Games.
- The CEV Championships 2020 will count towards Olympic Ranking only if this result is the best team result among multiple participations to the Continental Championships during the Qualification period of 1st September 2018 to 13th June 2021.

Awarding of Ranking Points

The awarding the FIVB World Ranking points will be applied for this event as per the Sports Regulations ([LINK](#)) as well as Olympic Ranking points as per the Olympic Ranking and Olympic Guidelines ([LINK](#)).

This World Tour 4-star Katara Beach Volleyball Cup will award as Olympic Ranking points and counts as well as an event participation as per the Olympic Guidelines ([LINK](#)).

The FIVB will release Entry List to assist the teams on where they are ranked and if the team would be in the qualification or main draw. We suggest the teams to keep track to the online entry list to see if there are any significant changes that may affect the team seeding, placement in the event and consequently the arrival. The online entry list can be read here ([LINK](#))