

Circular to all Confederations dated 23rd July 2018

2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships (28th June – 7th July 2019, Hamburg, Germany) Qualification System

1. Athlete's Quota:

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

Qualification Pathway	Qualification System
Wild Card	3
Host NF	2 (minimum 2 quota places per gender is guaranteed regardless of the FIVB Entry points)
Continental Quota	20 (up to 4 teams per Confederation providing the players meeting Athletes' Eligibility requirement set out below in Point 3)
FIVB Entry Points	23
Total	48

Maximum quota per NF per gender:

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

2. Timelines:

Timeline	Milestone
By 31 August 2018	Confederations to submit qualification systems to the FIVB for approval. FIVB strongly recommends the use of the Continental Team ranking to determine the teams qualified through the Continental Qualification pathway to the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships. In principle, the Continental Team Ranking is sum of two (2) individual athletes' entry points earned at continental level events, if any. The Confederation may organize qualification tournament(s) or using existing continental tour or use other criteria to determine the teams qualified to the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships. Each Continental qualification system shall be submitted to FIVB for approval no later than 31 August 2018.

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By 17 September 2018	FIVB approve/refuse the proposal based on the compliance with the Continental Qualification Requirements (set out below in point 4). In case of refusal, the Confederation's quota places shall be granted to the next eligible teams registered in the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships as per their FIVB Entry Points updated on 6 May 2019.
By 29 April 2019	Confederations to submit to FIVB its confirmed team list (team entry by name) qualified to the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships according to the FIVB approved Continental Qualification System.
1 May 2019	Deadline for NFs to submit the Wild Card request to FIVB
3 May 2019	Entry deadline
6 May 2019	FIVB to publish the Team Entry List (tentative team roster with 48 teams/gender including teams qualified from Continental Qualification Pathway, Wild Cards and host country teams)
6 May 2019	Invitation Letter to be provided by the organizer for Visa Purpose
7 to 20 May 2019	Athlete Eligibility assessment as per the athlete eligibility requirements (set out below in point 3). Should a team fail to comply with the athlete eligibility requirements, the respective place shall be granted to the next eligible teams registered in the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships as per their FIVB Entry Points updated on 6 May 2019.
27 May 2019	FIVB to publish the Confirmed Team Entry list after the athlete eligibility assessment. FIVB to establish the seeding list of 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships.
After the publish of Confirmed Team Entry List and no later than 9 June 2018	Drawing of Lots to place the teams into the pools. The match schedule of pool phase will be announced a few days after the drawing of lots upon the confirmation from FIVB TV agency. Other date can be approved by FIVB upon the request from the organizer but shall be after the seeding list is established on 27 May 2019.

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

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3. Athletes' Eligibility:

All athletes participating in 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships must:

- a. Hold the citizenship of the country they represent, subject to the condition set out in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations;
- b. Register with their respective NF and register with the FIVB through their respective NF;
- c. Fulfil the entry conditions as per the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations;
- d. The athletes must appear as an individual in the FIVB Athlete Entry Ranking (http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/PlayersRanking_M.asp and http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/PlayersRanking_W.asp) within the first 500 places as of 6 May 2019;
- e. Or the athletes must have qualified their NFs to the Semi-Final phase/Second Phase or Final Phase (Continental Cup Final) of the respective Continental Cup in the year of the Olympic Games (2016; 2020, 2024, etc.);
- f. The athletes must submit to the FIVB their confirmed travel arrangements and a valid entry visa no later than 20 May 2019.

4. Continental Qualification - FIVB Requirements:

- a. Each Confederation with an FIVB approved Continental Qualification System has a maximum of four (4) qualification quota places (teams) per gender;
- b. Continental Qualification process shall also respect the country quota of maximum four (4) teams per gender per country.
- c. FIVB strongly recommends the Confederation to use the Continental Team Ranking to determine the teams qualified through the Continental Qualification pathway. The Continental Team Ranking is a sum of two (2) individual athletes' ranking points earned at continental level events, i.e. Continental Championships, Continental Tour Finals, Continental Masters, Continental Tour, Continental Age group Championships, Continental Challenger and Continental Zonal tournaments, Continental Cup, etc. All above events can count only if they are homologated by the FIVB (also the match results must be recorded in the VIS).
- d. Qualification system in other formats, such as Continental NF Ranking, Qualification tournament, etc. will only be accepted by FIVB upon its approval of Continental Qualification System submitted by 31 August 2018. However, the team entry by name shall be provided to FIVB no later than 29 April 2019 and registered in the VIS no later than 3 May 2019.
- e. The Confirmed Team Entry List issued on 27 May 2019 shall consider the qualified teams in priority (respecting the maximum country quota per gender, i.e. four (4) for foreign NF and six (6) for host NF):
 - The Host Country teams (2 places per gender)
 - FIVB Entry points (first 23 places per gender updated on 6 May 2018)

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- Teams qualified through Continental Qualification pathway (maximum 20 places per gender)
 - Wild Cards granted by the FIVB (3 quota places per gender)
- f. Should the team have enough Entry Points to qualify through both the FIVB Entry Ranking and the Continental Qualification pathway (for example Continental Team Ranking), its quota place shall be confirmed through the FIVB Entry Ranking qualification pathway, while the next eligible team from the Confederation concerned shall qualify through the Continental Qualification Pathway. This in accordance with the Continental team quota.
- *Please, see below some examples (*) of different scenarios for a better understanding.*
- g. All teams qualified shall comply with the athlete eligibility requirements, otherwise its quota place shall be granted to the next eligible team as per the FIVB Entry Ranking updated on 6 May 2019.
- h. In case of unused quota from a Confederation, the unused quota will be reallocated to the next eligible team in the FIVB Entry Ranking updated on 6 May 2018 respecting maximum country quota per gender, i.e. four (4) for foreign NF and six (6) for host NF).

() The roster of 48 teams per gender (with the exception of the 3 wild cards), will be filled out by picking up teams from FIVB Entry Ranking in priority, and then for the Continental Team Ranking secondary.*

5. Example

Example: We have identified 3 scenarios as follows:

1st scenario

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

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

2nd scenario

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

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

3rd scenario

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