2025 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

QUALIFICATION PROCESS – CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

1. It is recommended for the Continental Confederations to sanction Continental Age Group events (Under 18 Continental Championships or Under 18 Continental Tour, etc.) to select the teams participating in a FIVB Age Group World Championship.
2. The Continental Confederations will be required to select the best ranked teams from their continent, based on the ranking of the above-mentioned Continental Age Group events.
3. In case a Continental Confederation does not have sufficient time to organize the above-mentioned Continental events in 2025, it can use the ranking of the events organized in the 2024 season. Should a Continental Confederation not have a ranking of the 2024 season, it can use the ranking of the events of other similar age categories (for example U19/U17/U16) in 2025 season (and if not possible in 2024 season). Should the efforts be exhausted and not possible, it may follow the FIVB criteria selection (points A to D – see below).
   The FIVB is entitled to request at any time from the Continental Confederations the exact criteria applied to select their respective teams under their quota and to request the results of their events leading towards the selection of the teams.

Therefore, teams will be selected to play in the events in priority as per the following:

1. **Based on (any eventual) Under 18 Continental Championships (or Under 18 Continental Tour) event ranking issued before the FIVB Beach Volleyball Under 18 World Championships.**
   (If point 1 above cannot be applicable)

2. **In case the Continental Confederation does not use the entire quota of 5 teams per gender in the Main Draw and 4 teams in the Qualification the FIVB may fill the roster of the event through qualification and reserve teams (in priority from the top to the bottom) or host countries reserve teams as per the following:**

   A. National Federations hosting 2025 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships, then Beach Pro Tour tournaments in 2025 season, then Beach Pro Tour tournaments in 2024, and in priority.

      - The 2025 season and in priority 2025 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships, then Elite, then Challenge, and then Futures organized in the same season;
      - The 2024 seasons, Beach Pro Tour Finals, then Elite, then Challenge, and then Futures organized in the same season.
      - In case of a tie between two or several teams, number of events organized in the respective seasons would break the tie.

   B. National Federations hosting other FIVB homologated events (in priority Continental Cup Finals, Continental Championship, Continental Cup 1st & 2nd phases, Continental Tour, Zonal Tour, Exhibition, etc.);
   C. National Federations with the best players featured in the FIVB World Ranking as of -46 days before the start of the tournament.
   D. National Federations promoting continental events at grass roots activities (in priority National Tour, other grass roots activities).

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ATHLETES' ELIGIBILITY

AGE LIMIT FOR UNDER 18 Must be born on 1st January 2008, and thereafter.

The athletes are required to:

- Complete the on-line Anti-Doping Educational program (https://e-learning.fivb.com/access/login), in which athlete can login using their VIS credential.
- Have a valid passport;
- Complete the BVB-01 Athletes' Commitment;
- Complete the BVB-10 Athletes' Health Certificate;
- Complete the manipulation prevention course: (https://www.fivb.com/en/development/manipulationcourse).

➔ the above documents should be uploaded by the respective National Federation in the VIS no later than -46 days before the start of the tournament.

QUALIFICATION PROCESS **– NATIONAL FEDERATIONS**

Note: The NFs must be informed by their respective Continental Confederations about the Qualification Process (as per below).

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-60 days	• **Continental Confederations** to send the dedicated forms listing the Main Draw, Qualification and Reserve teams with each player's FIVB number. In case of delay, the FIVB may reallocate the vacancy(ies) concerned to teams from other Confederation. • **Invitation Letter (Visa purpose):** Participating NFs can already request from the Hosting NF an invitation letter for visa purposes. FIVB strongly recommends to do this as early as possible. • **Wild Cards:** Deadline for NFs to submit the wild card aplication forms to FIVB. • *If the names of the players are not confirmed yet, the Confederations can list the country instead and confirm the players' names at a later stage.*
from -59 to -46 days	• FIVB to enter respective names of the players in the VIS. However, it is still the NFs' responsibility to create the players' profile and FIVB number in the VIS. • Teams without FIVB players' number will be removed. • NF to upload all necessary documents for Athelete's eligibility in the VIS.
-45 days	• FIVB issues **the tentative team entry list** (team roster with all teams in the Main Draw, Qualification tournament and reserve list, with teams' names). Should a team fail to comply, the respective place will be granted to the next eligible team as of -46 days before the start of the tournament. • If -45 days will be weekend or holiday, the team entry list will be issued the first next working day.
-31 days	• Teams featured in the tentative team entry list must provide to the organizer their **confirmed travel arrangements and a valid entry visa** (or visa application in progress) at least 31 days before the event. • The organizer will inform the FIVB of the participating teams that have not sent their confirmed travel arrangements. The FIVB will then inform those NFs and give them 24 hours to send the confirmations. Should a team fail to comply, the respective place will be granted to the next eligible team as of -46 days before the start of the tournament. • If -31 days will be weekend or holiday, the confirmed entry list will be issued the first next working day.
-30 days	Hosting NF to send out the **confirmed entry list** & **events regulations** to all participating NF's / Confederations and Officials.

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COMPETITION FORMAT

The competition format is based on a Qualification tournament and a Main Draw.

Qualification tournament

One (1) day played in single elimination with a maximum of 24 teams to qualify 4 teams and to fill any vacancy(ies) in the Main Draw due to withdrawals of Main Draw teams.

The participating teams of the qualification tournament must bear all costs related to their international travel, board and lodging.

Main Draw

Thirty-two (32) teams – Main Draw playing in 8 pools of 4 teams in each pool (standard Round Robin system). The best 3 ranked teams in each pool (a total of 24 teams) will advance to the next phase of Single Elimination

Twenty-four (24) teams will proceed to the single elimination phase which will be played until the bronze and gold medal matches.

CONTINENTAL QUOTA

- In the main draw 5 teams per gender per Continental Confederation, in the qualification 4 teams per gender per Continental Confederation and as reserve 4 teams per gender per Continental Confederations.
- 2 teams per gender for the host country will not count towards the continental quota.

Note:

*FIVB will follow its selection criteria (Points A-D above on page 1) to pick up reserve teams to fill the roster of **Qualification tournament**, and follows the below priority sequence:*

- *NFs not yet qualified in the Main Draw or Qualification Tournament.*

COUNTRY QUOTA

- 1 team per gender's event per country is accepted (except host country); However, a 2nd team from the same country may be selected if needed to fill the roster (maximum 2 teams per country per gender can be eventually accepted with FIVB approval)
- 2 host country teams per gender's event. 2 additional host country teams may be entered in the reserve to fill in the qualification tournament if necessary.

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- Wild card is granted outside of the Country Quota (host and foreign) set for FIVB Age Group World Championships and must be submitted to FIVB through application form no later than -60 days before the start of the tournament.

SEEDING

The seeding regulations will be featured in the Age Group Handbook and in the event's regulations for FIVB Beach Volleyball Age Group World Championships.

RULES OF THE GAME

FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules (effective at the times of competition) will be applied for the Age Group World Championships.

COACHING

Coaches will be allowed in all Age Group events to sit behind the player's area and interact with the players during official warm-up, time-out, technical time-out and between sets.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- A head of delegation must be appointed to travel with athletes who have not yet reached legal age.
- The organizer will bear the costs of board & lodging for all the **athletes in the Main Draw**.
- The participating teams of the qualification tournament (or entered to fill the roster or as reserve teams) should bear all the costs related to board & lodging.
- Each NF is responsible for the international travel of their teams and head of delegation.
- The participating teams are requested to start **well in advance the visa procedures** (if any) and travel arrangements to avoid any inconvenience and to inform the FIVB in case of difficulties. You can request as early as possible in 2025 such request to the promoter. The contacts are the following:

  TBD

  Coaches will receive an accreditation only if the dedicated form is sent by the participating NFs in due time to the organizers concerned.

Note: The FIVB and the organizers reserve the rights to amend the information featured in this document when issuing the Handbook and the Event's Regulations and confirmed teams' list (-30 days prior the event).

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EVENT

U-18 World Championships 2025 – **TBD, September 2025**

Deadlines

- -60 days → **TBD as per event date**
- -45 days → **TBD as per event date**
- -31 days → **TBD as per event date**
- -30 days → **TBD as per event date**

Note: *If a date falls on a weekend or a holiday, then the next working day becomes the deadline.*

USEFUL LINKS

Player Participation Agreement and Annual Health Certificate Forms: Official Competition Forms (fivb.com)

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