



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD – RIO 2016

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE VOLLEYBALL

Beach Volleyball

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Event (1)	Women's Event (1)
24-team tournament	24-team tournament

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Beach Volleyball:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	46 (23 teams)	2 (1 team)	-	48 (24 teams)
Women	46 (23 teams)	2 (1 team)	-	48 (24 teams)
Total	92 (46 teams)	4 (2 teams)	-	96 (48 teams)

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	4 (2 teams)
Women	4 (2 teams)
Total	8 (4 teams)

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

If an NOC/NF has earned a quota place(s) through the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016 or through the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, the NOC/NF must choose its athletes from its six (6) best eligible pairs in the World Ranking List of 13 June 2016.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

Age Requirements:

The minimum age for a Beach Volleyball athlete is 14 years old, on the first day of the competition at the Olympic Games. All athletes participating in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games must therefore be born on/or before 7 August 2002.



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Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes must comply with the rules of the FIVB as described below:

1. To qualify through the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016 or through the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, all athletes must have participated in a minimum of 12 official FIVB Olympic Qualification tournaments as an individual (FIVB World Tour/World Championships/recognised Continental Tour Finals) scheduled from 1 January 2015 until 12 June 2016. If an NOC/NF has earned quota place(s) through the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016 or through the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, the NOC/NF must choose its athletes from its six (6) best eligible pairs in the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016.
2. To qualify through the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (Continental Final) or through the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification), all athletes must have participated as an individual in a minimum of 12 events among Continental Cups (Continental Final and World Olympic Qualification), National and/or Continental and/or FIVB events scheduled from 1st May 2014 until 10 July 2016.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

All FIVB-registered teams composed of two (2) athletes in each gender will be able to accumulate FIVB World Ranking points or win qualification tournaments held worldwide from 1st May 2014 to 10 July 2016.

The Olympic Ranking is established based on the FIVB World Ranking points earned at the 12 best performances as a team in the World Championships, World Tour events and recognised Continental Tour Finals (best of the two results) from 1 January 2015 until 12 June 2016.

An athlete can earn a maximum of one (1) quota place for his/her NOC/NF to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN / WOMEN

Number of Quota Places Per Gender	Qualification Event
1	2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships of June 2015 (26 June – 5 July 2015). The 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Champion team will earn one (1) quota place for its NOC/NF to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.
15	Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016 The 15 highest ranked teams on the Olympic Ranking as of 13 June 2016 will each earn one (1) quota place for their NOC/NF to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, respecting the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.



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	<p>In the event of a tie in the established Olympic Ranking between two or more teams the following criteria will apply in the following order, to determine the team(s) earning a quota place for their NOC/NF:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The total qualification points accumulated as a team through the Olympic Qualification tournaments from 1 January 2015 to 12 June 2016;2. The total number of Olympic Qualification tournaments the team has participated in from 1 January 2015 to 12 June 2016;3. The best finishes as a team in the Olympic qualification tournaments from 1 January 2015 to 12 June 2016.
5	<p>Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (Continental Final) on 20-26 June 2016</p> <p>Beach Volleyball Continental Cup will take place between 1st May 2014 and 26 June 2016, with a direct elimination competition format where the winning teams move on to the next phase. The competition will consist of three phases: 1st phase, 2nd phase and Final phase. The five (5) winning NOCs/NFs (one per Continental Confederation territory) will each earn one (1) quota place.</p> <p>Each NOC/NF is represented by two (2) teams per gender at the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup.</p> <p>NOCs/NFs which have already obtained two (2) quota places as per the FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships and the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016 will not compete at the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (Continental Final).</p> <p>An athlete having already earned one (1) quota place for its NOC/NF through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships or tentative Olympic Ranking List established on 30 April 2016 will not compete at the Continental Cup (Continental Semi Final and Final).</p>
2	<p>2016 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification) on 4-10 July 2016</p> <p>The 2nd and 3rd NOC/NF from each of the Continental Cup (Continental Final), which have not yet obtained two (2) quota places through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, the Olympic Ranking and/or Continental Cup (Continental Final) will qualify for the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification) event. The teams ranked 1st and 2nd will each earn one (1) quota place for their NOC/NF.</p>

National Olympic Trials:

NOCs/NFs having obtained quota places for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games may organise National Olympic Trials to determine their representing team(s). Athletes selected through the National Olympic Trials must comply with the eligibility requirements as specified in paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed:

- One (1) quota place per gender;
- The right to participate in all qualification events to earn a second quota place.

The Host NOC/NF has to confirm the use of the allocated quota places (in compliance with eligibility requirements) to FIVB by 12 June 2016.



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E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, FIVB will publish the results on its website www.fivb.org and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks and exceptionally four (4) days after the last qualifying event (4-10 July 2016) to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the team qualified through the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team on the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places.
- If the team qualified through the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team on the Olympic Ranking List, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places.
- If the team qualified through the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (Continental Final), the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team of the respective Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (Continental Final), whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places.
- If the team qualified through the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification), the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team of the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification), whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Should the Host Country decide not to participate or if it qualifies two (2) quota places through the qualification places, its unused quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team of the same gender on the Olympic Ranking List of 13 June 2016, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places..



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
1 May 2014 – 26 June 2016	Beach Volleyball Continental Cup
1 January 2015 – 12 June 2016	Olympic Ranking
26 June – 5 July 2015	2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships (The Netherlands)
6 July 2015	FIVB to confirm NOC/NF having earned quota place through the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships
20 July 2015	NOC/NF to confirm use of the quota place earned through the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships
30 April 2016	Tentative Olympic Ranking to establish non-eligible athletes to take part in the Continental Cup (Continental Semi Final and Final)
12 June 2016	The Host NOC has to confirm the use of the allocated quota places (in compliance with eligibility requirements) to FIVB.
13 June 2016	FIVB to publish the Olympic Ranking and to inform NOCs/NFs of the quota places earned through Olympic Ranking
27 June 2016	NOCs to confirm use of the quota places earned through Olympic Ranking to FIVB
27 June 2016	FIVB to inform NOCs/NFs of the quota places earned through Continental Cup (Continental Finals)
4-10 July 2016	FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification)
11 July 2016	NOCs to confirm use of the quota places earned through the Continental Cup (Continental Finals) to FIVB
11 July 2016	FIVB to inform NOCs/NFs of the quota places earned through the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification)
15 July 2016	NOCs to confirm use of the quota places earned through FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup (Olympic Qualification) to FIVB
By 17 July 2016	FIVB to reallocate all unused quota places
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline