

International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) Volleyball

EVENTS

12-team tournament for men

12-team tournament for women

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota: 144 men (12 teams of 12 athletes per team)
144 women (12 teams of 12 athletes per team)
Total of 288 athletes

Maximum per NOC: 1 men's team (with a maximum of 12 athletes) and 1 women's team (with a maximum of 12 athletes)

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 National Federations must consult with their own NOC to determine whether the National Policy related to the Technical level required to participate in the Olympic Games permits its National Volleyball team(s) to seek an Olympic vacancy through the qualification process as established by the IOC and the FIVB.
- 1.2 National Federations are required to obtain NOC approval for their participation in the Olympic qualification process.
- 1.3 Within fifteen (15) days following the respective 2007 Continental Championships, the National Federation and NOC of teams qualified to the 2007 World Cup must send to the FIVB the official FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry form in order to take part in the 2007 World Cup tournament where three (3) Olympic vacancies will be awarded for each gender.
- 1.4 Should a team qualified to enter the 2007 World Cup fail to send to FIVB the Official FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry form within fifteen (15) days following the respective 2007 Continental Championship or choose not to take part in the Olympic Games the next highest ranking team from the same tournament will replace that team.
- 1.5 Within fifteen (15) days following the respective Continental Olympic Qualification tournament, teams earning an Olympic vacancy must send to the FIVB the official FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry form. Should a team fail to send this form to FIVB the next highest ranking team in the same tournament will replace that team.
- 1.6 Within fifteen (15) days following the respective Continental Olympic Qualification tournament or sixty (60) days prior to the start of the World Olympic Qualification tournament, teams not yet qualified must send to the FIVB the Official FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry form in order to take part in the respective World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- 1.7 Should a team earn a vacant qualification place for the Olympic Games and the respective NOC decides not to register the team, the next highest ranking team, not already qualified, from the respective tournament in which the team earned the vacancy will replace that team.
- 1.8 For Volleyball there are twelve (12) vacancies for women's teams and twelve (12) vacancies for men's teams.

- 1.9 The teams will be considered for participation in the various qualification tournaments as per the formula below.

2. VOLLEYBALL – MEN AND WOMEN

There are a total of twelve (12) vacancies for the men's Olympic volleyball tournament and twelve (12) vacancies for the women's Olympic volleyball tournament.

2.1 The host nation 1 vacancy

China is directly granted one (1) vacancy in the men's Olympic volleyball tournament and one (1) vacancy in the women's Olympic volleyball tournament.

2.2 2007 Continental Championships/2007 World Cups 3 vacancies

The top three (3) teams from the 2007 World Cups (Men & Women) will qualify to the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. Only teams which participate in the 2007 Continental Championships will be able to qualify for the 2007 World Cups.

a) 2007 CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Period: 1 – 30 September 2007

Participants: no less than four (4) teams of the same continent in accordance with the continental regulations.

b) 2007 WORLD CUPS (MEN & WOMEN)

Period: Women: 1 – 15 November 2007

Men: 16 – 30 November 2007

Location: Japan

Participants: the host country, five (5) continental champions, the next six (6) top teams in accordance with the World Cup regulations for a total of twelve (12) teams.

The teams finishing in first, second and third place in each of the World Cups will qualify for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

2.3 Continental Olympic Qualification tournaments 5 vacancies

Period: 1 December 2007 – 15 January 2008. After the World Cups, each of the five (5) confederations will organise one (1) continental Olympic Qualification tournament, as soon as possible but not later than 15 January 2008 (with or without pre-qualification groups).

Participants: no less than four (4) teams from the same continent are required for each tournament. Only nations not previously qualified for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games may enter the Continental Olympic Qualification tournaments.

The winner of each tournament will qualify for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games when the tournament is held with the participation of no less than 4 teams.

Continental Tournaments held with only three or less teams for the Olympic Qualification will not be recognised for the Olympic Qualification, but the teams involved will have the right to enter any one of the World Olympic Qualification tournaments mentioned under point 2.4.

2.4 World Olympic Qualification tournaments

3 vacancies

The FIVB will organise up to three (3) World Olympic Qualification tournaments in which three (3) vacancies will be decided, plus any continental vacancies (non-disputed continental vacancies) which remain undecided as a result of one (1) or more continents not hosting a Continental Olympic Qualification tournament according to the requirements as stated in section 2.3 above.

Women – 1 tournament

Period: To be played during the week ending 12 May 2008

Location: Japan

Vacancies decided: three (3) vacancies plus any non-disputed continental vacancies in accordance with FIVB Women's World Olympic Qualification Tournament regulations.

Men – 3 tournaments

Period: To be played in the period 12 May to 8 June 2008

Locations: Japan, Country 2 and Country 3

Vacancies decided: three (3) vacancies plus any non-disputed continental vacancies with the winner of each tournament qualifying for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in accordance with FIVB Men's World Olympic Qualification Tournament regulations.

Participants: in case of a single tournament, there should be no less than eight (8) teams not yet qualified in the World Cup or Continental Olympic Qualification tournaments.

If there is more than one tournament each one shall require a minimum of four (4) participating teams not yet qualified in World Cups or Continental Olympic Qualification tournaments and which must have participated in their respective 2007 Continental Championships.

Only those teams not already qualified for the Olympic Games may participate.

HOST NATION QUALIFICATION

The host nation, China is directly granted one (1) vacancy in the men's Olympic Volleyball tournament and one (1) vacancy in the women's Olympic Volleyball tournament.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

1 - 30 September, 2007	Period for Continental Championships
1 – 15 November 2007	Women's World Cup (JPN)
16 – 30 November 2007	Men's World Cup (JPN)
1 December 2007 – 15 January 2008	Continental Olympic Qualification Tournaments
Week ending 12 May 2008	Women's World Olympic Qualifying Tournament (JPN)
12 May – 8 June 2008	Men's World Olympic Qualifying Tournaments – JPN, Country 2 and Country 3
23 July 2008	Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

Within fifteen (15) days following each qualification tournament the FIVB will notify the respective NF and NOC of each qualified team.

Following confirmation of being awarded one of the qualification places for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games from the FIVB, the respective NF and NOC must confirm their participation in the 2008 Olympic competition within fifteen (15) days in writing to the FIVB. If joint confirmation is not received from the NF and NOC, the FIVB will replace the team with the next highest ranking team in the same competition not already qualified to the Olympic Games.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

If the NOC of a team which has qualified chooses not to participate in the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, the team will be replaced by the next highest ranking team in the respective tournament where the team earned the vacancy, not already qualified to the Olympic Games.

International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) Beach volleyball

EVENTS

24-team tournament for men

24-team tournament for women

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota: 48 men (24 teams of 2 athletes per team)
48 women (24 teams of 2 athletes per team)
Total of 96 athletes

Maximum per NOC: 2 men's teams (of 2 athletes per team) and 2 women's teams (of 2 athletes per team)

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 Before the start of the Olympic qualification process National Federations must consult with their own NOC to determine whether the National Policy related to the Technical level required to participate in the Olympic Games permits its Beach Volleyball team(s) to seek an Olympic vacancy through the qualification process as established by the IOC and the FIVB.
- 1.2 National Federations are required to obtain NOC approval for their participation in the Olympic qualification process.
- 1.3 For Beach Volleyball, there are twenty-four (24) vacancies for men's teams and twenty-four (24) vacancies for women's teams.
- 1.4 If a team(s) qualify through this Olympic qualification formula its NOC and NF is required to confirm its participation to the Beach Volleyball Tournaments sending by 23 July 2008 the official FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry form via fax and via e-mail to the FIVB and to the IOC. It is mandatory for the NOC to send this form to the IOC and FIVB. 23 July 2008 is also the deadline for the Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs.
- 1.5 Should a NOC and a NF of a team qualified to enter the Beach Volleyball Tournaments fail to send, by 23 July 2008, the Official FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry form to the FIVB and IOC or choose not to take part in the Olympic Games, the next highest ranking team in the Olympic Ranking taking into consideration the country quota will replace that team.
- 1.6 The Olympic Ranking, which will be finalised on 27 July 2008, will be composed only of the teams for which NOC and NF have sent in due time the FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry form to the FIVB and which have at least 8 participations in the Olympic Qualification tournaments.
- 1.7 The teams will be considered for participation in the various qualification tournaments as per the formula below:

2. BEACH VOLLEYBALL – MEN AND WOMEN

- 2.1 All teams composed of two (2) athletes registered in each division will be able to accumulate points during the nominated Olympic Qualification Tournaments held world-wide from 1 January 2007 to 20 July 2008.
- 2.2 During these two seasons, the teams will be free to choose the Olympic Qualification Tournaments in which they wish to participate.
- 2.3 From the total number of Olympic Qualification Tournaments in which they actually participate, only the points accumulated in their eight (8) best performances as a team will be taken into account to determine their position in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Ranking.
- 2.4 No later than 21 July 2008, the FIVB will determine the Beach Volleyball World and Olympic Ranking including 24 teams per gender having participated in at least eight (8) FIVB official Olympic Qualification Tournaments held between 1 January 2007 and 20 July 2008. Within the above 24 teams per gender the FIVB will also allocate eventual places to unqualified continents based on the highest ranked eligible team(s) in the World Ranking and to the host country.
- 2.5 Continental Championships Final tournament recognised by the FIVB as Olympic Qualification Tournament may also be considered as one (1) of the eight (8) best performances of a team if such Continental Championships Final tournaments are scheduled by 20 July 2008. Only one (1) result (the best) from two (2) eventual Continental Championship Finals results may be considered.
- 2.6 No later than 21 July 2008 the FIVB will then issue the Olympic Ranking featuring the 24 eligible teams per gender.
- 2.7 In the event of a tie of points at the end of the Olympic qualification process between two or more teams, the following criteria will apply to break the tie in order to determine the eligible team(s) which can qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games:
- 2.7.1 The total qualification points accumulated as a team through the Olympic qualification tournaments from January 2007 until 20 July 2008; if a tie still exists
- 2.7.2 The total number of Olympic qualification tournaments in which a team has participated in the period from January 2007 until 20 July 2008; if a tie exists
- 2.7.3 The best finishes as a team in the Olympic qualification tournaments in the period from January 2007 until 20 July 2008.
- 2.8 Not later than 23 July 2008 the FIVB shall receive the official FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry form from those NOCs/NFs having qualified one or more teams. On the same date, Beijing 2008 Olympic Organising Committee will receive the entry forms submitted by NOCs concerned.
- 2.9 No later than 27 July 2008 the FIVB will establish the definitive Olympic roster for Beijing 2008 replacing any eventual team that could not secure the necessary confirmation of its respective NOC and NF by the 23 July 2008.
- 2.10 The twenty-four (24) teams of each division that will have the right to participate in the Beach Volleyball Tournaments in Beijing 2008 will be the following:
- 2.10.1 Olympic Qualification Ranking (23 vacancies)
- The first twenty three (23) teams following the order of the Olympic Qualification Ranking established by the FIVB. The highest ranked teams (maximum two (2) per country) will be automatically selected.

2.10.2 Universality principle (as many vacancies as needed)

In order to respect the universality principle of the Olympic Games, in the event that a continent does not have any teams qualified, as per 2.10.1 above, the 23rd place (and, if applicable, the 22nd place, etc.) of the Olympic Qualification ranking will be granted to the highest ranked eligible team (participation, as a team, in at least eight (8) FIVB official Olympic Qualification Tournaments held between 1 January 2007 and 20 July 2008) from that continent in the World Ranking as per 20 July 2008. As one (1) vacancy per gender will be granted to China as host country, the Asian continent will be considered already represented while other continents can still qualify one team through the provisions of this article.

2.10.3 Host nation (up to two (2) vacancies)

As any nation, the host nation can qualify up to two (2) teams through the regular system, i.e. by having teams ranked in the first twenty-three (23) teams of the Olympic Qualification Ranking.

In the case where the host nation does not qualify any team, one (1) vacancy will be granted to the highest ranked eligible team (participation, as a team, in at least eight (8) FIVB official Olympic Qualification Tournaments held between 1 January 2007 and 20 July 2008) from the host nation in the World Ranking as per 20 July 2008.

2.11 On 21 July 2008, FIVB shall send to the NOCs and NFs concerned the list of 24 qualified teams (men-women) as per art. 2.10.1, 2.10.2 and 2.10.3 and the list of the athletes having taken part in at least eight (8) Official Olympic Qualification Tournaments recognised by the FIVB. The latter will be considered as eventual substitutes. The NOCs must then proceed to confirm to BOCOG the Olympic entry by name of their qualified athletes and one substitute per athlete for any eventual replacement in case of force majeure.

2.12 To resolve eventual cases of "force majeure" previously assessed by the FIVB:

2.12.1 An NOC, upon submission of a proposal by the corresponding NF, may, by 23 July 2008, register two (2) additional athletes per qualified team, chosen from among the players who have taken part in at least eight (8) FIVB Official Olympic Qualification Tournaments.

2.12.2 These athletes might, if necessary be authorised to replace an incapacitated member of a duly qualified team and this up to the time of the Preliminary Inquiry to be held before the competition.

2.12.3 In the event that an Olympic-qualified team (both athletes) is withdrawn due to injury or "force majeure", then the qualification place will be allocated to the next highest-ranked eligible team (participation, as a team, in at least eight (8) FIVB official Olympic Qualification Tournaments held between 1 January 2007 and 20 July 2008) in the World Ranking as per 20 July 2008, respecting the two (2) team per NOC limit.

In the event that a team (both athletes) qualified through the universality principle (as described in article 2.10.2) is withdrawn due to injury or "force majeure", the qualification place will be allocated to next highest ranked eligible team (participation, as a team, in at least eight (8) FIVB official Olympic Qualification Tournaments held between 1 January 2007 and 20 July 2008) from the same continent in the World Ranking as per 20 July 2008.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

1 January 2007 – 20 July 2008 Qualification period for the Olympic qualification tournaments (i.e. World Championships, World Tour and FIVB Recognised Continental Championships Final events)

By 21 July 2008 FIVB to issue the Olympic ranking including the 24 qualified teams per gender meeting the minimum requirements of 8 participations

(maximum 2 teams per country). The above 24 teams must feature any eventual places allocated to unqualified continents and the best host country team(s)

23 July 2008

Deadline for the NOCs/NFs to send to the FIVB the mandatory official FIVB Olympic Qualification Entry form. Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

By 27 July 2008

FIVB to establish the definitive Olympic roster and Olympic schedule based on the entry forms submitted by each NOC/NF to the FIVB and by NOCs to BOCOG.

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

The FIVB will establish the order of the Olympic Ranking by 21 July 2008 and on the same day, the FIVB will communicate in writing to the parties concerned the confirmation of 24 vacancy(s) per gender to the National Federation and National Olympic Committee of each of the qualified teams.

If joint confirmation for any team is not received from the NF and NOC by 23 July 2008, the FIVB will replace the team with the next highest ranking team not already qualified to the Olympic Games in accordance with the FIVB regulations.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

Unused quota places will be allocated in accordance with the process listed in the qualification system above in the first instance, and thereafter in accordance with FIVB regulations.