



Volleyball Championships Official Rules

Number of players for team: maximum 14 players

System: qualification round pools, then knockout matches.

Male: 31 teams, divided into 7 pools of 4 teams and 1 pool of 3 teams. Matches start with round pool and then they will be play as knock-out matches. Knock-out matches start with 1/8 final: the 1st place finisher of each pool and the 2nd place finisher of each pool are qualified to 1/8 final.

Female: 29 teams, divided into 6 pools of 4 teams and 1 pool of 5 teams. Matches start with round pool and then they will be play as knock-out matches. Knock-out matches start with 1/8 final: the 1st place finisher of each pool, the 2nd place finisher of each pool, the best 3rd and the second best 3rd are qualified to 1/8 final. For pool Z made up of 5 teams, the final standings of the pool will be determined by considering the results of all the matches. The third-placed team in pool Z will be included in a separate ranking to determine the two best third-placed teams across the groups, not taking into account the result obtained against the fifth-placed team in pool Z.

Duration of matches:

2 out of 3 sets to 21 points with killer point at 20-20

In case on 3^o set, it will be at 15 points with killer point at 14-14

Warm up: 5 minutes

Teams have to report to the court on time. A team that is 5 minutes late will automatically lose the match by forfeit.

The volleyball regulations applied to the "World InterUniversities Championships" volleyball Championships are the official regulations of FIVB with these exceptions:

Reg. 6.2

- The first team that reaches 21 points (15 points in third set), by a margin of 1, wins the set.

Reg. 6.3

- The first team that wins 2 sets wins the match.

- A 3rd and deciding set will be eventually played of 15 points with killer point.

Reg. 15.1

- Each team has a maximum of 1 time-out of 30 seconds per **match** and 6 substitutions in each set.

Reg. 15.4

- There are no technical time-outs.

Reg. 18.1

- The interval between sets is 2 minutes within which teams must switch sides (except during the break between the 2nd and the 3rd sets) and proceed to the registration of the information on the score sheet.

. "Deciding **point**"

- in case of 20-20 (or 14-14 if third set), the team that scores the 21th point (or 15th point), will win the set and eventually the match (if 3rd set is not played).

The protocol race will be so changed:

- When the teams arrive to the sports Stadium, the introduction of players of each team will be done only one time, unless the organizing committee decides otherwise.

- Teams must be on court 10 minutes prior to the start time displayed on the board.

- Teams can start warming-up near the volleyball court 10 minutes before the starting time.

- In case of delay, for whatever reason, teams will not have time to warm-up outside of the official time.

- A team that arrives late will lose its privilege to warm-up in the warm-up area, unless the O.C. decides otherwise. **The starting time of the match will not be extended.** Such team will only have the remaining minutes of the official warming-up time.

- The team arriving with a delay of 5 minutes from the starting time of the match will not have the right to warm-up but will have to immediately start the match.

- If a team does not show up within 5 minutes from the starting time, it will automatically forfeit the match by the score of (2-0; 21-0 21-0)

- If both teams do not show up within 5 minutes from the starting time they will both automatically forfeit the match by the same score. In this case, the organizing committee reserves the right to find replacement teams between the best losing teams. Meaning: In case 2 teams, who face each other in the quarter-finals, both do not show up, they will both be automatically disqualified and will be replaced by the best losing teams.

- Breaks between matches are not expected. As soon as a match ends, players must **immediately** leave the volleyball court to allow the next teams to get ready to play the next match.

Also: The organizing committee reserves the right to change the format of the tournament if it is in the best interest of competitors and based on organizational needs. The team will obviously be warned of the changes in time.

Every coach and player must take note of the rules of the game with the exceptions above. With this document we would like to acknowledge that you know and are aware of the rules of the game and accept them for this Championship.