



GAMES OF THE XXVIII OLYMPIAD ATHENS - 2004

OLYMPIC BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS SPECIFIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS

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1. TIME, PLACE, AND WEATHER CONDITIONS IN ATHENS

1.1 Time and Place

The Beach Volleyball competition of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad will be held from 14th August to 24th August (Days 1-11) for the women's competitions and from 14th August to 25th August (Days 1-12) for the men's competitions. The Beach Volleyball venue is located at the Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre (Municipality of Kallithea), within the Faliro Coastal Zone Olympic Complex. The distance between the Olympic Village and the Olympic Venue is of 25 km (approximately 35 minutes by using the special motorway). The traveling route between the Olympic Village and the Olympic Venue is as follows: Kimis Avenue Extension – National Road Athens / Thessaloniki – Kifissos Avenue – Possidonos Avenue.

1.2 Arrival and Departure

Teams' delegation, officials, and referees will arrive and depart at Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos".

1.3 Weather Conditions in Athens

Weather in August: mean daily max/min temperature: 33.2° C / 20.7° C

Ephemerid in August: Sun rise: 6:39 am / Sun set: 8:20 pm.

Athens is mainly located on the Attica plain. High surface temperatures are often observed in the Athens urban basin during the summer time. Generally, in Attica, the distribution of temperature presents a large spatial variability, due to the existence of urban areas and the proximity of water bodies. Gentle sea breezes contribute to more comfortable temperatures near the coasts, while within the urban centre surface temperature is much higher. However, the discomfort index has a low value because of the low humidity.

The Ultra Violet (UV) index is at its most intense from 11:00am to 17:00pm (local time). The levels of UV index in the Athens area are similar to those occurring generally in Southern Europe or Central USA during the summer and in Sydney during September to October.

During the summer the Aegean Sea is influenced by strong Northern winds, called the "Meltemia". Although these local winds affect mainly the Aegean Sea and the islands, they also affect the Athens area. At the east part of Attica sea breeze blows





from SE to NE directions, while at the West part the wind conditions are more complicated, as sea breeze generally blows from S-SW directions.

Summer showers or thunderstorms can occur due to excessive ground heating, often in combination with upper level disturbances and poll of cold air.

There are on average two (2) days of showers or thunderstorms during August and four (4) days during September.

2. TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

The competition site, located in the Municipality of Kallithea within the Faliro Coastal Zone Olympic Complex, will be available for use by athletes from July 30th, 2004.

2.1 Main Stadium

The Beach Volleyball competitions will be organized in one main stadium (total capacity of 10,000 seats, including the VIP tribune) designed and constructed in order to fulfill all the technical standards and requirements of FIVB for staging Olympic. The legacy of the Olympic Games will be preserved through a permanent venue of 4,300 seats

2.2 Field of Play on Main Court

The field of play will consist of an area of 43m long to 30m wide. The competition area has dimensions of 16m long by 8m wide, plus a free zone of 5m in each side. Artificial lighting of1,500 lux minimum, measured at 1m from the ground will be available for night matches. Artificial light may also be operating during day time in order to reduce the impact of the shadow.

2.3 Warm-up Area

There will be a total of two (2) courts adjacent to the Main Court, for athlete warm-up before each match. Warm-up courts will be equipped with the same conditions as the one on the Main Court (including lighting of 1,500 lux minimum, measured at 1m from the ground). These courts are oriented as per the Main Court.





2.4 Training Courts

A total of six (6) courts adjacent to the Main Court will be available for athlete training. All the training courts will also be equipped with artificial lighting. All training courts are oriented as per the Main Court.

2.5 Athlete's lounge

A lounge will be available for athletes and Team Officials at the Olympic Beach Volleyball Center. It will be open during all training and competition sessions. Competing athletes will be provided with refreshment including bottled water, as well as an exclusive catering service. A Sport Information Desk will operate in the Athlete's Lounge and will provide all competition information.

2.6 Change Rooms

Change rooms for male and female athletes will be provided with facilities including showers, toilets, and changing areas.

2.7 Athlete's Relaxation Rooms

Two separate areas with beds will be available for athletes

2.8 Massage area

An area with massage tables will be available for participating athletes. The NOCs accredited Medical personnel may perform massage services to athletes at the Relaxation areas.

2.9 Other Facilities

All facilities will be in accordance with the FIVB Olympic Games requirements.

3. FIVB CONTROL COMMITTEE AND ATHOC COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

3.1 Control Committee

The Control Committee members for Beach volleyball have been in accordance with FIVB regulations. The FIVB Board of Administration has appointed eight (8) Control Committee members, one (1) Technical Delegate and one (1) Refereeing Delegate who will also perform the duties of Jury of Appeal for Beach Volleyball. Pursuant to





Rule 30 of the Olympic Charter, FIVB shall be responsible for the technical control and direction of the Olympic competition in Beach Volleyball.

FIVB Appeal Committee and Game Jury Members

Dr. Rubén Acosta Hernandez	MEX	FIVB President / Control Committee President
Mr. Angelo Squeo	ITA	FIVB Technical Delegate
Mr. José Lopes Casanova	POR	FIVB Referee Delegate / Refereeing subcommittee
Mr. Sinjin Smith	USA	FIVB Control Committee
Mr. Robert Clarke	USA	FIVB Control Committee / Event Director
Mr. M.J. Oliveira	POR	FIVB Control Committee
Mr. Angel Quintana	ESP	FIVB Control Committee
Mr. Roberto Reggiani	ITA	FIVB Control Committee
Mr. Andrew Hercus	NZL	FIVB Control Committee / Refereeing subcommittee
Mr. Jeff Brehaut	ENG	FIVB Control Committee / Refereeing subcommittee

FIVB Officials

Dr. Annie Peytavin	FRA	FIVB Medical Delegate / Control Committee
Mr. Tim Simmons	USA	FIVB Press Delegate (to be confirmed)

3.2 Appointment of Referees, Linejudges and Scorers

There will be a total of Fourteen (14) International Technical Officials (ITOs) appointed by the FIVB for Olympic Beach Volleyball competition, performing the duties of 1st and 2nd Referees in each match. A total of twenty-six (26) National Technical Officials (NTOs) appointed jointly by the FIVB and the Hellenic Volleyball Federation (HVBF) will also be used, as Lines judges and Scorers.

Refereeing Officials

Mrs. Andrea Haas	AUT	Referee
Mr. Peter Hreszczuk	AUS	Referee
Mr. Elzir Martins de Oliveira	BRA	Referee
Mr. Darryl Friesen	CAN	Referee
Mr. Leijun Wang	CHN	Referee
Mr. Rüdiger Franzen	GER	Referee
Mr. Stefanos Vassiliadis	GRE	Referee
Mrs. Irène Moula	GRE	Referee
Mrs. Fani Katsavouni	GRE	Referee

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Mr. Stefano Cesare ITA Referee
Mr. Takashi Fujii JPN Referee
Mr. Pedro Garcia PUR Referee
Mr. Tarek el Assad SUI Referee
Mr. Ronnie Kaase USA Referee

National Technical Officials (Line Judges and Scorers)

Mational Technical Officials (Effic out	ages and t	5661613)
Ms. Irene Chasalevri	GRE	National Technical Official
Ms. Anthoula Devve	GRE	National Technical Official
Ms. Georgia Karapanagiotou	GRE	National Technical Official
Mrs. Maria Papadouli	GRE	National Technical Official
Ms. Georgia Samantzi	GRE	National Technical Official
Ms. Angeliki Skarmoutsou	GRE	National Technical Official
Ms. Natalia Dogari	GRE	National Technical Official
Ms. Konstantina Kantli	GRE	National Technical Official
Ms. Theodora Kyriopoulou	GRE	National Technical Official
Mrs. Barbara Marinou	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Vassilis Vassiliadis	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Konstantinos Baklessis	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Yannis Chasalevris	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Nikolaos Chouliaras	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Georgios Fygetakis	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Lambros Kitsios	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Evgenios Kokkalis	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Petros Koutsis	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Christos Kouvelos	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Apostolos Kyriakopoulos	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Kyriakos Michailoglou	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Nikolaos Panoutsos	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Charalambos Papadogoulas	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Yannis Tsibinos	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Michalis Tsintominas	GRE	National Technical Official
Mr. Dimitrios Onopas	GRE	National Technical Official

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ATHOC Competition Management

Mrs. Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki President

Mr. Marton Simitsek Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Makis Assimakopoulos Sports General Manager
Mr. Nikos Sofianos Competition Manager

Mr. Alex Paraskevopoulos Venue Manager

Mr. Georgios Saranteas Technical Operations Manager
Ms. Katerina Kotsiarini Sport Administration Manager

Ms. Georgia Aloupogianni Sport Staff Manager Mr. Vassilis Raptis Referee Manager

Mr. Yiannis Botskaris Athlete Services Supervisor
Mrs. Gely Aroni Sport Information Supervisor
Ms. Laura Thivaiou Sport Information Supervisor

Mr. Chronis Tsichlakis Venue Producer

4. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	Activity	Participants	Venue
30 July	Village Open Venue Training			
08 August		Latest Day of Arrival of all Teams		
09 August	09:00-23:00	Training Scheduled by FIVB/ATHOC	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	09:00-24:00	Main Court familiarization session scheduled by FIVB/ATHOC	Teams Concerned	Main Court
	upon arrival	Accreditation procedure for FIVB Officials		Uniform and Accreditation Center
	followed by	Distribution ATHOC uniforms for FIVB Officials		Uniform and Accreditation Center





10 August	09:00-23:00	Training Scheduled by FIVB/ATHOC	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	09:00-24:00	Main Court familiarization session scheduled by FIVB/ATHOC	Teams Concerned	Main Court
	upon arrival	Accreditation procedure for Technical Officials		Uniform and Accreditation Center
	followed by	Distribution ATHOC uniforms for Technical Officials		Uniform and Accreditation Center
11 August	09:00-23:00	Training Scheduled by FIVB/ATHOC	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	09:00-24:00	Main Court familiarization session scheduled by FIVB/ATHOC	Teams Concerned	Main Court
	14:00-22:00	Preliminary Inquiry		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
12 August	09:00-23:00	Training Scheduled by FIVB/ATHOC	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	09:00-18:00 and 21:00-24:00	Main Court familiarization session scheduled by FIVB/ATHOC	Teams Concerned	Main Court
	09:00-12:00 and 14:00-20:00	Preliminary Inquiry		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	19:00-21:00	Full Dress Rehearsal		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	21:00-22:00	Dress Rehearsal Review		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center





13 August	09:00-12:00	Training Scheduled by FIVB/ATHOC	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	12:30-13:30	General Technical Meeting	Athletes, Team Officials, and FIVB Officials	Press Conference Room Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
	Tbd	Opening Ceremony	Tbd	Olympic Stadium
	08:00-17:00	Signing-off Training Session	Teams Concerned	All available courts
14 August	Session 1: 9:00 Session 2: 14:30 Session 3: 20:00	Start of the men's and women's competitions Preliminary Round		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	09:00-23:00	Training	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	08:00-17:00	Signing-off Training Session	Teams Concerned	All available courts
15 August	Session 1: 9:00 Session 2: 14:30 Session 3: 20:00	Men's and women's competitions Preliminary Round		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	09:00-23:00	Training	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	08:00-17:00	Signing-off Training Session	Teams Concerned	All available courts
16 August	Session 1: 9:00 Session 2: 14:30 Session 3: 20:00	Men's and women's competitions Preliminary Round		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	09:00-23:00	Training	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	08:00-17:00	Signing-off Training Session	Teams Concerned	All available courts

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17 August	Session 1: 9:00 Session 2: 14:30 Session 3: 20:00	Men's and women's competitions Preliminary Round		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	09:00-23:00	Training	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	08:00-17:00	Signing-off Training Session	Teams Concerned	All available courts
18 August	Session 1: 9:00 Session 2: 14:30 Session 3: 20:00	Men's and women's competitions Preliminary Round		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	09:00-23:00	Training	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	08:00-17:00	Signing-off Training Session	Teams Concerned	All available courts
19 August	Session 1: 9:00 Session 2: 14:30 Session 3: 20:00	Men's and women's competitions Preliminary Round		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	09:00-23:00	Training	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	approximately at 22:00	Drawing of lots to seed round of 16 (M/W) in accordance with the match calendar (to be determined)		Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre /Press Conference Room
	approximately at 24:00	Drawing of lots to seed round of 16 (M/W) in accordance with the match calendar (to be determined)		Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre /Press Conference Room
	08:00-17:00	Signing-off Training Session	Teams Concerned	All available courts
20 August	Session 2: 14:30 Session 3: 20:00	Men's and women's competition Round of 16		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center





	09:00-23:00	Training	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	08:00-17:00	Signing-off Training Session	Teams Concerned	All available courts
21 August	Session 2: 14:30 Session 3: 20:00	Men's and women's competition Round of 16		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	09:00-23:00	Training	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	08:00-17:00	Signing-off Training Session	Teams Concerned	All available courts
22 August	Session 2: 14:30 Session 3: 20:00	Men's and women's competition Quarter Finals		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	09:00-23:00	Training	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	08:00-17:00	Signing-off Training Session	Teams Concerned	All available courts
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August	09:00-23:00	Training	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	9:00-11:00	Awarding Ceremony Rehearsal		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	11:00-12:00	Awarding Ceremony Review		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	19:00	Men's and women's competition Semi Finals		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	08:00-17:00	Signing-off Training Session	Teams Concerned	All available courts





	19:30	Women's competition Bronze Medal Match Gold Medal Match		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	22:00	Awarding Ceremony		Main Court
	08:00-17:00	Signing-off Training Session	Teams Concerned	All available courts
25 August	10:00-14:00	Training	Teams Concerned	All available courts
	19:30	Men's competition Bronze Medal Match Gold Medal Match		Olympic Beach Volleyball Center
	22:00	Awarding Ceremony		Main Court
By 30 August	tbd	Departure Athletes	Athletes	Airport

Note: All athletes are required to carefully read in the bulletin the start time of all matches and the major activities of the following days. This is the only official finalized information, which must be followed by all parties concerned.

5. COMPETITORS - OLYMPIC RANKING

A total of twenty-four (24) men's and twenty-four (24) women's teams will take part in the Beach volleyball competition at the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games. The total number of athletes will be forty-eight (48) men and forty-eight (48) women. Athletes will be selected to participate according to the qualification system that has been approved by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB).





5.1 Eligibility

Only NOCs recognized by IOC may enter competitors in the Olympic Games. NOCs may only send to the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games competitors who have qualified through the system established by FIVB and IOC. The minimum age for a Beach Volleyball athlete is 14 years old, of the first day of the competition.

To be eligible for participation in the Olympic Games, a competitor must comply with the Olympic Charter, as well as with the rules of the International Volleyball Federation and must be entered by his/her NOC.

5.2 License

All athletes must have a valid international license issued by the FIVB

5.3 Nationality of Competitors

Any competitor in the Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the NOC which is entering him/her.

A competitor's nationality is determined according to Rule 46 and the By-Law to Rule 46 of the Olympic Charter.

6. ENTRIES AND TEAMS INFORMATION

The Olympic Entries and Qualification System have been developed into a two-part process, so as to manage the official registration of athletes for the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games.

The first phase is Qualification Verification. This began in January 2003 and runs through until the end of the qualification period.

The second phase is Final Entries, where each NF concerned shall submit the names of all their qualified athletes who will be competing in the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games to the FIVB by July 20th (BVB-02, M4 and M8 Forms). ATHOC must receive Sport Entry forms and Eligibility Conditions forms from participating NOCs by midnight (Greek time), on 21 July 2004, with a copy forwarded to FIVB.

Team managers are asked to give the Technical Delegate written notification of any amendments to the content of the Sport Entry forms, prior to the Preliminary Inquiry, after which no further amendments will be accepted.





6.1 Qualification

All teams composed of two (2) athletes registered in each division were able to accumulate points during the nominated Olympic Qualification Tournaments held worldwide from 1 January 2003 and to 11 July 2004.

- During these two seasons, the teams were free to choose the Olympic Qualification Tournaments in which they wish to participate
- 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 World Ranking
- No later than 13 July 2004, FIVB will determine the Beach Volleyball World Ranking, including all teams having participated in at least eight (8) FIVB Official Olympic Qualification Tournaments held between 1 January 2003 and 11 July 2004
- Based on such World Ranking, FIVB will establish the order of the Olympic Qualification Ranking, taking into consideration only the two (2) highest ranked teams of each country
- Continental Championships recognized by FIVB as Olympic Qualification
 Tournaments may also be considered as one of the eight best performances
 of a team. Only one result (the best) from a possible two Continental
 Championship results may be considered.
- In the event of a tie of points at the end of the Olympic Qualification process between two (2) 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 2004 Beach Volleyball tournaments in Athens:
 - 1. The total qualification points accumulated as a team through the Olympic qualification tournaments in the period between January, 2003 and 11 July, 2004.

If a tie still exists:

- 2. The total number of Olympic Qualification tournaments in which a team has participated in the period between January 2003 and 11 July 2004. If a tie still exists:
- 3. The best finishes as a team in the Olympic Qualification tournaments in the period between January 2003 and 11 July 2004.





 The twenty-four (24) teams of each division that will have the right to participate in the Beach volleyball tournaments in ATHENS 2004, will be the following:

6.2 Ranking (23 teams)

The first twenty-three (23) teams following the order of the Olympic Qualification Ranking established by FIVB. The highest ranked teams (maximum two (2) per country) will be automatically selected.

In order to respect the universality principle of the Olympic Games, in the event that a continent(s) does not have any team(s) qualified, the 23rd place (and if applicable 22nd place, etc.) of the Olympic Qualification ranking will be granted as a wild card(s) to the highest ranked eligible pair from that continent(s), regardless of their position in the ranking.

6.3 Host nation (1 or 2 teams)

One (1) host nation team will be granted to the organizers. This team will be the highest ranked host country team not yet qualified as per 3.6.1 of the FIVB Olympic Qualification System. One (1) additional host country team may also qualify if they are included in the first twenty-three (23) teams of the Olympic Qualification Ranking as per 3.6.1 of the FIVB Olympic Qualification System.

On 13 July 2004, FIVB shall send to the National Olympic Committees concerned the list of qualified teams (men-women) and the list of the athletes having taken part in at least eight (8) FIVB Official Olympic Qualification Tournaments recognized by FIVB. The latter will be considered (per Art. 3.8.1 and 3.8.2 of the FIVB Olympic Qualification System), as eventual substitutes. The National Olympic Committees, upon proposal of their National Federation following this Olympic Qualification Formula, may then proceed to confirm to the Organizing Committee of ATHENS 2004 the Olympic entry by name of their athletes.

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

An NOC, upon submission of a proposal by the corresponding NF, may register two (2) additional athletes per qualified team through the appropriate ATHOC and FIVB forms (BVB-02), chosen from among the players who have taken part in at least eight (8) FIVB Official Olympic Qualification Tournaments.





These athletes might, if necessary, be authorized to replace the incapacitated member(s) of a duly qualified team and this up to the time of the Preliminary Inquiry that will be held before the competition.

6.4 Reallocation of unused quota places

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.

6.5 Qualification timeline

1 January 2003 – 11 July 2004 Qualification period for World Championships,

World Tour and FIVB Recognized Continental

Championships events.

By 13 July 2004 Allocation of eventual places to unqualified

continents.

By 20 June Deadline to receive from each NF the names

of all their qualified athletes who will be competing in the ATHENS 2004 Olympic

Games (BVB-02, M4 and M8)

21 July 2004 Deadline for the ATHENS 2004 Organizing

Committee to receive entry forms submitted

by NOCs

6.6 Publication of Qualifiers

At the conclusion of each Olympic Beach volleyball Qualification tournament FIVB will communicate in writing to the NF and NOC of each qualified team within fifteen (15) days of the conclusion of the competition.

By 13 July 2004, FIVB will establish the order of the Olympic Qualification Ranking for Beach volleyball and communicate this in writing to the NF and NOC of each qualified one.

Upon receipt of confirmation of qualification to the Olympic Volleyball tournaments from FIVB, the NF and NOC must confirm their participation in the Olympic competition within five (5) working days, in writing to FIVB. If there is no confirmation within this period, FIVB will replace the team in accordance with FIVB regulations.

NB: For the full official text of the qualification system, please refer to the Qualification system released in December 2002 and regularly updated by IOC.

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7. DRAWING OF LOTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF TEAMS

Upon definition of the Olympic Ranking, a drawing of lots will be organized by FIVB, in accordance with the decision of the 2004 FIVB World Congress, on July 31st, 2004 in the Klagenfurter Wappensaal (a 300-year-old hall in the middle of the Austrian city steeped in history and tradition) to establish the seeding of the 24 qualified men and 24 women's teams into the pools.

An additional drawing of lots will be organized by FIVB and ATHOC on August 19th at the Olympic venue after the completion of the preliminary phase, in order to determine the seeding of the teams in the Round of 16, in accordance with the FIVB regulations.

8. COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION

In Beach Volleyball, each team will be composed of two (2) players. A NOC representative is requested to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and the General Technical Meeting together with the players. Access at the General Technical meeting will be granted to the person mentioned on the BVB O-2 form that will have the appropriate accreditation.

9. COMPETITION SYSTEM

A total of 24 men's and 24 women's teams will take part in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Competitions of the 2004 Olympic Games. The total number of athletes will be 48 men and 48 women.

The total number of matches will be 104, comprising of 52 men's and 52 women's matches. The Olympic Beach Volleyball competition will consist of a Preliminary Round and a Single Elimination Phase, for both genders.

9.1 Preliminary Round





Six (6) pools of four (4) teams will play in the Preliminary Round to determine 16 teams advancing to the "Round of 16". Allocation of teams in each Pool will be in accordance with FIVB regulations The first two (2) teams of each pool, plus the best four of the teams ranked third in their pools will advance to the Single Elimination Phase.

9.2 Round of 16

The "Round of 16" will be played in a single elimination format to qualify eight (8) teams for the quarterfinals. Seeding of the teams after the Preliminary round will be in accordance with FIVB regulations.

9.3 Semi-finals

The four (4) winners of the quarterfinals will then advance to the semi-finals.

9.4 Finals

The winners of the semi-finals will play the gold medal match and the losers will play the bronze medal match.

10. SEEDING

10.1 Seeding into the Pools

Seeds into the pools from 1 to 24 is determined according to the FIVB Olympic Rankings based on the eight best results during the Olympic qualification period. In case of a tie, the total points accumulated during the Olympic Qualification season (2003 and 2004) will be taken into consideration. The Host Country Team(s) will be seeded as follows:

1st team: 1 Pool F

2nd team (if any): by draw in a different Pool than the 1st host country team.

10.2 Pool play

The top six (6) teams (including the top 5 teams in the 2004 Olympic Ranking and the best host country team) to be seeded directly in to the pools as follows:

Seed 1 – Pool A Seed 2 – Pool B Seed 3 – Pool C

Seed 4 – Pool D Seed 5 – Pool E Seed 6 – Pool F





The first host county teams must be seeded Number 1 in Pool F and an eventual second host country team will be drawn to a different pool. The rest of the teams to be drawn from seeding groups, in a drawing of lots procedure, into each pool as follows:

Seeds 7-9 are drawn in each of the pools D, E, F.

Seeds 10-12 are drawn in to each of the pool A, B, C.

Seeds 13-18 are drawn in each of all pools.

Seeds 19-24 are drawn in each of all pools.

10.3 Qualified teams for the single elimination phase

Qualified for the single elimination (round of 16) are A) rank 1 in each pool, B) rank 2 in each pool, C) the best four (4) rank 3 teams based on matches points, set ratio, and points ratio. If a tie still exists, a drawing will be foreseen between the teams concerned.

10.4 Order for the teams within the pools

- 1. Number of matches won.
- 2. Head to head
- 2A. Two teams: the winner finishes ahead.
- 2B. Three teams: The third team is decided by point's ratio for the matches involving those three teams, the first two teams are then decided by head to head.

10.5 Single elimination phase – (round of 16)

Top bracket 1st quarter

1. rank 1 pool A

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rank 3 pools B, C, D, E, F or rank 2 pools B, C, D, E, F

2. rank 2 pools B, C, D, E, F

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rank 2 pools B, C, D, E, F





2nd quarter

3. rank 1 pool E

vs

rank 3 pools A, B, C, D, F or rank 2 pools A, B, C, F

rank 1 pool D

vs

rank 3 pools A, B, C, E, F or rank 2 pools A, B, C, F

Bottom Bracket

3rd quarter

5. rank 1 pool C

vs

rank 3 pools A, B, D, E, F or rank 2 pools A, B, D, E

rank 1 pool F

vs

rank 3 pools A, B, C, D, E or rank 2 pools A, B, D, E

4th quarter

7. rank 2 pools A, C, D, E, F

VS

rank 2 pools A, C, D, E, F

8. rank 1 pool B

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rank 3 pools A, C, D, E, F or rank 2 pools A, C, D, E, F

10.6 The drawing of lots procedure (for the single elimination phase)

All rank 1 teams are placed in the brackets as noted above.

1 A. Which rank 1 teams play rank 3 teams:

The basket first consists of three (3) lots, each with the letters respectively A, E, D. In the first two drawn pools, the rank 1 team will play a rank 3 team in the top bracket.

The procedure is then repeated with the letters B, C, F for the bottom bracket.

1 B. Rank 3 teams:

The basket consists of four (4) lots, each with the letters respectively A, B, C, D, E, F, except those two letters from which the rank 3 teams did not qualify. The four rank 3 teams are drawn against the rank 1 teams in paragraph 1A, in the order from

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top to bottom. In each drawing, the position for a rank 3 team to be drawn against the rank 1 team from the same pool, is blocked.

2. Rank 2 teams:

The basket consists of six (6) lots, each with the letters respectively A, B, C, D, E, F. Each of the six rank 2 teams from those drawn pools is placed in to each of the remaining spots in the bracket, starting from the top to the bottom. In every drawing, one or two letters are blocked, due to the fact that a rank 1 team and a rank 2 team from the same pool can not end up in the same quarter bracket.

11. MATCH SCHEDULE

11.1 Court Assignment

Matches of the Olympic Beach Volleyball competition will be held in the main competition court. The FIVB and ATHOC will determine, upon conclusion of the drawing of lots in Austria, the match schedule of the Preliminary phase. FIVB and ATHOC reserve the rights to use as many courts as needed due to contingency. Whenever two or more courts are used, they will be assigned by FIVB in agreement with ATHOC. Court assignment will be determined by FIVB and ATHOC on the day before each competition. Court scheduling is subject to changes due to contingencies and/or upon the FIVB / ATHOC / IOC agreement.

The Official daily timetable will be distributed through the Bulletin N°1, which will be circulated on the occasion of the General Technical Meeting.

11.2 Match Schedule

The match up and match schedule will be determined by the FIVB and ATHOC after the drawing of lots in Austria. The FIVB and ATHOC reserve the right to modify the order of the matches in order to accommodate the needs of ticketing and TV programming.





Day 1 Sat (14/08)	Phase	Location
Session BV01	Start: 09:00 End: 12:50	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
09:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	
10:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	
11:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	
12:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	Observation Described Medicarbell Construc
Session BV02 14:30-	Start: 14:30 End: 18:20	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
14.30- 15:30-	Men's Preliminary Round Men's Preliminary Round	
16:30-	Women's Preliminary Round	
17:30-	Women's Preliminary Round	
Session BV03	Start: 20:00 End: 23:50	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
20:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	orympio zodom romojiami comic
21:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	
22:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	
23:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	
Day 2 Sun (15/08)	Phase	Location
Session BV04	Start: 09:00 End: 12:50	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
09:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	
10:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	
11:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	
12:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	0
Session BV05	Start: 14:30 End: 18:20	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
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16:30-	Men's Preliminary Round Women's Preliminary Round	
17:30-	Women's Preliminary Round	
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	17:30-	Women's Preliminary Round	
	Session BV12	Start: 20:00 End: 23:50	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
	20:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	
	21:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	
	22:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	
	23:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	
Day 5	Wed (18/08)	Phase	Location
	Session BV13	Start: 09:00 End: 12:50	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
	09:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	, ,
	10:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	
	11:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	
	12:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	
	Session BV14	Start: 14:30 End: 18:20	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
	14:30-	Men's Preliminary Round	, ,
	15:30-	Men's Preliminary Round	
	16:30-	Women's Preliminary Round	
	17:30-	Women's Preliminary Round	
	Session BV15	Start: 20:00 End: 23:50	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
	20:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	
	21:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	
	22:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	
	23:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	
Day 6	Thu (19/08)	Phase	Location
	Session BV16	Start: 09:00 End: 12:50	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
	09:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	
	10:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	
	11:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	
	12:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	
	Session BV17	Start: 14:30 End: 18:20	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
	14:30-	Men's Preliminary Round	
	15:30-	Men's Preliminary Round	
	16:30-	Women's Preliminary Round	
	17:30-	Women's Preliminary Round	
	Session BV18	Start: 20:00 End: 23:50	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
	20:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	
	21:00-	Men's Preliminary Round	
	22:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	
	23:00-	Women's Preliminary Round	
Day 7	Fri (20/08)	Phase	Location
	Session BV19	Start: 14:30 End: 18:20	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
	14:30-	Men's Round of 16	
	15:30-	Men's Round of 16	
	16:30-	Women's Round of 16	
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	Session BV20	Start: 20:00 End: 23:50	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
	20:00-	Men's Round of 16	
	21:00-	Men's Round of 16	
	22:00-	Women's Round of 16	
Day 8	23:00- Sat (21/08)	Women's Round of 16 Phase	Location
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	14:30-	Start: 14:30 End: 18:20 Men's Round of 16	Olympic beach volleyball Centre
	15:30-	Men's Round of 16	
	16:30-	Women's Round of 16	
	17:30-	Women's Round of 16	
	Session BV22	Start: 20:00 End: 23:50	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
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	21:00-	Men's Round of 16	
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	22:00-	Women's Round of 16	
	23:00-	Women's Round of 16	
Day 9	Sun (22/08)	Phase	Location
	Session BV23	Start: 14:30 End: 18:20	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
	14:30-	Men's Quarterfinals	
	15:30-	Men's Quarterfinals	
	16:30-	Women's Quarterfinals	
	17:30-	Women's Quarterfinals	
	Session BV24	Start: 20:00 End: 23:50	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
	20:00-	Men's Quarterfinals	
	21:00-	Men's Quarterfinals	
	22:00-	Women's Quarterfinals	
	23:00-	Women's Quarterfinals	
Day 10	Mon (23/08)	Phase	Location
	Session BV25	Start: 19:00 End: 22:50	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
	19:00-	Men's Semifinals	
	20:00-	Men's Semifinals	
	21:00-	Women's Semifinals	
	22:00-	Women's Semifinals	
Day 11	Tue (24/08)	Phase	Location
Day 11	Tue (24/08) Session BV26	Phase Start: 19:30 End: 22:30	Location Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre
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Day 11	Session BV26	Start: 19:30 End: 22:30	
	Session BV26 19:30-	Start: 19:30 End: 22:30 Women's Bronze Medal Match	
Day 11	Session BV26 19:30- 21:00-	Start: 19:30 End: 22:30 Women's Bronze Medal Match Women's Gold Medal Match	
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	Session BV26 19:30- 21:00- 22:00-22:30 Wed (25/08)	Start: 19:30 End: 22:30 Women's Bronze Medal Match Women's Gold Medal Match Women's Medal Ceremony Phase	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre Location
	Session BV26 19:30- 21:00- 22:00-22:30 Wed (25/08) Session BV27	Start: 19:30 End: 22:30 Women's Bronze Medal Match Women's Gold Medal Match Women's Medal Ceremony Phase Start: 19:30 End: 22:30	Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre Location
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12. FINAL TEAM RANKING

- **12.1** For all matches the final team ranking will be determined in accordance with results of matches (won or lost).
- **12.2** For both the men and women's competition the ranking will be as follows:

1st: winner of the final for 1/2 places
2nd: loser of the final for 1/2 places
3rd: winner of the final for 3/4 places
4th: loser of the final for 3/4 places

4 x 5th: losers of the quarterfinals 8 x 9th: losers of the 1/8 finals

Teams who did not qualify for the final 16 are ranked as follows:

2 x 17th: losers in the final round of the elimination phase





6 x 19th: losers in the second round of the elimination phase

13. WARM-UP AND MATCH PROTOCOL

Athletes will be escorted to the allocated a warm-up court by their Athletes Service Attendant.

Only competing athletes will be allowed on warm-up courts. When the team winning the first set will reach 15 points at the second set, or when any of the competing teams will reach 10 points at the third set, teams will be escorted to their competition area court marshalling area, where they will wait for the completion of the match. Matches will commence as per the published match schedule, unless the scheduled start time has passed. If this will occur, the match will start ten (10) minutes after the conclusion of the previous match.

Teams will be escorted by their Athletes Service Attendant onto the competition court for the commencement of the official eight-minute pre-match protocol, accessing the competition court from the warm-up courts only via designated entry/exit points.

Athletes must wear their official playing uniform at all times. Teams are required to deliver their accreditation passes to Control Committee desk upon arrival at the competition court.

Note: For the first match of each session teams will be escorted to the court 20 minutes before the scheduled match start time.

MEDIA, BROADCASTING, MIXED ZONE, AND PRESS CONFERENCE

14.1 On completion of the match, athletes will be escorted by their Athletes Service Attendant and will exit the field of play through the mixed zone. The mixed zone is an area where the accredited media will be allowed to conduct short interviews immediately after athletes have competed. Athletes must pass through the mixed





zone to exit the field of play and they are requested to cooperate and to speak with press or broadcasters.

14. 2 Upon departing from the mixed zone the athletes will be escorted to the press conference room. All athletes must be available for the press conference immediately after each match. The Press Conference room is located opposite to the competition Management Area.

After the press conference, athletes will return to the athlete area or will be escorted to the medical area to undergo doping control.

14.3 FIVB, ATHOC and Athens Olympic Broadcasting Co. (AOB) reserve the right to implement small delays of rallies in order to accommodate the needs of the Host Broadcasters and Right holders to apply slow motion broadcasts.

15. RULES OF THE GAME

The Beach Volleyball competition at the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games will be held in accordance with the Official *FIVB Beach Volleyball Rules of the Game (Edition 2003 – 2004)* complemented by the 2004 FIVB Beach Volleyball Refereeing Guidelines approved by the FIVB in force at the time of the 2004 Games. In case of disagreement on the interpretation of these regulations, the English version shall prevail.

Any case not covered by the FIVB Rules of the Game will be decided as follows: General cases will be settled according to the Olympic Charter in force at the time of the Athens Olympic Games and technical questions will be decided by the FIVB. All matches will be played in Rally Point Scoring system, best two of three sets, first two sets played to 21 points, 3rd set if needed will be played to 15 points. For all sets, a 2 point advantage is required. Each team is entitled to a maximum of 1 timeout of 30 seconds per set. In sets 1 and 2, one additional 30 second Technical Time-out is automatically allocated when the sum of the points scored by the teams equals 21 points. The teams switch court after every 7 points (Sets 1 and 2) and 5 points (Set 3) played.

16. FORFEIT





16.1 If a team can not fulfill Its playing obligations it is declared in default and forfeits the match with the result of 0-2 and the score of 0-21, 0-21. If the forfeit occurs during the Preliminary phase, this team will receive zero (0) points in the Pool ranking. In any case the opponent team will be declared the winner of this match.

- 16.2 A team that does not appear on the playing court on time fulfilling its match protocol obligations can be declared in default and be forfeited as per above.
- 16.3 A team who refuses to play a match with no reason of "force majeure" may be sanctioned with a fine of a minimum of US\$ 25,000. The athletes concerned my also lose the eligibility to take part in the FIVB events for a minimum period of 6 months.
- 16.4 A team declared incomplete for the set or for the match loses the set or the match. The opposing team is given the points, or the points and the sets needed to win the set or the match. The incomplete team keeps its points and sets.

17. TRAINING REGULATIONS

17.1 Introduction

The aim of ATHOC is to provide sport facilities that meet all Olympic training requirements.

The training venue of Beach volleyball will meet all FIVB requirements and will be accommodated in the Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre at the Faliro Coastal Zone Olympic Complex.

17.2 Training Venues Description

In total a maximum of 2 warm-up courts and 6 training courts will be available for Beach Volleyball prior to the start of the competition.

Warm-up Courts 1 and 2





Training Site Category Competition Venue

Dates 30 July – 13 August 2004

Operating Hours Period I (30 July – 6 August 2004)

10:00 - 23:00

Period II (7 – 12 August 2004)

09:00 - 23:00

Period III (13 August 2004)

09:00-12:00

Training Courts 1 to 4

Training Site Category Competition Venue

Dates 30 July – 25 August 2004

Operating Hours Period I (30 July – 6 August 2004)

10:00 - 23:00

Period II (6 – 12 August 2004)

09:00 - 23:00

Period III (13 August 2004)

09:00-12:00

Period IV (14 – 23 August 2004)

09:00 - 23:00

Period V (24 – 25 August 2004)

10:00 - 14:00

Training Courts 5 to 6

Training Site Category Competition Venue

Dates 30 July – 25 August 2004

Operating Hours Period I (30 July – 6 August 2004)

10:00 - 23:00

Period II (6 – 12 August 2004)

09:00 - 23:00

Period III (13 August 2004)

09:00-12:00

Period IV (14 – 23 August 2004)

09:00 - 23:00

Training Sessions 60min

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Distance from Olympic Village 25km

Travel Time from Olympic Village approximately 35min

All equipment to be used will be the same as for the Competition courts

Supporting Facilities

Change Rooms Change rooms will be available

Showers will be included in each change room

Medical Facility Medical rooms and medical services will be provided

Athletes' lounge Athletes' lounge will be available

17.3 Familiarisation Training

Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre Main Competition Court

Familiarisation Training Dates: 9-13 August 2004

Length of Familiarisation Sessions Min 45min during the period of 9-13

August

The Familiarisation Training Schedule on the Main Court in the period from August 9th to 13th will be determined by the FIVB in agreement with ATHOC Competition Management. Teams, which will arrive after August 8th, may not be granted any familiarization training on the Main Court.

The FIVB and ATHOC will coordinate the most suitable schedule on the Main Court in accordance with the training timetable, Referee Activities, full dress rehearsal, the preliminary inquiry schedule and the official court of the teams' first match.

17.4 Booking Details

The Training times will be provided to each NOC participating in the sport starting from July 30th at the Olympic Village and at the Beach Volleyball venue and at the Beach Volleyball Venue

Teams will be allocated one 60-minute session per day. Additional sessions will depend on availability of courts. Training courts can only be requested for the following day.

Booking requests or change requests for training can be made by officials with accreditation for the Sport Information Center (SID) at the competition venue, or in the Sports Information Centre (SIC) at the Olympic Village, at least one day before the required session. Athletes will not have access to SIC at the Olympic Village.

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Athletes may book, change, and/or cancel their training sessions only at the Sport Information Desk.

Bookings must be confirmed at the Sports Information Desk (SID) at the Competition Venue or in the Sports Information Centre (SIC) by 17:00 one day before the required session. If NOCs do not confirm their sessions by 17:00 one day before, the training session will be made available to other teams.

From August 9th until August 13th, FIVB in agreement with ATHOC Competition Management will allocate a minimum of 45 minutes training for each team on the Warm-Up / Training Courts. This schedule will be published at 18:00 every day for the following days and forwarded to SID and SIC.

17.5 Training Information

All training sessions will be open to media unless NOCs indicate that they wish their sessions to be closed to media. Requests for sessions closed to media or any other people accredited to enter the venue (including other teams) can be made before 17:00, on the day before the training session occurs.

All training-related information will be available at all INFO 2004 stations for the benefit of athletes, team official and media. These schedules will indicate whether training is open or closed to media and other teams.

The Olympic Village Sports Complex, located in the Northern part of the Olympic Village, will provide facilities for fitness and jogging, as well as recreation.

18. TRANSPORTATION AND VISAS

18.1 Transport Service

The ATHOC 2004 transport service will commence on 30 July. Athletes and team Officials arriving at the Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" will be transported via a 24-hour shuttle bus service to the Olympic village on a designated Olympic route.

Athletes and team officials holding a T4 accreditation will be eligible for an 18-hour service in dedicated coaches. They will be transported through a custom-made client system, according to the Beach Volleyball training and competition schedule. Competition and training will take place at the Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre, 25km and approximately 35min. from the Olympic Village. Athletes will be





transported to the competition venue via a sport-specific shuttle bus service scheduled every 30-35 minutes depending on the time of the day.

The ATHOC Transport Division will provide all athletes and team officials with the relevant transport information through the transport desk located at the airport and through the SIC at the Olympic Village.

Bus services for different sports athletes will operate from the Olympic Village to Olympic competition venues during competition times.

18.2 Visa

The people concerned are responsible to pay for the costs related to the establishment of a valid passport and a visa.

19. BOARD AND LODGING

During the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games, all athletes and team officials will reside in the Olympic Village. The Olympic Village is located at the foot of the Parnitha Mountain, which is situated in the Municipality of Acharnes. It is 20.4km away from the centre of Athens and covers an area of 1,240,000m².

The Olympic Village will open on 30 July at 08:00 and will close on 1 September 2004 at 17:00. It will feature two secure zones, the Residential, and the International, with controlled access to both areas. Access to the Residential Zone will be restricted to athletes, officials, and accredited Village staff. Athletes and team officials will be accommodated on a twin-share basis. Each Chef de Mission will have single accommodation.

19.1 Residential Area

Facilities in this area include a number of Resident Centres, each providing a front desk operation and a common area for leisure. The Centres will also provide information on tourism and travel opportunities around Athens, as well as general Village information for residents and guests, including the Village newspaper. Central laundry facilities will also be provided.

Other facilities include a library, video viewing and reading rooms, an outdoor cinema, an evening club and additional recreational areas located within the Olympic Village Sport Complex. A Religious Services Centre will be open to all faith groups, with specific facilities for the following: Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism,





Islam, and Hinduism. A 24-hour Polyclinic will provide sports medical care and emergency medical services as required.

Two dining facilities, the Main dining and the Casual dining, will operate in the Village. The Main dining facility in the Residential Zone will operate 24 hours a day and seat 5,000 people. The Casual dining facility will be located at a different area of the Residential Zone; it will feature outdoor seating, offering an alternative dining solutin and will operate from 10:00 to 01:00.

The Sports Information Desk (SIC) will also be located in the Residential Zone. Each sport will have a Sport Information Desk within the SIC.

19.2 International Zone

The International Zone includes the main entrance, shopping centres and commercial facilities, such as a bank and a postal service. In this Zone opportunities for various entertainment and recreational activities will be provided. An internal transit system will operate 24 hours a day in the Olympic Village, connecting all residential quarters, dining halls, the International Zone and the bus interchange via a continuous loop route.

Visitors of the Village, including media and approved NOC guests, will be allowed access to the International Zone of the Village by means of a visitor's pass. NOC Delegations have a daily (limited) quota of visitor passes.

19.3 Athletes Lounge - Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre

A special catering service with hot meals will be provided at the Athletes Lounge of the Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre. The service will be available only for the competing athletes of the specific day. Competing athletes wishing to have meal service, have to order it through the Sport Information Desk at the Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre until 17.00 the previous day.

20. TICKETING, ACCREDITATION, AND SECURITY

ATHOC will operate according to IOC Accreditation guidelines and will follow the procedures outlined in the most recent IOC Accreditation and Entries-Users Guide. Copies of the User Guide have been sent to all NOCs.

20.1 Deadlines





The closing date for applications, in paper or electronic format, was 28 April 2004 at 17:00 (Greek time), 3½ months before the Games. ATHOC will send back a report and the responsible organisations (NOCs, IOC) must confirm the accuracy of this report by May/June 2004.

20.2 Accreditation Process

The combined Olympic Identity and Accreditation Card process will be followed.

Eligible Athletes and Team Officials who submit, via their NOCs, acceptable applications for accreditation, including a photograph, prior to the deadline, will receive an Olympic Identity and Accreditation Card (with photograph).

The Olympic Identity and Accreditation Card establishes the Identity of its holder and constitutes a document that, together with the passport or other official travel document of the holder, authorises entry into Greece.

The Olympic Identity and Accreditation Card must be validated upon arrival in Athens.

E-Accreditation will be the primary Accreditation tool. Paper forms will be saved as back-up.

20.3 Accreditation Centres

Five Accreditation Centres are scheduled for the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games:

- Olympic Family Accreditation Centre: in one of the Official Hotels, the Athens Hilton.
- Athletes' Delegation Accreditation Centre: at the Olympic Village perimeter.
- Media Accreditation Centre: near the International Broadcasting Center and the Main Press Center.
- Workforce Accreditation Centre: will be used to distribute uniforms to technical officials and to accredit them as well.
- Validation (only) Centre: one in Athens Airport.
- Primary Centres outside Athens area: in Heraklio, Patras, Thessaloniki, Volos

20.4 Accreditation Categories





For categories, population and access entitlements please refer to the NOC section of the Accreditation Chart of the IOC Accreditation and Entries at the Olympic Games.

20.5 Accredited Seating

Athletes will be one of the accredited groups eligible to access the Accredited Seating Area. Each venue will provide a dedicated seating area for athletes and team officials. This area will consist of two stands. These are the:

- Athletes stand (A), for athletes and team officials of the same sport and
- Different sport Athletes stand (DsA), for athletes and team officials of different sports.

Access to the A stand will be granted with the Accreditation Card. Access to the DsA stand will be gained by a combination of accreditation and ticket that will have already been distributed to athletes and team officials from their Chef de Mission. The ingress and egress points will be to/from back of house areas (i.e. areas not accessible to spectators).

21. PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

The Preliminary Inquiry will take place at the Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre, on August 11th from 14:00 to 22:00 and August 12th 2004 from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 20:00 in accordance to the FIVB General Regulations and the schedule, which will be provided by the FIVB Beach Volleyball Control Committee and ATHOC upon the arrival of the delegations. A NOC representative and both athletes of each team must attend the preliminary inquiry in accordance to the schedule provided by the FIVB Beach Volleyball Control Committee and ATHOC.

During the preliminary inquiry, teams are required to present to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Control Committee the following documents:

- Passports
- BVB O-2 form
- Three sets of team uniforms in different colors, together with a sample of training suit, accessories, warm-up shirts and uniform to be worn in case of cold temperature
- all the accessories, bag and drink container included on the BVB O-2 form





- M-4 form issued no later than 2 months before the competition
- M-8 form
- Technical video camera agreement duly signed by NOC's delegate. This latter form will be provided at the Preliminary Inquiry if needed.

Each team is allowed one video camera (hand held) provided that it does not utilize a tripod. Teams can film from the Ao / Aa seating area as well as the special video area, dedicated for teams competing at the Olympic Beach Volleyball Competition.. A special video area will be provided at the venue, between the 1st and the 2nd level of stands, at the court end side. A booking system will operate through the Sport Information Desk at the Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre, with priority given to teams competing in the same pool. During the preliminary inquiry, each team has to sign a letter in which the players confirm to respect the conditions for the use of the video established by the IOC

22. GENERAL TECHNICAL MEETING

The General Technical Meeting will take place in the Press conference facility, Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre (Faliro Coastal Zone Olympic Complex), on August 13th 2004 from 12:30 to 13:30 in accordance with the FIVB General Regulations. An NOC representative and both players of each team (indicated on the BVB 0-2 form) must be present at the General Technical Meeting. The Preliminary Inquiry and the General Technical Meeting will be carried out in accordance with FIVB regulations

23. SPORT INFORMATION DESK (SID)-OLYMPIC BEACH VOLLEYBALL CENTRE

The Sport Information Desk (SID) in the Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre will be situated in the Athletes' Lounge, in the Main Stadium. Operating hours will be 08:00-00:30 on each day, from 30 July to 25 August 2004.

The SID will be responsible for the following matters:

Official communications with the delegations





- Distribution of the results
- · Registration of training session times
- Food services requests
- Liaison between the teams, the Technical Delegates, and the Competition Management

In addition to the aforementioned Sport Information Desks, sport-specific information will also be available at all INFO 2004 stations, namely, information points providing all members of the Olympic Family access to the Information Diffusion System. INFO 2004 stations will be operational from 27 July until the end of the Olympic Games.

24. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT, ACCESSORIES, AND MARKETING

24.1 Concept

Beach Volleyball players compete in a beach environment and are expected to project a healthy image.

Sun, sea and sand are critical elements in every competition and forces to be dealt with.

In order to cope with a sunny and sandy environment, the FIVB has established uniforms' standards based on the recommendations of its medical and technical advisors, and in accordance to the rule 57 of the Olympic Charter.

24.2 Standards

The men and women players' uniforms must correspond to the standards herein indicated.

Note: These standards are based on the uniforms used in Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. No commercial trademark or design other than that of the Manufacturer and authorized prints as per FIVB regulations may appear on any accessories and/or clothing.

The official men's uniform for the Olympic Beach Volleyball tournament consists of:

- a tank top and shorts
- eventual accessories

The official women's uniform for the Olympic Beach Volleyball tournament consists of:





a top and briefs

or

- a one piece uniforms
- eventual accessories

Players from the same team must wear identical uniforms (style, fabric and color).

24.3 Men's Uniforms

Style (see diagram)

The tank top must fit closely to the body and the design must be with open arms, respecting the space for the required placements of the manufacturer trademark, player number, country flag and country code, also respecting the place for the player's name.

The shorts must be in accordance with the enclosed diagram and not be baggy. For all players the bottom of the shorts must be a minimum of 15cm above the top of the knee cap.

Fabric

The tank top must be made of elastic material, preferably Lycra or a combination of Lycra/cotton, or other similar good quality synthetic material.

Colour

The tank top should be of bright and light colors. The shorts may be of darker colour. The use of white dominant color is not recommended by the Host Broadcaster.

- General guidelines and design on uniforms (see diagram)
 - a) Manufacturer's Logo

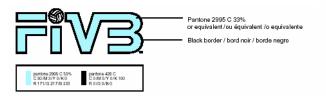
It can be placed on the front of the tank top and on the front of the shorts and must not exceed 20 cm² each. It can be printed, embroidered or woven.

b) FIVB Player's Number

The FIVB players' number measures 12 cm x 10 cm and must be placed as per the enclosed diagram on the front and on the back of the tank top. It can be printed, embroidered or woven, in a color contrasting well with the color of the tank top (i.e. light on a dark tank top, dark on a light tank top).











c) Country Code and Flag

The three-letter international country code and the country flag must be compulsorily printed on the front of the tank top as per the enclosed diagram.

The country code and the flag must be printed, embroidered or woven on the front of the tank top as per the enclosed diagram.

The country code and the flag must be placed on a total surface of max. 8 cm (height) x 10 cm (width). Only the country code can be placed below the flag. Country code's letters must be 1cm wide maximum.

d) Player's Name

The player's name must be placed on the back of the tank top as per the enclosed diagram and in a color contrasting with that of the uniform. Letters must be max. 10 cm high and 1,5 cm wide.

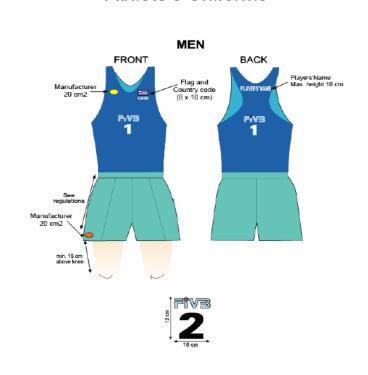
The player's name must correspond with the international player's identification (team name used for the results, rankings, on scoreboards, TV graphics, etc.) and be written in Latin letters. The names can be printed, embroidered or woven

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Athlete's Uniforms



24.4 Women's Uniforms

Style (see diagram)

The top must fit closely to the body and the design must be with deep cutaway armholes on the back, upper chest and stomach (2-piece), respecting the space for the required for the manufacturer logo, player number, country flag and country code, and the place for the player's name.

The briefs should be in accordance with the enclosed diagram, be a close fit and be cut on an upward angle towards the top of the leg. The side width must be maximum 7 cm.

The one piece uniform must closely fit and the design must be with open back and upper chest, respecting the space for the required inscriptions to be made.

Fabric

The top and briefs or the one piece uniform must be made of elastic material, Lycra or a combination of Lycra/cotton, or other similar quality synthetic material.

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Color

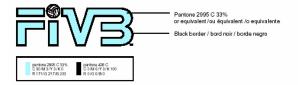
The top and briefs or the one piece uniform should be of bright and light colors, avoiding dominant white color is not recommended by the Host Broadcaster.

- General guidelines and design on uniforms (see diagram)
- a) Manufacturer's Logo

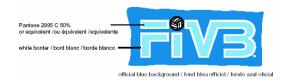
It can be printed or embroidered or woven on the front of the top and on the front of the briefs and cannot exceed 20 cm². It can only be printed **once** on the front of the one piece uniform and must not exceed 20 cm².

b) FIVB Player's Number

The FIVB players' numbers measures 8 cm x 6 cm and must be placed as per the enclosed diagram on the front and on the back of the top. It must be printed, or embroidered or woven, in a color contrasting well with the color of the top (i.e. light on a dark tank top, dark on a light tank top).







c) Country Code and Country Flag

The three-letter international country code and the country flag must be compulsorily printed or embroidered or woven on the front of the top or one piece uniform as per the enclosed diagram.

The country code and the flag must be placed on a total surface of max. 8 cm (height) x 10 cm (width). Only the country code must be placed below the flag. Country code's letters must be max. size 1cm wide maximum.

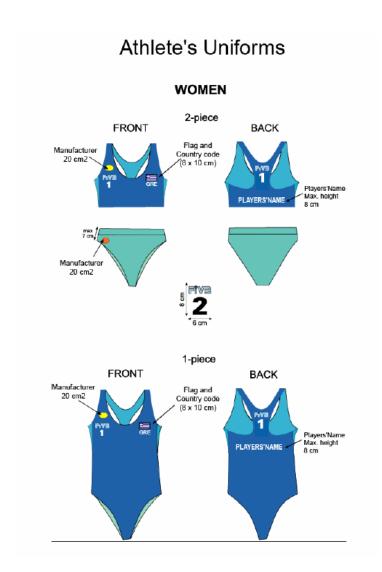




d) Player's Name

Player's name must be printed or embroidered or woven on the back of the top or one piece uniform as per the enclosed diagram and in a color contrasting with that of the uniform. Letters must be max. 8 cm high and 1 cm wide.

The player's name must correspond with the international player's identification (team name used for the results, rankings, on scoreboards, TV graphics, etc.) and be written in Latin letters.



24.5 Training and warm-ups suits

Training and warm-up suits can be worn at the venue if they will be in accordance with the rule 57 of the Olympic Charter.



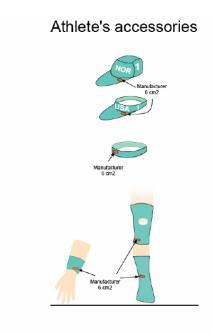


24.5 Accessories

Players are authorized to use the following accessories:

- · sun-visor or cap or hat or headband
- sunglasses
- therapeutic support braces for knee/elbow (with approval of the Control Committee)
- absorbent sweatband for wrist
- one (1) watch
- one (1) armband (maximum width: 10 cm) or one (1) temporary tattoo, not both. Such armband or temporary tattoo must be located on the upper arm only. No religious or political statements are allowed.
- footwear and/or athletic socks (with approval from referees)
- bag
- squeeze bottle
- towel

Each accessory may have only one (1) manufacturer's logo of max. 6 cm². Sun glasses may have two logos upon obtaining the previous approval from the parties concerned. The size of the logo for the bag is limited up to 10% of the surface area of the item with the maximum size of 60cm². No logo is allowed on the squeeze bottle.



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24.6 Regulations

Each NOC/NF is responsible for providing their respective players with uniforms from manufacturers which have been homologated and approved by the FIVB.

The FIVB requires 3 sets of uniforms of clearly contrasting colors and recommends having a total of 6 uniforms available (2 of each color) for each player.

Note: Opposing teams have to wear uniforms of clearly contrasting colors and to avoid the use of dominant white color as recommended by Athens Olympic Broadcaster. Before each match, the Control Committee will verify and approve the colors of each team. If the FIVB Technical Delegate deems that the colors of the two opposing teams might lead to confusion, or prove unsuitable for television, they must be changed. A toss of the coin will determine the team that changes uniform.

Players are numbered either # 1 or # 2 and must notably use the same number during the tournament.

A sufficient number of stickers with the FIVB players' number will be sent by the FIVB to the National Federations concerned upon request. The stickers featuring the FIVB players' number may be registered at the Preliminary Inquiry.

The players' number must be compulsorily placed on the front and on the back of the tank top (men) / top or one piece uniform (women) as per the enclosed diagram.

During the Preliminary Inquiry, the FIVB Control Committee will check that the player's numbers are properly positioned.

Note: Upon request from National Federations to the FIVB before 15 May, 2004, a sufficient number of patches with the FIVB players' number (to be ironed on players uniforms) will be provided to the National Federations concerned upon qualification of their teams.

Players must submit their uniforms worn during the competition (tank tops and shorts for men / tops and briefs or one piece uniforms for women) warm-up training uniforms, and accessories (including: sun-visors, caps, hats, headbands, sunglasses, armbands, bags, towels, watches, squeeze water bottles, warm-up suits, medical braces, etc.) at the Preliminary Inquiry for FIVB approval.

After the Preliminary Inquiry, once uniforms and accessories have been checked by the FIVB Control Committee, and unless specifically authorized in writing by the FIVB, players are not allowed to modify their uniforms and accessories.





Uniforms and accessories will also be checked by ATHOC Competition Management and the FIVB Control Committee before the Athletes enter into the filed of play.

Players must not alter the uniforms in any way or cover the identification of official FIVB player's number, country code and flag, manufacturer's logo, etc. No other third party name, logo, corporate design may appear on any equipment and clothing.

Players must wear the homologated uniform approved by the FIVB and checked by the Control Committee at the Preliminary Inquiry and be properly dressed during matches, at the field of play, during warm-ups and during post match interviews in the mixed zone. Players are requested to wear clean uniforms in the media / press area and during the awarding ceremony.

Note: During the opening / closing and awarding ceremony, players are allowed to wear the NOC's official uniform which may be different from the Beach Volleyball official uniform. This uniform will conform to Rule 61 of the Olympic Charter. No hats and sunglasses can be worn during the awarding ceremony.

A clean uniform must be used for each match.

Note: FIVB recommends that players have 2 sets of identical uniforms available for each match.

Players are not authorized to wear any object that may cause an injury to a player, such as jewellery, pins, casts, bracelets, etc.

Upon request of players, the Technical Delegate may authorize them to play with warm-up sportswear (same color and same fabric of the uniforms and tight fitting in exceptional weather conditions such as cold temperature below 16°C).

National Volleyball Federations which formally required FIVB to provide their team(s) with uniforms and have signed an agreement with the FIVB will be required to use only the uniforms and accessories provided by the FIVB designated manufacturer.





In case of non compliance of uniform regulations National Federations can be sanctioned up to US\$10,000 for each match they will infringe the rule and teams can be subject to disqualification.

25. MATERIAL AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT

- **25.1** All the material, which ATHOC provides for the competition venues, warm-up areas, and training venues, will comply with FIVB rules and regulations.
- **25.2** Mikasa Ball Type VLS-200 will be the official ball for the Olympic Beach Volleyball tournaments.
- **25.3** The net posts, post protections, net antennae, nets (made of 10cm square mesh), lines, and referee's chair will be provided by Senoh Corporation in accordance with the FIVB Regulations.
- **25.4** The sand of the playing courts, warm-up courts and training courts for the Olympic Beach Volleyball competition will be in accordance with the 2003-2004 Official Beach Volleyball Rules.

26. MEDICAL SERVICES AND DOPING CONTROL

A First Aid and Emergency Medical Service will be provided during the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games to everyone requiring medical assistance while at Olympic venues, including non-competition venues.

26.1 Olympic Village

The Polyclinic, the medical facility within the Residential Zone of the Olympic Village, will provide residents of the Village with a comprehensive range of services including Sports Medicine and physiotherapy, podiatry, radiology, dental and eye services, general medicine, consulting services, a pharmacy, and a 24-hour Emergency Service with Ambulance service for transportation to the dedicated





Olympic Hospitals. The Polyclinic will also be supported by a Health Care Interpreter Service. A dedicated First Aid Station will operate at the International

Zone of the Olympic Village, to provide emergency and first aid support to all persons who do not have access to the Polyclinic in the Residential Zone.

In addition to these services, the Health Services Programme will ensure the provision of a public health service, monitoring food safety, storage and handling, sanitation, infectious disease notification and other environmental health issues.

26.2 Olympic Hospitals

Designated members of the Olympic Family will receive free emergency medical treatment from 30 July to 1 September 2004, within designated Olympic Hospitals in Attica and in the other Olympic Cities.

26.3 Gender Verification

Gender Verification will be carried out only if requested by the IOC / ATHOC and FIVB.

26.4 Medical Services at the Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre

The Health Service Programme will provide two different services at this venue. A dedicated back of house service comprising doctors, physiotherapists, and back of house ambulance will support the athletes, TOs and all back of house staff. A separate service will be provided by doctors, nurses and first aid officers to all front of house areas (spectators, media). An additional onsite ambulance will support these services and provide transport, where required, to a designated Olympic Hospital.

26.5 Medical Services at Training Venues

Physiotherapist, nurse and onsite ambulance will be provided at all training venues. Doctors will be present depending on the risk of the sport and the IF regulation.

26.6 Doping Controls

Doping Controls for Beach Volleyball will be conducted according to the World Anti-Doping Code in force at the time of the Games and the list of Prohibited Substances and Methods valid at the time. Urine tests will be conducted exclusively, while the exact tests distribution, regarding both the in- and out-of-competition testing, will be

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agreed with FIVB, the IOC Medical Commission and ATHOC, in independent protocol.

All Doping Control Services provided by ATHOC will be ISO9001/2000 certified and developed according to the revised version of the International Standard for Doping Control.

All samples will be analysed at the IOC-accredited and ISO17025 certified Doping Control Laboratory of Athens, which is situated within the premises of the Athens Olympic Sports Complex. A 24-hour reporting system for negative results and a 36-hour reporting system for positive results have been set.

All players are obliged to present a health certificate (M-4 form) issued no more than two months before the competition.

Referees' alcohol testing will be carried-out by ATHOC in accordance with FIVB Medical Regulations.

All team delegations are recommended to take out their own liability and medical insurance.

'All players and team officials will be required to sign the Players and Officials Agreement (M-8), in which they voluntarily submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the Beach Volleyball Control Committee and declare their acceptance of the Competition Regulations, renouncing any claim against the results of matches or doping control in any civil court, and their acceptance to conform to the IOC Rules on this subject.

27. MEDALS AND DIPLOMA

The medals and diplomas for the Beach Volleyball competition will be awarded in accordance with Rule 70 and the By-Law to Rule 70 of the Olympic Charter.

First Place

First prize will be a gold gilt medal and a diploma.

Second Place

Second prize will be a silver medal and a diploma.

Third Place

Third prize will be a bronze medal and a diploma.

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Fourth to eighth places

Competitors placing fourth, fifth (two places), and seventh (two places) will receive a diploma.

Additionally, all participants in the Athens 2004 Olympic Games will receive a commemorative medal and a diploma.

28. ENTERTAINMENT AND PRODUCTION

ATHOC and the FIVB will convey a dynamic and appealing image of Beach Volleyball, organize side events (with the participation of special guests, players, officials, media, sponsors, etc.), and conduct PR activities to stimulate public and media interest. The production will be designed to foster a specific look, sound, and feel that will create excitement and engagement for spectators of Beach Volleyball and for television viewers.

During competition FIVB and ATHOC may implement music and entertainment activities for the spectators, including but not limited to athletes introduction, music between sessions - matches - sets - rallies, dancers e.t.c.

29. COMPETITION REHEARSAL AND AWARDING CEREMONY

Players are requested to wear clean uniforms during the awarding ceremonies.

During the awarding ceremonies, players are allowed to wear the NOC's official uniform, which may be different from the Beach Volleyball official uniform.

No hats and sun glasses can be worn during ceremony. The country flag is not allowed on the podium during the ceremony. The flag of a country can be displayed only after the ceremony is finished.





30. PROTEST AND APPEALS

On court disputes shall be resolved under FIVB Regulations as per Protest Protocol directives. The Game Jury shall decide if the protest will be initiated, rejected or accepted at Level 1. The TD/CC will be in charge of resolving any on court protest confirmation at Level 2.

All protests and appeals must be presented in writing to the FIVB Control Committee and will be resolved under FIVB Regulations.

Protests and appeals regarding the result of a match must be lodged with the Beach Volleyball Control Committee in writing not later than 60 minutes after the end of the match and accompanied by a deposit of CHF. 500.-- for each complaint.

Protests based on the Rules of the Game will be studied under the FIVB Regulations by the Referee Delegate and passed on to the Control Committee, accompanied by its resolution, not later than six hours after the protest is submitted. A final verdict will be given by the jury not later than 12 hours after the protest is submitted or at the latest, before the start of the following match of the team concerned.

Control Committee members of the same nationality, as the team making a protest, will be excluded from the deliberations when the protest is being studied.

31. SANCTIONS

Players not complying with the Eligibility Rules defined by Article 5 of the FIVB General Regulations for International Competitions or who do not present the Health Certificate (M-4) as required in Article 6.1 of the same Regulations and refusing to undergo a medical examination will not be allowed to compete.

Teams presenting uniforms not complying with the FIVB regulations for Olympic Games will be subject to a fine of minimum 10,000 USD for each match they will infringe the rule.





Misconduct during the competition:

- Players who refuse to undergo the anti-doping test will be automatically disqualified. The team concerned will lose the match to its opponent by forfeit.
- A team's voluntary withdrawal despite its prior formal entry will be fined by the FIVB and obliged to reimburse the organizer with damages and expenses to the amount determined by the FIVB Board of Administration.
- Withdrawal during the course of the tournament despite its prior formal entry or no show at the beginning of the tournament by a National team, the National Federation shall be sanctioned with the following:
 - > a fine of US\$40,000
 - suspension from all official FIVB Events for two (2) years
 - obligation to reimburse the Organizing Committee and the FIVB for the expenses borne on behalf of the withdrawing delegation and team plus damages for loss of income and financial consequences.
 - all matches previously played will be declared forfeited 0-2 (0-21; 0-21)
- Voluntary forfeit of a team entails its exclusion from the competition with the following consequences:
 - from that moment the team must cover its own expenses;
 - damages and other sanctions may be decided by the FIVB Board of Administration;
 - Should a voluntary forfeit occur during a match, the team will lose the match in question by forfeit.
- Withdrawal of teams/athletes entered in the Pool Phase is not allowed unless in case of "force majeure" or player's injury. In such cases, a Medical Certificate or a declaration of good faith must be provided by the team concerned and its NOC representative. In case of withdrawal of teams/athletes entered in the in the Pool Phase and not having any Medical Certificate or declaration of good faith, the FIVB and ATHOC will then automatically disqualify this teams/athletes.
- Teams not respecting the color of uniforms as determined by ATHOC and the FIVB will be subject to a fine of a minimum of 1,000 USD.
- Negligence in providing the FIVB with the required documents and sample of uniforms at the Preliminary Inquiry will be subject to a fine up to 5,000 USD.

All sanctions are cumulative.





32. RESULT SYSTEM AND DISTRIBUTION

After each match, the results will be available on the INFO2004 terminals. Competition information (Match results, start lists, results summary, daily schedule, athletes statistics) will be available at the Sport Information Desks at the Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre and the Olympic Village.

A variety of information (results, tournament Summary, athletes statistics, "Play by Play" reports, draws, training schedules, weather reports) will be available in INFO2004 terminals.

Information Bulletin will be published after the end of each competition day and will be distributed through the Sport Information Desks at the Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre and the Olympic Village.

33. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please address any questions on the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games and the Olympic Beach Volleyball competition primarily to the National Olympic Committee(NOC) in your country, then contact ATHOC at:

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34. UNFORSEEN ITEMS

Any unforeseen items not expressly exposed in the present specific regulations, reference is to be made to the general rules and guidelines contained in FIVB Regulations.

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