



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020

INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION (FIVB)

Beach Volleyball

A. EVENTS (2)

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

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Beach Volleyball:

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

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

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

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

Each NOC must, upon recommendation of the respective National Federation, choose its athletes respecting the criteria set forth in section **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Age Requirements:

The minimum age for a Beach Volleyball athlete is 14 years old, on the first day of the competition at the Olympic Games. All athletes participating in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 must therefore be born on/or before 25 July 2007.



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Anti-Doping Requirements:

The FIVB will only allow the registration of clean athletes who have been tested during the qualification period starting 1st June 2018 and ending 27th June 2021 (the “**Qualification Period**”).

Additional IF Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, all athletes must comply with the requirements set out in Chapter 1 (Status of Players) of the [FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Regulations](#) and Article 5 [FIVB Volleyball Sports Regulations](#) and with the rules of the FIVB as described below:

1. To be eligible to represent an NOC that has been allocated a quota place through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament, the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships or the Olympic Ranking List of 14th June 2021, all athletes must have participated as an individual in a minimum of 12 of the following events: the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament; the 2019 FIVB Senior World Championships; the 2019 FIVB World Tour Finals; FIVB World Tour 1*-5* events; recognised Continental Tours Finals, scheduled from 1st September 2018 until 13th June 2021.

In the event that an NOC/NF has earned a quota place through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament, the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships or the Olympic Ranking List of 14th June 2021, the NOC/NF must choose its athletes from its twelve (12) best eligible athletes according to the FIVB Ranking Points accumulated within the Qualification Period while participating in events listed in the previous paragraph.

2. To be eligible to represent an NOC that has been allocated a quota place through the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup Final or the Host Country Places, all athletes must have participated as an individual in a minimum of 12 of the following events: the FIVB Beach Volleyball Continental Cups (each phase counts as one event); Recognized Competitions: Continental Tours, National Tours, Zonal Tours; recognized Multi-Sports Games and regional Games; FIVB Competitions as defined in the FIVB Handbook, scheduled from 1st June 2018 until 27th June 2021.

In the event that an NOC/NF has earned a quota place through the Continental Cup Final or the Host Country Places, the NOC/NF must choose its athletes from its twelve (12) best eligible athletes as per the FIVB Ranking Points accumulated within the Qualification Period while participating in events listed in the previous paragraph.

Late Athlete Replacement Policy:

The Late Athlete Replacement Policy will apply to athletes of NOCs which have already confirmed their respective quota place(s) and are part of the Final Entries list of participating athletes in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

The purpose of the Late Athlete Replacement Policy is to allow for an athlete to be replaced by an athlete of the same NOC after the deadline for the Final Entries list of participating athletes in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (start 6 July 2021 00:00 Tokyo time [GMT+9] until the conclusion of the Preliminary Inquiry of Beach Volleyball tournament at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games).

The grounds for replacement must either be based on an urgent medical conditions preventing the participation of the athlete to be replaced or based on exceptional circumstances, the existence of which are to be assessed on a case by case basis by the FIVB, the Organising Committee and the IOC Sports Department altogether.

The replacing athlete must have participated as an individual in a minimum of 12 of the following events: the FIVB Beach Volleyball Continental Cups (each phase counts as one event); Recognized Competitions: Continental Tours, National Tours, Zonal Tours; recognized Multi-Sports Games and regional Games; FIVB Competitions, scheduled from 1st June 2018 until 27th June 2021 and have been placed on the NOC's Athlete Accreditation Long List by (23 April 2021 (exact date TBC) their respective NOC. In the event that the NOC is



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unable to field a replacement, the NOC automatically forfeits the relevant quota place and the principles set out in section **F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places** will apply. For the sake of clarity, section **F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places** cannot apply once the Preliminary Inquiry is completed.

The Organising Committee and the IOC Sports Department may impose additional requirements at all times, including the use of a specific form.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Each NOC/NF will be able to qualify using the Olympic Ranking or by winning a qualification tournament (the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament; the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships; FIVB Beach Volleyball Continental Cup Finals) held worldwide from 1st June 2018 to 27th June 2021.

The Olympic Ranking is established based on the FIVB Ranking Points earned at the 12 best performances as a team in the 2019 FIVB Senior World Championships, the 2019 FIVB World Tour Finals, FIVB World Tour 1*-5* events and recognised Continental Tour Finals (in case of multiple participation during the Qualification Period, only the best result will be considered) from 1st September 2018 until 13th June 2021.

An athlete can earn a maximum of one (1) quota place for his/her NOC/NF to Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in chronological order of qualification.

MEN / WOMEN

Number of Quota Places Per Gender	Qualification Event
1 team (2 athletes)	2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships 28 June – 7 July 2019, Hamburg, Germany The 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Champion team will earn one (1) quota place for its NOC/NF to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, respecting the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.
2 teams (4 athletes)	FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament 18 – 22 September 2019, Haiyang, China The two (2) play-off winners of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament will each earn one (1) quota place for their NOC/NF to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 respecting the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF. An athlete having already earned one (1) quota place for its NOC/NF through the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships will not be eligible to compete in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament.



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<p>15 teams (30 athletes)</p>	<p>Olympic Ranking List of 14th June 2021</p> <p>Men: https://www.fivb.com/en/beachvolleyball/rankingmen</p> <p>Women: https://www.fivb.com/en/beachvolleyball/rankingwomen</p> <p>The 15 highest ranked teams on the Olympic Ranking as of 14th June 2021 will each earn one (1) quota place for their NOC/NF to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, respecting the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.</p> <p>In the event of a tie in the established Olympic Ranking between two or more teams the following criteria will apply in the following order, to determine the team(s) earning a quota place for their NOC/NF:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The total FIVB Ranking Points accumulated as a team in the 2019 FIVB Senior World Championships, the 2019 FIVB World Tour Finals, FIVB World Tour 1*-5* events and recognised Continental Tour Finals (in case of multiple participation during the Qualification Period, only the best result will be considered) from 1st September 2018 to 13th June 2021;2. The total number of events (the 2019 FIVB Senior World Championships, the 2019 FIVB World Tour Finals, FIVB World Tour 1*-5* events and recognised Continental Tour Finals [in case of multiple participation during the Qualification Period, only the best result will be considered]) the team has participated in from 1st September 2018 to 13th June 2021;3. The highest FIVB Ranking Points obtained as a team in one single event (either the 2019 FIVB Senior World Championships, the 2019 FIVB World Tour Finals, FIVB World Tour 1*-5* events and recognised Continental Tour Finals [in case of multiple participation during the Qualification Period, only the best result will be considered]) from 1st September 2018 to 13th June 2021; if still tied, the 2nd highest FIVB Ranking Points obtained as a team in one single event from 1st September 2018 to 13th June 2021; if still tied, then 3rd highest or 4th highest, etc. until the tie is broken. In the event that the tie cannot be broken, the quota place will be allocated by a draw of lots held between the two (2) teams. <p>An athlete can earn a maximum of one (1) quota place for his/her NOC/NF to Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. In the event that the same athlete(s) who already earned the quota place for his/her NOC/NF through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament or through the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, the next highest ranked eligible team on the Olympic Ranking List of 14th June 2021 will earn one (1) quota place for its NOC/NF to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, respecting the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.</p>
<p>5 teams (10 athletes)</p>	<p>Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (2018 – 2021)</p> <p>A Beach Volleyball Continental Cup will take place between 1st June 2018 and 27th June 2021, within each Confederation.</p> <p>The competition format will be as follows: 1st phase, 2nd phase and Final phase (i.e. Continental Cup Final to be held from 21st to 27th June 2021). The winning NFs moves on to the next phase.</p> <p>Each NOC/NF is represented by two (2) teams per gender at the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup.</p> <p>The highest placed NOC/NF of each Beach Volleyball Continental Cup will earn one (1) quota place, respecting the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.</p>



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	<p>NOCs/NFs which have already obtained two (2) quota places as per the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament, the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships or the Olympic Ranking List of 14th June 2021 will not compete in the Final phase (i.e. Continental Cup Final). They will be replaced by the next eligible NOC/NF in the 2nd phase.</p> <p>An athlete having already earned one (1) quota place for its NOC/NF through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament, the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships or the Olympic Ranking List established on 14th June 2021 will not be eligible to compete in the Final phase (i.e. Continental Cup Final).</p>
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National Olympic Trials:

NOCs/NFs having obtained quota places for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 may organize National Olympic Trials to determine their representing team(s). Athletes selected through the National Olympic Trials must comply with the eligibility requirements as specified in section **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

NOC/NF organising National Olympic Trials shall inform the date/location/format of such trials no later than 5 working days prior to the start of such tournament to the FIVB.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed:

- One team (1) quota place per gender (i.e. two (2) athletes per gender);
- The right to participate in all qualification events to earn a second quota place per gender.

Athletes selected to represent the Host Country must meet the criteria set forth in section **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION PLACES

Following each qualification event, FIVB will publish the results on its website <https://www.fivb.com/> and inform the respective NOC of their allocated quota places. The NFs shall be copied in all communications to their respective NOC.

The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks and exceptionally four (4) days after the last qualifying event (21st to 27th June 2021) to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section **G. Qualification Timeline**.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host NOC has to confirm the use of the allocated Host Country Places (in compliance with eligibility requirements) to FIVB by 14th June 2021.



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F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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

- If the quota place(s) is obtained through FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament, the quota place will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible team on the Olympic Ranking List of 14th June 2021, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.
- If the quota place(s) is obtained through the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, the quota place will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible team on the Olympic Ranking List of 14th June 2021, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.
- If the quota place(s) is obtained through the Olympic Ranking List of 14th June 2021, the quota place will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible team on the Olympic Ranking List of 14th June 2021, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.
- If the quota place(s) is obtained through the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup Finals, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest placed NOC/NF of the respective Beach Volleyball Continental Cup Final, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Should the Host Country decide not to participate, the unused Host Country Place will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible team of the same gender on the Olympic Ranking List of 14th June 2021, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.

Should the Host Country acquire a second quota place through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Qualification Tournament, the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championship and/or the Olympic Ranking List of 14th June 2021, the unused quota place will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible team of the same gender on the Olympic Ranking List of 14th June 2021, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.

In the event that the second quota place obtained by the Host Country through qualification events has been obtained at the occasion of the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup Finals, the unused quota place will be reallocated to the next highest placed NOC/NF of the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup Final in which the Host Country participated in, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Mileston
1 June 2018 – 27 June 2021	Beach Volleyball Continental Cup
1 September 2018 – 13 June 2021	Olympic Ranking
28 June – 7 July 2019	2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships (Hamburg, Germany)
8 July 2019	FIVB to confirm NOC/NF having earned quota place through the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships
22 July 2019	NOC/NF to confirm use of the quota place earned through the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships
18 – 22 September 2019	FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament (OQT) (Haiyang, China)
23 September 2019	FIVB to confirm NOC/NF having earned quota place through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament (OQT)
7 October 2019	NOC/NF to confirm use of the quota place earned through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament (OQT)
14 June 2021	The Host NOC must confirm the use of the allocated quota places (in compliance with eligibility requirements) to FIVB.
14 June 2021	FIVB to publish the Olympic Ranking and to inform NOCs/NFs of the quota places earned through Olympic Ranking
28 June 2021	NOCs to confirm use of the quota places earned through Olympic Ranking to FIVB
28 June 2021	FIVB to inform NOCs/NFs of the quota places earned through Continental Cup Finals
1 July 2021	NOCs to confirm use of the quota places earned through the Continental Cup Finals to FIVB
By 4 July 2021	FIVB to reallocate all unused quota places
5 July 2021	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline
23 July – 8 August 2021	Olympic Games Tokyo 2020