

VOLLEYBALL LAWS OF THE GAME

Each team needs to be present at the sports venue minimum 30 minutes before the start of the match.

All Volleyball matches shall be played in accordance with the FIVB regulations (www.fivb.ch), as amended and advised by EuroValencia 2017 Organizing Committee. In any dispute, the English text will be regarded as decisive. Please take attention to following points:

1. **Match format**

Matches will be played following a "best of 3" format with 2 sets of 15 points and a third set of 11 points. Sets are won by two clear points, with no ceiling. Average match duration is estimated at 40 min, including warm up. Maximum of 3 minutes warm up before the game.

2. **Time Outs**

No time outs are allowed.

3. **Score Sheet**

Only a maximum of 12 players are to be filled out on the Score Sheet during a Volleyball match.

4. **Bench**

The bench consists out of maximum 6 players fielded, 8 substitutes, a coach and assistant coach, a doctor and physiotherapist. Medical staff needs to be qualified.

5. **Forfeit**

In case of a forfeit, 5 minutes delay in accordance with the match official time, or a refusal to play, the opponent will receive 2 points.

6. **Suspension**

Players receiving a penalty (yellow card) shall accumulate 3 disciplinary points. Players receiving an expulsion (red card) shall receive 5 disciplinary points. Players receiving a disqualification (red and yellow card together) shall receive 8 disciplinary points.

7. **Misconduct**

Any player or any delegation member who commits an act of gross unsporting misconduct during the tournament, shall be reported in writing to the Head of his Delegation. Furthermore the organization can be excluded the competition.

8. **Ranking System**

Men Competition:

8 teams divided into 2 pools of 4 teams. 1st and 2nd best ranked teams of each pool will qualify to semifinals.

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Women Competition:

8 teams divided into 2 pools of 4 teams. 1st and 2nd best ranked teams of each pool will qualify to semifinals.

The following system shall be applied in order to determine the ranking or qualification:

- 1st 2 points for a win / 1 point for a loss / 0 points for a forfeit
- 2nd Percentage: Number of sets won / Number of sets played x 100
- 3rd Percentage: Number of points won / Maximum number of points (all played set points) x 100
- 4th Mutual result