



BEACH VOLLEYBALL FORMAT and RULES

FORMAT

There are two game series identified with the names of two beaches:

- 2X2 – **CARCAVELOS**
- 4X4 – **TAMARIZ**

The structure of the tournament privileges the most play time possible for all the teams equally.

There is a **time-limit** for each game. The end of the match will be signaled by a sound alarm (horn). **If the time alarm sounds during an action**, or when a player is about to serve, the game must go on until the end of that point.

CARCAVELOS (2X2)

- Games take place in **Courts 1 and 2**.
- **Three rounds of group play** with 3 groups (A, B and C) of 3 players, that play in championship mode. After each group phase, the teams are reshuffled.

Group Phases

1 set | 21 points | 20 minutes

- The games are composed of one set of 21 points.
- End of game:
 - The winning team gets 2 points, the losing team gets 0 points.
 - In case of a draw after the last point, both teams get 1 point.
- After all group games are played, the teams will be ranked by the following order of criteria:
 1. Team with most points.
 2. The winning team in direct confrontation, wins.
 3. The team with the highest score difference overall (points for minus points against), wins.
 4. The team with the most points scored, wins.
 5. If all else fails, a quick match to 7 points.

TAMARIZ (4X4)

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 - Games take place in **Court 3** and **4**.
 - **Mixed game structure with 2 groups** (D and E) that play in championship mode. An intermediate ranking is found. Then a final cup phase, with the 1st and 2nd places of both groups.

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Cup Phase

3 set | 17 points (final set 15 points) | No time limit

- In the Cup the 1 st and 2 nd places of all groups will play the semi-finals:
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- Winning teams will play in the finals.
- The games are composed of three sets. The first two with 17 points, and the last with 15.
- The game ends, as soon as one of the teams wins two sets.
- There is no minimum point difference.

RULES

The Pitch Beach 2023 Beach Volleyball rules are based on the rules defined by the FIVB.

REFEREE & LINESMEN

To help the organization, each game will have a referee, a scorekeeper and linesmen (at least 2, positioned on opposite corners of the court, for 4X4).

In each game 1 team, of the ones that aren't playing, is assigned for refereeing. Be sure to be there.

LEVEL A/B+/B

All the rules must be respected by the referee. No tolerance for invasion on the net, check the line for service (foot fault) and respect the order of service.

LEVEL B/B-/C

In this level we can be more tolerant about double touch and other unintentional infractions. There is no tolerance for invasion on the net or all the kinds of contact between players.

The final score must be announced at the organization table by the referee of each match.

MEALS

The organization will provide water and small snacks onsite just to prevent dehydration and hypoglycemia but **feel free to bring your own**, especially if you have special dietary restrictions.

Lunch for registered team members and supporters, will be available on Saturday and Sunday according to the manifested dietary restrictions.

Dinners and welcome cocktail will be served as mentioned on the tournament agenda on the 3 days of event.

MEDIA

This tournament will have some photographers who will publish photos and videos in a public website. In case you don't wish to see images of you displayed please inform the organizing committee beforehand.

CONDUCT

All participants and teams are reminded that the competition is played in a public area and will be attended by members of the public including vulnerable adults and children. All participants are expected to behave appropriately. Any instance of any participant being seen to be bringing the game into disrepute will be subject to sanction by the Tournament Committee. This can include being refused entry to the tournament and/or removal from the tournament. In case of removal from the tournament, no refunds will be made available.

FURTHER QUESTIONS

All omissions to these rules shall be decided by the Volleyball Tournament Coordinators – Pedro Duarte and Ricardo Diabão