



INDOOR VOLLEYBALL FORMAT and RULES

FORMAT

The tournament will have two phases:

- **Sorting phase** – 5 groups with 3 teams each.
- **League phase** – 3 leagues with 5 teams each.

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.

Sorting Phase

- Group phase where all teams will play against each other.
- - 5 groups with 3 teams each.

- After all of the matches, the teams will be inserted in to the final league phase:
 - * 1st place of all groups will form the Gold League.
 - * 2nd place of all groups will form the Silver League.
 - * 3rd place of all groups will form the Bronze League.

Matches

1 set | 21 points | 10 minutes (+ 5 warm-up)

- Matches can take place on any of the three courts.
- Each game is composed of one set of 21 points (there is no two point difference, the first to reach 21 wins the set).
- If time runs out before reaching 21, the team with most points wins the set.
- There are no time-outs available during the games.
- End of game: o
- * The winning team gets 2 points, the losing team gets 0 points. o
- * In case of a draw after the last point, both teams get 1 point.
- After all the games are played, points will be summed up to rank the teams 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 most points for (on all games), wins.
 5. If everything else is tied, an extra match will take place, until 7 points.

League Phase

There will be three leagues with 5 teams each. All teams will play against each other:

- Gold League: 1st places from the Sorting Phase
- Silver League: 2nd places from the Sorting Phase
- Bronze League: 3rd places from the Sorting Phase

After this phase we'll have the winners of the tournament on each league. Only the first place will be awarded a prize.

Games take place in a specific court according to the league:

- **Gold League:** Court 1
- **Silver League:** Court 2
- **Bronze League:** Court 3

Matches

3 set | 1st, 2nd – 21 points; 3rd 15 points | 30 minutes (+ 5 warm-up)

- There is no time interval between sets. Players are advised to switch sides swiftly and start the next set so as not to lose time.
- The games are composed of three sets. The first two are up to 21 points, the final set is only to 15 points.
- If the game ends without finishing a set, the team with most points wins that set.
- If the time ends and there is a tied set, one extra point will be played to determine the winner of the set.
- End of game:
 - *The first team to win two sets, wins the match.
 - *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.

RULES

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

Gold League

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 kinds of contact between players.

MEALS

No food is allowed inside the volleyball pavilion.

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.