

## Volleyball tournament rules and regulations

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Significant changes to previous version :

- Playing with only 5 players on the court is authorized
- Displaying a number on each player's shirt is recommended, not mandatory
- The number of timeouts is reduced to one 30-second timeout per set and per team, regardless of the stage of the competition
- The daily location of competition is modified

### I. Dates

The volley-ball tournament will take place from Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 to Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup> according to the following schedule:

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>: pool play
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>: double elimination
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> morning: finals

The sites will open at 8:00 AM; matches will start at 9 AM and end at 7 PM.

### II. Divisions

Mixed: AA, A, BB, B, C;      Women: A, BB, B, C

Depending on the number of teams signed up when registration closes, the organization may pool some divisions together. A minimum of 6 teams is required to form a division. The maximum number of teams per division is 32.

Mixed AA and A divisions will play their pool play matches together and their medal rounds separately.

### III. Rules

The general rules are based on FIVB rulebook:

[https://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/RulesOfTheGame\\_VB.asp](https://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/RulesOfTheGame_VB.asp)

The tournament directors will have all authority for all matters related to the organization of the tournament:

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### IV. Responsibilities of the participants

It is the participants' responsibility to stay informed of the time and location of their matches, as well as of their duty as refereeing team.

All participants must have their individual accreditation badges with them for every day of competition. These accreditation badges must be given to refereeing team at the beginning of each match.

The normal composition of a team is 6 players. However, because of difficulties met by many teams (cancellations, not enough isolated players to complete all teams, the occurrence of injuries), we authorize to play with only 5 players. At least 5 players must be present to play a match. If less than 5 players are present at the scheduled start of the match, the opponent starts the 1<sup>st</sup> with 5 points. After 5 minutes, the first set is forfeited 25-0. After 10 minutes, if a player is still missing, the second set is also forfeited 25-0. If a team starts a set with only 5 players, it will not be allowed to add a sixth player for the duration of the set.

A player can only be in one team roster.

It is recommended that each player's jersey display a unique number, placed on the center of the back or on the chest, with a height of at least 15 cm and of sufficient contrast to be visible from the score table.

A courteous attitude and good sportsmanship are expected of all and at all times.

We thank you in advance for placing your waste in the available trash bins and for helping maintain a clean environment.

Water is the only drink authorized in the play area. No food allowed.

If the organizers estimate that a team did not sign up in the appropriate division, they will reassign them in a more appropriate division before the beginning of competition or after pool play. This team will enter double elimination in the middle of the seeding.

We cannot guarantee compatibility of the schedules between volley-ball and beach volley-ball or any other sports. Once the final number of teams per division is known, we may re-assess compatibility but players signing up for multiple sports do so at their own risk.

We only have a very limited number of balls for warm up. Please bring your own volley-balls.

## **V. Match format**

During pool play, each team will play at least 5 matches of 2 sets to 25 points (2-point difference, cap at 27 points). One 30-second timeout is allowed per team and per set (the teams must be ready to start playing again at the end of the timeout). There will be a time limit of 45 minutes per match. No timeout will be allowed in the last 5 minutes of the match.

The time given is for the start of the match. The court will be available 10 minutes before the scheduled time for warm up.

The ranking after pool play will be calculated according to the following criteria (in descending order of priority):

- Proportion of won sets/ tied sets/ lost sets
- Direct confrontation between tied teams

- Proportion won points / lost points
- Coin toss.

Elimination matches will be played according to double elimination principle (a team is eliminated after 2 losses). They will have no time limit. One 30-second timeout is allowed per team and per set

In the winners' brackets, matches will be played best of 3 sets. The first two sets will be in 25 points with 2 point difference, cap at 27. In case of a third set, it will be played in 15 points with 2 point difference, cap at 17.

In the losers' brackets, matches will be in one set of 25 points with a 2-point difference, cap at 27.

For each division, the gold medal will be decided in a final played between the winners of the winners' bracket and the losers' brackets. If the team coming from the losers' bracket wins, an additional set will be played (25 points max) to comply with the double elimination principle (since the team coming from the winners' bracket will have only lost once).

## VI. Additional rules

Contact of the ball with outside elements (wall, structural element, cable, basketball hoop/rim/net, etc.) will be considered out.

Considering the proximity of the courts and for safety purposes, any ball reaching a neighboring occupied court is considered out (at the referee's judgement).

When the back of the court is less than 1,5 m away from the wall, a player might step on the line to serve.

## VII. Gym allocation by division and dates

### 1. Pool play

Gym	Sunday Aug 05	Monday Aug 06	Tuesday Aug 07
Maryse Hilsz - 6 courts	Mixed B	Mixed C	Mixed B
Louis Lumière - 5 courts	Mixed AA/A	Mixed BB	Mixed BB
Ladoumègue - 4 courts	Women	Mixed AA/A	Women

### 2. Double elimination

Gym	Wednesday Aug 08	Thursday Aug 09
Maryse Hilsz - 6 courts	Mixed B	Mixed BB

Louis Lumière - 5 courts	Mixed C	Mixed B/C
Ladoumègue - 4 courts	Women	Women

### 3. Finals

Friday Aug 10	Saturday Aug 11, morning
women B and all Mixed except AA	AA mixed and Women A

### 4. Gym addresses

Gymnase Maryse Hilsz	34 Rue Maryse Hilsz, 75020 Paris
Gymnase Louis Lumière	30 Rue Louis Lumière, 75020 Paris
Centre sportif Jules Ladoumègue	37 Route des Petits Ponts, 75019 Paris
Salle Charpy	Stade Charléty - 99 Boulevard Kellermann, 75013 Paris

These informations constitute an estimated forecast. They are subject to modifications depending on the number of teams and on equipment problems that may arise.

## VIII. Access to results and match schedule

The schedule of pool play matches will be made available to team captains at least one week before the beginning of the competition. Results of completed matches will be updated at least once daily and accessible on [www.Paris2018.com](http://www.Paris2018.com), as well as pool play ranking and schedules for the first round of elimination matches.

## IX. Penalties/Sanctions

If a team in charge of refereeing a match is late, it will be penalized by one point for each minute delay. These points will be given to their opponent during the first set of their next match.

In case of a behavior that the referee feels inappropriate, impolite, threatening or aggressive, a participant (on the court or on the bench) can receive the following sanctions during a match:

- oral warning
- penalty: point lost and service given to the opposing team
- exclusion: point lost and service given to the opposing team and the participant cannot play until the end of the set
- disqualification: point lost and service given to the opposing team and the participant cannot play until the end of the match.

A player that has been excluded/disqualified must be replaced according to FIVB rules. If the substitution is not possible (no available player on the roster or maximum number of substitutions reached), the team loses the set.

## **X. Refereeing**

All the teams will be involved in officiating, between 2 and 3 times during pool play, and all along the double elimination tournament. Even after their last match, a team may be called to officiate.

At least 4 people must be present to officiate.

The officiating team must fill out the match sheet (or have it filled out by the team captains) with the following elements:

- Team rotation at the beginning of the set
- Substitution
- Presence of a libero
- Score of each set
- Timeouts taken
- Captain signatures
- Complaints if any

## **XI. Complaints**

All complaints must be filed on the match sheet.