

OFFICIAL REGULATIONS

2026 ASIAN BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Qualification Event for the Olympic Games LA 2028)

1. General Provisions

1.1 The 2026 Asian Beach Volleyball Championships (hereinafter “the Championships”) shall serve as the AVC Continental Qualification Event for the Olympic Games LA 2028, awarding **one (1) Olympic quota place per gender**.

1.2 The event shall consist of **twenty-four (24) teams per gender**, with a maximum of **two (2) teams per National Federation (NF) per gender**.

1.3 Only teams **duly registered in the Volleyball Information System (VIS)** within the prescribed deadlines shall be eligible for qualification and participation.

No late entries or exceptions shall be permitted.

2. Qualification System

The twenty-four (24) teams per gender shall be allocated as follows in chronological order:

Qualification pathway	Quota Places
Previous Edition Champion (2024 Asian Sr. Beach Volleyball Championships)	1 Place
Host	1 Place
Zonal Allocation	10 Places
AVC Team Rankings	12 Places
Total	Twenty-four (24) teams per gender

2.1 Previous Edition Champion

The National Federations of the teams that won the gold medals at the 2024 Asian Senior Beach Volleyball Championships (Men’s – AUS; Women’s – CHN) shall each be entitled to one (1) team in the respective gender category.

2.2 Host

The Host National Federation: CHN - shall be automatically entitled to one (1) team per gender in the competition.

Note: The quotas for the Host NF and previous edition champion NFs are granted to the NF. Therefore, the NF has the discretion to select any team for this spot.

Host NF and previous edition champion NFs should confirm the specific team names for this quota between **July 29 and August 4, 2026**.

2.3 Zonal Allocation

2.3.1 Each Zonal Association (WAVA, CAVA, EAVA, SEAVA, OZVA) shall be allocated **two (2) quota places**.

2.3.2 Qualification shall be based on the results of the respective **2026 Zonal Championships**, where the **1st and 2nd ranked teams** shall qualify.

2.3.3 **Only one (1) team per NF** may qualify through the Zonal Allocation pathway.

2.3.4 If the 1st and 2nd ranked teams belong to the same NF:

- Only the **highest ranked team** shall qualify;
- The remaining quota place shall be allocated to the **next highest ranked eligible team from a different NF**.

2.3.5 All zonal places must be finalized by **-42 days (22 July 2026)**.

2.3.6 If a Zonal Championship is not conducted:

- The **two (2) highest ranked eligible teams from that zone**, based on AVC Team Ranking at **-35 days (29 July 2026)**, shall qualify.
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2.4 AVC Team Ranking Qualification

2.4.1 Twelve (12) teams shall qualify based on the **AVC Team Ranking** at **-35 days (29 July 2026)**.

2.4.2 Only teams not already qualified shall be considered.

2.4.3 The maximum of **two (2) teams per NF** shall be strictly enforced.

2.4.4 In case of vacancy:

- The place shall be assigned to the **next highest ranked eligible team**.
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3. AVC Team Ranking Calculation

- **Entry cut-off date -35 days (29 July 2026)**
- **Entry counting period: 365 days (29 July 2025 – 29 July 2026)**
- **Seeding count date -1 day (1 September 2026)**
- **Seeding counting Period: 365 days (1 September 2025 – 1 September 2026)**

AVC Team Ranking points = **sum of both players' points**

Each player's points are calculated as:

- Maximum best **three (3)** results from **FIVB-sanctioned events** within the last 365 days.
- Plus best **two (2)** results from **AVC-sanctioned events** within the last 365 days. Maximum of **three (3) AVC results** can be applied only if the points from the third AVC event are higher than those from the third FIVB event. The third AVC result will replace the third FIVB result.
- Total maximum of 5 events.

3.2 Restriction:

- Only **one (1)** Multi-sport event, or Zonal/Regional events will be included in total.
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4. Player Registration and Replacement

4.1 Before Entry Deadline (-35 days)

- Teams may freely change players in VIS
 - Ranking points shall be **recalculated immediately**
 - Qualification status may change accordingly
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4.2 After Entry Deadline (-35 days)

No player change shall be permitted except in cases of:

- Injury or illness
- Force majeure

Subject to:

- Official documentation
 - AVC approval
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4.3 Replacement Consequences

- The team retains its qualification place
- Ranking points shall be **recalculated**
- Team shall be **re-seeded accordingly**

Replacement shall not be used to gain an unfair advantage.

5. Entry and Confirmation Procedure

5.1 Following the Entry Deadline (-35 days):

- AVC shall publish a **tentative entry list**

5.2 National Federations must confirm participation within the specified deadline **(29 July – 4 August 2026)**.

5.3 Failure to confirm:

- The team shall be **withdrawn automatically**

5.4 Vacancies shall be filled by:

- Next eligible team from AVC Team Ranking
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6. Competition Format

6.1 The Championships shall follow the **Olympic format**.

Preliminary Phase

- 24 teams → **6 pools of 4 teams**
- Round-robin format

Advancement

The first two ranked teams from each pool, and the best two teams that rank third in their respective pools (first by match points, then by set ratio followed by rally point ratio and lastly by tournament seeding established at the general technical meeting), will advance automatically to the final phase.

- Top 2 from each pool (12 teams) → Advance directly
- Best 2 third-ranked teams (2 teams) → Advance directly
- Remaining 4 third-ranked teams:
 - Play **Lucky Loser Round** (3rd ranked vs. 6th ranked, 4th ranked vs. 5th ranked)
 - 2 winners advance

Final Phase

- Single elimination
- Round of 16 → Quarterfinals → Semifinals → Finals

6.2 Pool Ranking Criteria

Ranking within pools shall be determined by:

1. Match points
2. Set ratio
3. Rally point ratio
4. Tournament Seeding

8. Key Dates

Date	Countdown	Description
1-15 May 2026	-125 days	Zonal Associations to confirm to AVC whether Zonal Championships Qualification Events will be conducted
1 May 2026	-124 days	BVIS registration opens for all National Federations
1-22 Jul 2026	-42 days	Period for organization and completion of Zonal Qualification Events
22 Jul 2026	-42 days	Deadline for Zonal Associations to submit official results and qualified teams to AVC
29 Jul 2026	-35 days	BVIS registration closes (Entry Deadline)
29 Jul – 4 Aug 2026	-35 days to -29 days	- AVC publishes tentative entry list - NFs must confirm participation within the specified deadline - AVC reallocates any vacant quota places to next eligible teams
5 Aug 2026	-28 days	Final confirmed entry list officially published
1 Sep 2026	-1 day	Seeding confirmed and draw conducted (if applicable)
2-6 Sep 2026	0 day	Competition starts

9. Final Provisions

9.1 These Regulations are **final and binding**.

9.2 Any matter not expressly covered shall be decided by the AVC.

9.3 AVC reserves the right to:

- Ensure all quota places are filled
 - Maintain fairness and transparency
 - Prevent any manipulation or abuse of the qualification system
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