

Athlete Allocation System

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BEACH VOLLEYBALL - Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB)

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1 INTRODUCTION

The Beach Volleyball Athlete Allocation System includes four (4) key methods of qualification;

- 1. Host CGA**
Automatic qualification
- 2. Direct Qualification**
FIVB World Ranking (Men and Women) - Ranking period 16 April 2018 to 31 March 2022
- 3. Continental Representation**
Five (5) zones including four (4) FIVB recognised zones + Oceania, as defined by the CGF
- 4. Bipartite Invitation**
FIVB and CGF Bipartite Invitation

2 MEDAL EVENTS (2)

Men's Medal Events (1)

- Men's Team

Women's Medal Events (1)

- Women's Team

3 ATHLETE ALLOCATION SYSTEM

a) Host CGA Automatic Qualification (Commonwealth Games England)

Gender	Max. by CGA	Event Specific
Men	2 athletes (1 Team)	1 Team per Event
Women	2 athletes (1 Team)	1 Team per Event

b) Maximum Number of Athletes by Commonwealth Games Association (CGA)

Gender	Max. by CGA	Event Specific
Men	2 athletes (1 Team)	1 Team per Event
Women	2 athletes (1 Team)	1 Team per Event

c) Total Athlete Allocation by Sport

Gender	Direct	Continental	Host CGA	Bipartite Invitation	Total
Men	10 (5 Teams)	10 (5 Teams)	2 (1 Team)	2 (1 Team)	24 (12 Teams)
Women	10 (5 Teams)	10 (5 Teams)	2 (1 Team)	2 (1 Team)	24 (12 Teams)

For the avoidance of doubt, each CGA is entitled to have a maximum of 1 team per medal event in the entire qualification process.

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4 QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK

CGAs not affiliated with FIVB will be required to affiliate with FIVB, or if not eligible to affiliate will be required to obtain approval from FIVB before eligibility to participate.

Teams will be selected to compete in accordance with the following process.

Host CGA	Direct Qualification	Continental Representation	Bipartite Invitation
The Host CGA shall be issued with the maximum allocation of athlete-slots, being one (1) Team per medal event.	Following the award of the Host CGA slot, the top five (5) CGA Nations on the FIVB World Ranking (Men and Women) in the ranking period 16 April 2018 - 31 March 2022 will earn direct qualification.	The top CGA Nation from the four (4) FIVB Regions of AVC, CAVB, CEV and NORCECA/CSV+ Oceania (1), as defined by CGF not otherwise qualified through the Host CGA or Direct Qualification will qualify one slot to be awarded to the CGA.	Bipartite Invitation slots will be awarded to one (1) CGA Nation not otherwise qualified at the CGF and FIVB's sole and absolute discretion.

Slot-Allocation	Slot-Allocation	Slot-Allocation	Slot-Allocation
CGA	CGA	CGA	CGA

Note:

FIVB World Rankings are established based on the FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking points earned at the eight (8) best performances as a team in all FIVB sanctioned or homologated Beach Volleyball events over the specified ranking period.

5 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

a) Host CGA Automatic Qualification

- The Host CGA shall be issued the maximum slot allocation of one (1) Team per medalevent;
- The Host CGA athletes will be removed from the FIVB World Ranking and FIVB regional event results for the purposes of determining Direct Qualification and Continental Representation;
- In the event the Host CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via the Host CGA method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.

b) Direct Qualification

The top five (5) CGA Nations on the FIVB World Ranking (Men and Women) in the ranking period 16 April 2018 to 31 March 2022 will earn direct qualification. For the avoidance of doubt, the Host CGA will be awarded the Host CGA slot, and therefore removed from the FIVB World Ranking for these purposes.

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In the event the final slot of qualification has been achieved by more than one CGA, the CGA to be allocated the slot will be identified in priority order according to the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking Definitions.

- In the case of a further tie, the CGA will be identified at the sole and absolute discretion of the FIVB and CGF, taking into consideration factors including, but not limited to:
 - international competition results during the period of 16 April 2018 – 31 March 2022; and
 - any other factor(s) considered relevant by FIVB and CGF.

For the avoidance of doubt, for an athlete to be eligible to accrue points for consideration on behalf of their CGA, they must be a passport-holder for that CGA country and satisfy all other CGF eligibility regulations. Satisfying general FIVB Eligibility criteria will not be sufficient.

In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.

c) Continental Representation

The top CGA Nation from the four (4) FIVB Regions of AVC, CAVB, CEV and NORCECA/CSV as well as the top CGA from Oceania (as defined by the CGF) not otherwise qualified through Host CGA or Direct Qualification will qualify one slot to be awarded to the CGA.

For the purposes of FIVB Continental Representation, places will be determined by the highest placed CGA (not otherwise qualified) from designated FIVB regional events ("Continental Representation events"). These events will be concluded prior to 31 March 2022 and will be confirmed by no later than 01 October 2021.

For the avoidance of doubt, CGAs who have already earned qualification through Host CGA and Direct Qualification will be removed from the Continental Representation event results to determine Continental Representation. Continental Representation slots will therefore not be awarded until after Direct Qualification slots are determined following the FIVB World Ranking as at 31 March 2022.

For the purposes of qualification through Continental Representation, CGA representation across FIVB regions will be as follows:

Region	Eligible CGAs
AVC	Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka
CAVB	Botswana, Cameroon, Eswatini, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, The Gambia, Uganda, Zambia
CEV	Cyprus, England, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, Malta, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales
NORCECA/CSV	Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St Helena, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos
Oceania	Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Where there is no Continental Representation event held due to unforeseen or extenuating circumstances, the highest ranked CGA not otherwise qualified from that region on the FIVB World Rankings in the ranking period 16 April 2018 to 31 March 2022 will qualify.

Where there is no Continental Representation event held due to unforeseen or extenuating circumstances and all eligible CGAs from that region have qualified through another pathway, the highest ranked CGA not otherwise qualified from any region on the FIVB World Rankings in the ranking period 16 April 2018 to 31 March 2022 will qualify.

For the avoidance of doubt, for an athlete to be eligible to accrue points or compete in Continental Representation events for consideration on behalf of their CGA, they must be a passport-holder for that CGA country and satisfy all other CGF eligibility regulations. Satisfying general FIVB Eligibility criteria will not be sufficient.

In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.

d) Bipartite Invitation

Bipartite Invitation slots will be awarded to one (1) CGA Nation per medal event not otherwise qualified, at FIVB and CGF sole and absolute discretion.

Applications for a Bipartite Invitation slot are to be submitted by the CGA by the prescribed deadline. It is at the sole and absolute discretion of the FIVB and CGF to allocate a Bipartite Invitation slot in an instance where no application has been received.

CGAs to be considered by the Bipartite Commission must participate in the Continental Representation events.

These slots are non-transferable and in the event the CGA is no longer able to accept the Bipartite Invitation slot(s) it will be distributed at the sole and absolute discretion of the Bipartite Commission with consideration for the factors listed below.

In making determinations on allocating Bipartite Invitation slots, FIVB and CGF may consider factors including, but not limited to:

1. Field depth and competition strength;
2. International, regional and national competition results including strength of competition and consistency of performance;
3. Widely and regularly practising national athletes;
4. Demonstrated availability of athletes to participate in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games competition; and
5. Any other factor(s) considered relevant by FIVB and CGF.

Where a CGA has not competed in the Continental Representation event, but would otherwise be deemed eligible, the Bipartite Commission may grant an exemption on the grounds of extenuating circumstances. CGAs may request this consideration when applying for the Bipartite Invitation slot.

Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process

Any qualification slots that are not used by the CGA will be reallocated as follows:

- Any unused slots earned from the Host CGA method shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked CGA not otherwise qualified on the FIVB World Ranking in the ranking period 16 April 2018 to 31 March 2022. Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining on the FIVB World Ranking, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and FIVB.
- Any unused slots earned from the Direct Qualification method (FIVB World Ranking) shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked CGA not otherwise qualified on the FIVB World Ranking in the

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ranking period 16 April 2018 to 31 March 2022. Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining on the FIVB World Ranking, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and FIVB.

- Any unused slots earned from the Continental Representation shall be reallocated to the next highest placed CGA not otherwise qualified from the respective Continental Representation event. Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining from the respective Continental Representation event, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and FIVB.
- The CGF and FIVB reserve the right not to reallocate the slot, in the case that the reallocation process results in the potential award of a slot to a CGA whose performance could compromise the safety and integrity of the competition.

6 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for endorsement by a CGA, an athlete must;

- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or FIVB or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, FIVB and the World Anti-Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed. In the case of any inconsistency, CGF rules and regulations will prevail;
- Have complied with the minimum age regulations, as stipulated by FIVB; and
- Have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution.

7 TIMELINES

By 01 October 2021	FIVB to confirm Continental Representation events
27 January 2022	Deadline for Birmingham 2022 Organising Committee (B2022) to receive Entry by Number information
18 March 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive accreditation application forms submitted by CGAs
31 March 2022	Host CGA slot awarded
31 March 2022	FIVB World Ranking qualification period closes for the purposes of determining the selected CGAs through Direct Qualification.
By 31 March 2022	Continental Representation events to determine five (5) qualification slots per medal event
31 March 2022	Deadline for CGAs to submit Bipartite Invitation applications
4 April 2022	CGF to confirm qualified CGAs through Direct Qualification on behalf of FIVB and CGF
7 April 2022	CGF to confirm qualified CGAs through Continental Representation

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21 April 2022	CGAs to confirm acceptance of qualified slots through Direct Qualification
21 April 2022	CGAs to confirm acceptance of qualified slots through Continental Representation
21 April 2022	CGF to confirm acceptance of Bipartite Invitation slots
22 April 2022	CGF to confirm the reallocated quota places (if necessary)
29 April 2022	CGAs to confirm acceptance of reallocated quota places (if necessary)
April 2022	Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings
29 June 2022	Deadline for B2022 Entry by Name information
July 2022 (tbc)	Delegation Registration Meetings

BIPARTITE COMMISSION

1 Governance

- 1.1 The membership of the CGF/FIVB Bipartite Commission shall comprise of the CGF Sports Director (or appointed designate) and the FIVB Beach Volleyball Events Director (or appointed designate).
- 1.2 Any disputes shall be addressed by the CGF Executive Board.

2 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the Bipartite Commission will be to assess, evaluate and make recommendation to the CGF Executive Board on the award of Bipartite Invitation slots.