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A collage of three volleyball action shots. The left side shows two players in white jerseys (numbers 14 and 5) jumping to block a ball. The right side shows a player in a white jersey diving on the orange court floor. A volleyball is visible in the air in both scenes. A dark blue text box with white text is overlaid on the center of the collage.

Jumping or diving

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## **New format provides exciting new challenge for all**

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I am very proud to be able to say that the FIVB continues to evolve and reinvent itself and the FIVB Volleyball World League is the perfect example. Having increased the number of teams to 18 last year, we have now gone one step further and introduced 10 more countries to this year's edition, which sees the number of participating teams increase to 28 for the first time ever in the tournament's history.

The FIVB Volleyball World League is known for its intensive and exhilarating playing schedule, which tests the mettle of even the most experienced teams and with this year's format – seven pools of four teams – the competition is set to be more challenging than ever.

The key behind this new structure is about providing opportunities and the continued growth of our sport. For teams making their debut appearance in the tournament this year, the FIVB Volleyball World League 2014 is a chance to fully experience the rigours of premier international volleyball. It goes without saying that no team can rest on their laurels and the increased level of competition is sure to throw up surprises galore. Each team will have to dig deep within themselves to serve up the best volleyball they have to offer.

The decision to open up participation to more countries is also a huge boost to volleyball development on continents where the sport is burgeoning, and with matches being held all over the globe, this is truly a 'world' event.

Not only do athletes benefit from this new initiative but federations will also obtain a taste of what it is like to organise a high level volleyball competition. In doing so, more people will get involved and there is an opportunity to create a real volleyball buzz at a very local level. This is an important first step in creating broad based grassroots support over the long term.

I am eager to see what the teams have on offer in this edition of the FIVB Volleyball World League. Expect surprises and expect to have your perceptions challenged, because this is what truly international volleyball is all about.

Dr. Ary S. Graça Fº  
FIVB President

## 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary tournament heralds a new era

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The FIVB Volleyball World League heralds a new era in 2014 with defending champions Russia and 27 challengers. The competition, which features the world's top volleyball teams and has been thrilling fans around the world since 1990, will be bigger than ever for its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The World League – the overture to a year of competition culminating in the FIVB World Championships for men and women – will take place over eight weeks from the start of the Intercontinental Round on May 23 to the grand finale on July 20.

Belgium, Slovakia, Tunisia, Turkey and Mexico will be making their debut in the competition, bringing the total number of countries to have played in the World League to 31, with the newcomers joined by five prominent national teams making their return to the competition

this year. Australia have made just one appearance back in 1999, while the Czech Republic and Puerto Rico's only outings to date were in 2003 and 2011 respectively. Spain (most recent appearance in 2008) and China (2010) also make their comeback with the field completed by the 18 countries that lined up in 2013. Only Brazil and Italy have played in all 24 editions of the World League.

The line up at this year's World League includes all seven former winners: Brazil (nine titles), Italy (eight), defending champions Russia (three), Poland, Cuba, USA and the Netherlands (one win each). Eight countries, playing in two groups of four, took part in the inaugural competition in 1990. In 1991 the number of teams had risen to 10, while 12 nations competed from 1992-2000 and 2004-05. The field featured 16 teams from 2001-2003 and 2006-2012. Last year's competition included 18 different countries, with that number being eclipsed by the 28 teams lining up in 2014.





## Medal Showcase

Year	Finals	Champions	Runners-up	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
2013	Mar del Plata, Argentina	Russia	Brazil	Italy
2012	Sofia, Bulgaria	Poland	USA	Cuba
2011	Gdansk, Poland	Russia	Brazil	Poland
2010	Cordoba, Argentina	Brazil	Russia	Serbia
2009	Belgrade, Serbia	Brazil	Serbia	Russia
2008	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	USA	Serbia	Russia
2007	Katowice, Poland	Brazil	Russia	USA
2006	Moscow, Russia	Brazil	France	Russia
2005	Belgrade, Serbia	Brazil	Serbia & Montenegro	Cuba
2004	Rome, Italy	Brazil	Italy	Serbia & Montenegro
2003	Madrid, Spain	Brazil	Serbia & Montenegro	Italy
2002	Belo Horizonte, Brazil	Russia	Brazil	Yugoslavia
2001	Katowice, Poland	Brazil	Italy	Russia
2000	Rotterdam, the Netherlands	Italy	Russia	Brazil
1999	Mar del Plata, Argentina	Italy	Cuba	Brazil
1998	Milan, Italy	Cuba	Russia	The Netherlands
1997	Moscow, Russia	Italy	Cuba	Russia
1996	Rotterdam, the Netherlands	The Netherlands	Italy	Russia
1995	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Italy	Brazil	Cuba
1994	Milan, Italy	Italy	Cuba	Brazil
1993	São Paulo, Brazil	Brazil	Russia	Italy
1992	Genova, Italy	Italy	Cuba	USA
1991	Milan, Italy	Italy	Cuba	Russia
1990	Osaka, Japan	Italy	The Netherlands	Brazil

## Overall Standings

Country	Nb part.	Rank										
		1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Argentina	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	9	6	8
Australia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Brazil	24	3	5	5	1	3	2	5	5	5	3	3
Bulgaria	16	-	-	-	-	4	5	8	6	5	-	-
Canada	7	-	10	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	11
China	14	8	-	9	7	11	11	6	10	-	-	-
Cuba	23	-	2	2	4	2	3	4	2	1	2	7
Czech Republic	1											
Egypt	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EUN	1			6								
Finland	9	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	18	5	8	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7
Germany	10			12	8	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greece	10	-	-	-	11	7	9	11	-	12	-	-
Iran	1											
Italy	24	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	4	1	1
Japan	20	6	7	10	6	8	8	9	12	-	-	-
Korea	15	-	9	8	10	9	6	-	11	9	-	-
The Netherlands	17	2	4	4	5	5	12	1	4	3	10	5
Poland	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	8	7
Portugal	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Russia	19				2	6	4	3	3	2	4	2
Serbia	7											
Serbia & Montenegro	4											
Spain	11	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	9	5	5	11
USA	16	7	6	3	9	12	10	-	-	-	-	6
USSR	2	4	3									
Venezuela	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yugoslavia	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	5	-	4



														Rank		Medal			Podium		
2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2013	Total	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>				
13	9	-	-	10	7	13	-	5	5	4	10	6	-	-	-	-					
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
1	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	2	6	2	17	9	4	4					
-	-	5	4	5	4	5	7	10	7	5	4	4	-	-	-	-					
-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	12	5	-	-	-	-					
-	9	-	10	-	13	9	7	13	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
5	13	13	7	3	7	7	10	4	4	8	3	13	9	1	5	3					
-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
-	-	-	-	-	13	13	13	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
-	-	-	-	-	10	7	10	8	13	10	13	16	-	-	-	-					
5	7	10	5	10	2	6	10	9	12	12	7	10	1	-	1	-					
13	9	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	11	5	7	-	-	-	-					
9	9	7	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-					
2	4	3	2	7	6	9	7	7	6	6	11	3	14	8	3	3					
9	13	13	10	10	13	13	6	15	-	15	15	18	-	-	-	-					
-	-	-	-	-	10	9	13	14	16	13	14	15	-	-	-	-					
7	7	10	-	-	-	-	-	12	11	-	-	14	3	1	1	1					
7	5	9	7	4	7	4	5	11	10	3	1	11	2	1	-	1					
13	13	13	10	5	13	-	-	-	-	14	16	17	-	-	-	-					
3	1	7	-	-	3	2	3	3	2	1	8	1	14	3	5	6					
-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2	2	3	9	9	8	3	-	2	1					
-	-	2	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	1					
9	5	5	7	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
9	-	-	-	-	10	3	1	6	8	7	2	12	4	1	1	2					
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1					
13	13	13	-	7	-	-	13	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1					





### Revolutionary new format: Olympic champions Russia challenged by 27 teams

Olympic champions Russia will have a revolutionary new format to play in when they begin their FIVB World League title defence against a pack of challengers led by FIVB World Grand Champions Cup winners Brazil.

The World League will be bigger than ever for its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Following its previous record of 18 participating nations in 2013, 28 teams are set to compete in this year's event with Russia and Brazil still the favourites. Everything points towards another duel between the Russian giants and their 2.18 metre man Dmitry Muserskiy and ball wizards and record winners, Brazil. This year's Brazil squad is as strong as ever including both playmaker Bruno Rezende and point-machine Murilo Endres, who is back in business following shoulder surgery.

Russia came out on top at the 2012 Olympic Games as well as the 2013 World League with a commanding 3-0 victory against Brazil in the final. Brazil hit back to win the

FIVB Volleyball World Grand Champions Cup, although they did lose a match to their archrivals once again in the tournament. Among the other teams slated to do well are the rejuvenated Italians with their attacker Ivan Zaytsev, who was top scorer in the 2013 World League Intercontinental Round with 215 points.

Poland, hosts of the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship and 2012 World League winners, can be expected to make waves this year with Frenchman Stephane Antiga at the helm and Mariusz Wlazly a big-name player making his comeback in the national team. Iran, a rising force in world volleyball, can also be counted on to produce some shocks during the tournament.

However, Italy, Poland and Iran will all come up against record winners Brazil, who kick off the pool A action with a match against Italy on May 23. Pool B sees defending champions Russia take on 2012 silver medallists USA,

2013 fourth-placed team Bulgaria and four-time runner's up Serbia. Serbia's squad will once again be spearheaded by star Aleksandar Atanasijevic while USA's hopes rest with Matthew Anderson and an old hand returning to the fold in the form of William Priddy. Bulgaria will once again put their faith in the spiking skills of Tsvetan Sokolov.

The top two teams in both these 'super pools' will qualify for the Finals from July 16 to 20 in the city of Florence. They will be joined by the host nation Italy and the winner of a final round contested between teams from pools C, D and E on the weekend of July 11 to 13 in Sydney, Australia in a completely new format. During the Intercontinental Round, Pools A to E will play double home and away matches, making a total of 12 matches per team.

Pool C features first time participants Belgium along with Canada, Australia and Finland, while Argentina, Germany, France and Japan are in Pool D. Pool E sees the Netherlands, Korea, the Czech Republic and Portugal play against each other. As well as Cuba, who find themselves in a phase of rebuilding, pools F and G also include the teams lower down in the World Rankings. Cuba are joined in pool F by debutants Tunisia, Turkey and Mexico while Pool G sees Slovakia, Puerto Rico, China and Spain. There will be two stand-alone tournaments per pool involving the four teams in each grouping. The Final Four for Pools F and G will take place at the end of June in Bursa, Turkey.

Last year, Russia secured the title at the Islas Malvina Hall in Mar del Plata in the final against Brazil as the host broadcaster beamed fantastic images of the Final Round all around the globe. TV broadcasts of the World League again reached new markets and all 100 matches that were produced and broadcast live, reached more than 500 million households worldwide. And with the FIVB live streaming the action, volleyball was in demand among fans in an ever-increasing number of countries. Not a surprising turn of events for a FIVB-organised event, which offered \$5.7m in prize money in 2013 and which has become synonymous with fantastic sporting action and a spectacular show.

The success story witnessed since 1990 is evidence of the ingenuity of the idea, which introduced a competition among the best volleyball teams in the world. And the story continues this year with 2014 set to provide an especially thrilling and historic 25<sup>th</sup> edition.



**The 2014 FIVB Volleyball World League Intercontinental Round features 28 teams split into seven pools of four:**

GROUP 1		GROUP 2			GROUP 3	
POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D	POOL E	POOL F	POOL G
BRA (1)	BUL (6)	AUS (14)	ARG (7)	CZE (22)	CUB (7)	CHN (18)
IRI (12)	RUS (2)	BEL (37)*	FRA (16)	KOR (21)	MEX (22)*	ESP (25)
ITA (3)	SRB (9)	CAN (11)	GER (10)	NED (31)	TUN (13)*	PUR (20)
POL (5)	USA (4)	FIN (30)	JPN (17)	POR (38)	TUR (45)*	SVK (36)*

() Numbers in brackets denotes world ranking

\* First time in World League

**12**  
matches  
per team

**616** players

**5**-day finals

**25<sup>th</sup>**  
edition

**84** international  
referees

**28** teams

**144** matches  
in total

**68**  
host cities

US\$ **6.9m**  
in prize  
money

**2,000+**  
media









## INTERCONTINENTAL ROUND (May 23 to July 6)

The 2014 FIVB Volleyball World League Intercontinental Round features 28 teams split into seven pools of four.

Pool A features two of the most successful countries in the 24-year history of the World League with world No. 1 and nine-time champions Brazil along with eight time winners Italy, 2012 champions Poland and the rapidly improving Iran.

In Pool B are defending champions Russia, 2012 silver medallists USA, this year's fourth-placed team Bulgaria and four-time runner's up Serbia.

Pool C features first time participants Belgium along with Canada, Australia and Finland while Argentina, Germany, France and Japan are in Pool D. Pool E features the Netherlands, Korea, the Czech Republic – who return

to the World League after making their only previous appearance in 2003 – and Portugal.

Last year's 13<sup>th</sup> place finishers Cuba are joined in Pool F by World League debutants Tunisia, Turkey and Mexico while Pool G sees Puerto Rico return after making their only appearance in 2011, China and Spain return after last appearing in 2010 and 2008 respectively while Slovakia will make their World League debut.

In the Intercontinental Round, Pools A, B, C, D and E play double home and away matches – two matches each weekend – while Pools F and G play Round Robin tournaments (two matches per day over three days).



#### COMPETITION FORMULA

Seven weekends of pool play over eight weeks
28 teams
Seven pools of four teams
Home-and-away matches
A total of 12 matches per team
An overall total of 144 matches
Six teams qualify for the World League Finals

#### MATCH POINT DISTRIBUTION

3-0 or 3-1	Winners: 3pts	Losers: 0pt
3-2	Winners: 2pts	Losers: 1pt

#### TIE BREAKING CRITERIA

1	Number of matches won
2	Sets ratio
3	Points ratio

### Squad Sizes

As was the case in 2013, the 2014 edition will see 22 players eligible for selection throughout the tournament. The 12 match day players will be selected from the 22.



### Tie breaking criteria

Teams even on points at the end of the Intercontinental Round will be classified according to the number of matches they have won, sets ratio and then points ratio, changing from the previous system of using points ratio before sets ratio. The following tie breaking criteria will be applied one after the other until the tie has been broken:

1. Number of matches won.
2. Sets ratio. If the tie persists after as per the number of matches won, the teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost.
3. Points ratio. If there is still a tie after applying the two criteria described above, teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of points lost during all sets.
4. If the tie continues, the priority will be given to the team who won the last match between them.
5. When the tie in points ratio is between three or more teams, a new classification of these teams in the terms of point 2 and point 3 will be made taking into account only the matches in which they were opposed to each other.

# VENUE INFORMATION



## POOL A (GROUP 1)

**WEEK 1** **MAY 23, 24**

**JARAGUA DO SUL, BRAZIL**



ARENA JARAGUA

**Capacity: 8,000**

**WEEK 2** **MAY 30**

**TRIESTE, ITALY**



PALA TRIESTE

**Capacity: 7,000**

**WEEK 3** **JUNE 6**

**SAO PAULO, BRAZIL**



GINASIO IBIRAPUERA

**Capacity: 11,000**

**WEEK 3** **JUNE 7**

**SAO PAULO, BRAZIL**



GINASIO IBIRAPUERA

**Capacity: 11,000**

**WEEK 4** **JUNE 13**

**TEHRAN, IRAN**



AZADI SPORT COMPLEX

**Capacity: 12,000**

**WEEK 4** **JUNE 15**

**TEHRAN, IRAN**



AZADI SPORT COMPLEX

**Capacity: 12,000**

**WEEK 5** **JUNE 20**

**TEHRAN, IRAN**



AZADI SPORT COMPLEX

**Capacity: 12,000**

**WEEK 2** **MAY 29, 30**

**MARINGA, BRAZIL**



GINASIO CHICO NETO

**Capacity: 6,000**

**WEEK 2** **JUNE 1**

**VERONA, ITALY**



PALA OLIMPIA

**Capacity: 6,200**

**WEEK 3** **JUNE 6**

**BARI, ITALY**



PALA FLORIO

**Capacity: 10,000**

**WEEK 3** **JUNE 8**

**ROMA, ITALY**



FORO ITALICO

**Capacity: 10,500**

**WEEK 4** **JUNE 13**

**KATOWICE, POLAND**



SPODEK

**Capacity: 11,000**

**WEEK 4** **JUNE 15**

**LODZ, POLAND**



ATLAS ARENA

**Capacity: 12,100**

**WEEK 5** **JUNE 20**

**KRAKOW, POLAND**



TBC

**Capacity: -**

WEEK 5

JUNE 22

TEHRAN, IRAN

AZADI SPORT COMPLEX

Capacity: 12,000



WEEK 5

JUNE 22

BYDGOSZCZ, POLAND

LUCZNICZKA

Capacity: 8,000



WEEK 6

JUNE 27, 29

TEHRAN, IRAN

AZADI SPORT COMPLEX

Capacity: 12,000



WEEK 7

JULY 3

BOLOGNA, ITALY

PALA MALAGUTI

Capacity: 11,000



WEEK 7

JULY 4, 5

GDANSK, POLAND

ERGO ARENA

Capacity: 12,000



WEEK 7

JULY 6

MILANO, ITALY

FORUM ASSAGO

Capacity: 12,500



POOL B (GROUP 1)

WEEK 1

MAY 23, 24

VARNA, BULGARIA

PALACE OF CULTURE AND SPORTS

Capacity: 6,000



WEEK 2

MAY 30, 31

NIS, SERBIA

SC CAIR

Capacity: 6,500



WEEK 3

JUNE 6

LONG BEACH, USA

WALTER PYRAMID

Capacity: 5,000



WEEK 3

JUNE 7

SOFIA, BULGARIA

ARENA ARMEEC

Capacity: 12,360



WEEK 3

JUNE 7

LONG BEACH, USA

WALTER PYRAMID

Capacity: 5,000



WEEK 3

JUNE 8

SOFIA, BULGARIA

ARENA ARMEEC

Capacity: 12,360



WEEK 4

JUNE 13

CHICAGO, USA

UIC PAVILLION

Capacity: 11,000



WEEK 4

JUNE 14

SURGUT, RUSSIA

DS ENERGETIK

Capacity: 6,000



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WEEK 4

JUNE 14

CHICAGO, USA

UIC PAVILLION

Capacity: 11,000



WEEK 5

JUNE 20

HOFFMAN ESTATES, USA

SEARS CENTER ARENA

Capacity: 9,600



WEEK 5

JUNE 21

HOFFMAN ESTATES, USA

SEARS CENTER ARENA

Capacity: 9,600



WEEK 6

JUNE 27

NOVI SAD, SERBIA

SPC VOJVODINA

Capacity: 10,200



WEEK 6

JUNE 29

NIS, SERBIA

SC CAIR

Capacity: 6,500



WEEK 7

JULY 5, 6

SOFIA, BULGARIA

ARENA ARMEEC

Capacity: 12,360



WEEKS 4, 5

JUNE 15, 20

SURGUT, RUSSIA

DS ENERGETIK

Capacity: 6,000



WEEK 5

JUNE 21

SURGUT, RUSSIA

DS ENERGETIK

Capacity: 6,000



WEEK 6

JUNE 27

KALININGRAD, RUSSIA

YANTARNY

Capacity: 7,000



WEEK 6

JUNE 28

KALININGRAD, RUSSIA

YANTARNY

Capacity: 7,000



WEEK 7

JULY 4

NOVI SAD, SERBIA

SPC VOJVODINA

Capacity: 10,200



WEEK 7

JULY 6

BEOGRAD, SERBIA

HALA PIONIR

Capacity: 8,500



POOL C (GROUP 2)

WEEK 1 MAY 23

KORTRIJK, BELGIUM



LANGE MUNTE

Capacity: 4,500

WEEK 2 MAY 31, JUNE 1

CALGARY, CANADA



STAMPEDE CORRAL

Capacity: 6,475

WEEK 3 JUNE 7, 8

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA



AIS ARENA

Capacity: 5,000

WEEK 4 JUNE 13

VANCOUVER, CANADA



DOUG MITCHELL THUNDERBIRDS SPORTS C.

Capacity: 5,033

WEEK 4 JUNE 14

VANCOUVER, CANADA



DOUG MITCHELL THUNDERBIRDS SPORTS C.

Capacity: 5,033

WEEK 5 JUNE 20

ANTWERP, BELGIUM



LOTTO ARENA

Capacity: 5,019

WEEK 5 JUNE 22

KORTRIJK, BELGIUM



LANGE MUNTE

Capacity: 4,500

WEEK 1 MAY 25

LIÈGE, BELGIUM



COUNTRY HALL

Capacity: 4,200

WEEK 3 JUNE 6

LIÈGE, BELGIUM



COUNTRY HALL

Capacity: 4,200

WEEK 3 JUNE 8

ANTWERP, BELGIUM



LOTTO ARENA

Capacity: 5,019

WEEK 4 JUNE 14

TAMPERE, FINLAND



TAMPERE ICE ARENA

Capacity: 6,400

WEEK 4 JUNE 15

TAMPERE, FINLAND



TAMPERE ICE ARENA

Capacity: 6,400

WEEK 5 JUNE 20, 21

EDMONTON, CANADA



REXALL PLACE

Capacity: 16,839

WEEK 6 JUNE 27

ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA



ADELAIDE ARENA

Capacity: 8,000

# VENUE INFORMATION



**WEEK 6 JUNE 27**

**TAMPERE, FINLAND**



TAMPERE ICE ARENA

**Capacity: 6,400**

**WEEKS 6, 7 JUNE 28, JULY 4**

**TAMPERE, FINLAND**



TAMPERE ICE ARENA

**Capacity: 6,400**

**WEEK 7 JULY 5**

**TAMPERE, FINLAND**



TAMPERE ICE ARENA

**Capacity: 6,400**

**WEEK 6 JUNE 28**

**ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA**



ADELAIDE ARENA

**Capacity: 8,000**

**WEEK 7 JULY 5**

**SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**



SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK ARENA

**Capacity: 5,000**

**WEEK 7 JULY 6**

**SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**



SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK ARENA

**Capacity: 5,000**

**POOL D (GROUP 2)**

**WEEK 1 MAY 23, 24**

**BAMBERG, GERMANY**



BROSE ARENA

**Capacity: 6,800**

**WEEK 2 MAY 31**

**MONTPELLIER, FRANCE**



PARK AND SUITES ARENA

**Capacity: 7,900**

**WEEK 2 JUNE 1**

**MONTPELLIER, FRANCE**



PARK AND SUITES ARENA

**Capacity: 7,900**

**WEEK 3 JUNE 7, 8**

**STUTT GART, GERMANY**



PORSCHE ARENA

**Capacity: 6,000**

**WEEK 1 MAY 24, 25**

**MENDOZA, ARGENTINA**



TORITO RODRIGUEZ

**Capacity: 5,000**

**WEEK 2 MAY 31, JUNE 1**

**SALTA, ARGENTINA**



ESTADIO DELMI

**Capacity: 9,000**

**WEEK 3 JUNE 6**

**BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**



MICROESTADIO DE LOMAS DE ZAMORA

**Capacity: 4,250**

**WEEK 3 JUNE 8**

**BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**



MICROESTADIO DE LOMAS DE ZAMORA

**Capacity: 4,250**

WEEK 4

JUNE 13

ROUEN, FRANCE

KINDARENA

Capacity: 5,300



WEEK 4

JUNE 15

TOULOUSE, FRANCE

PALAIS DES SPORTS ANDRÉ BROUAT

Capacity: 4,500



WEEK 5

JUNE 21

KYOTO, JAPAN

SHIMADZU ARENA KYOTO

Capacity: 6,500



WEEK 5

JUNE 22

KYOTO, JAPAN

SHIMADZU ARENA KYOTO

Capacity: 6,500



WEEK 6

JUNE 28, 29

KOSHIGAYA, JAPAN

KOSHIGAYA CITY GYMNASIUM

Capacity: 5,000



WEEK 4

JUNE 14, 15

KOMAKI, JAPAN

PARK ARENA KOMAKI

Capacity: 5,000



WEEK 5

JUNE 20

BERLIN, GERMANY

MAX SCHMELING HALLE

Capacity: 8,533



WEEK 5

JUNE 21

BERLIN, GERMANY

MAX SCHMELING HALLE

Capacity: 8,533



WEEK 6

JUNE 27

MOUILLERON LE CAPTIF, FRANCE

VENDÉESPACE

Capacity: 4,900



WEEK 6

JUNE 29

PARIS, FRANCE

HALLE CARPENTIER

Capacity: 4,800



POOL E (GROUP 2)

WEEK 2

MAY 31

EINDHOVEN, THE NETHERLANDS

SPORTS CENTRE EINDHOVEN

Capacity: 6,500



WEEK 2

JUNE 1

EINDHOVEN, THE NETHERLANDS

SPORTS CENTRE EINDHOVEN

Capacity: 6,500



WEEK 2

MAY 31

POVOA DE VARZIM, PORTUGAL

PAVILHAO DESPORTIVO MUNICIPAL

Capacity: 4,500



WEEK 2

JUNE 1

POVOA DE VARZIM, PORTUGAL

PAVILHAO DESPORTIVO MUNICIPAL

Capacity: 4,500



# VENUE INFORMATION



**WEEK 3** **JUNE 5, 6**

**CESKE BUDEJOVICE, CZECH REPUBLIC**



BUDVAR ARENA

**Capacity: 7,028**

**WEEK 4** **JUNE 13**

**CHOMUTOV, CZECH REPUBLIC**



SD ARENA

**Capacity: 5,050**

**WEEK 4** **JUNE 14**

**CHOMUTOV, CZECH REPUBLIC**



SD ARENA

**Capacity: 5,050**

**WEEK 5** **JUNE 21**

**SUWON, KOREA**



SUWON INDOOR GYMNASIUM

**Capacity: 5,145**

**WEEK 5** **JUNE 22**

**SUWON, KOREA**



SUWON INDOOR GYMNASIUM

**Capacity: 5,145**

**WEEK 6** **JUNE 27**

**OPAVA, CZECH REPUBLIC**



CITY HALL

**Capacity: 3,500**

**WEEK 6** **JUNE 28**

**OPAVA, CZECH REPUBLIC**



CITY HALL

**Capacity: 3,500**

**WEEK 3** **JUNE 7, 8**

**ALMERE, THE NETHERLANDS**



TOP SPORT CENTRE

**Capacity: 3,000**

**WEEK 4** **JUNE 14**

**ULSAN, KOREA**



DONGCHEON GYMNASIUM

**Capacity: 5,535**

**WEEK 4** **JUNE 15**

**ULSAN, KOREA**



DONGCHEON GYMNASIUM

**Capacity: 5,535**

**WEEK 5** **JUNE 21**

**MATOSINHOS, PORTUGAL**



CENTRO DE DESPORTOS E CONGRESSOS

**Capacity: 5,000**

**WEEK 5** **JUNE 22**

**MATOSINHOS, PORTUGAL**



CENTRO DE DESPORTOS E CONGRESSOS

**Capacity: 5,000**

**WEEK 6** **JUNE 28**

**GWANGJU, KOREA**



TBC

**Capacity: -**

**WEEK 6** **JUNE 29**

**GWANGJU, KOREA**



TBC

**Capacity: -**

WEEK 7

JULY 5

ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS



TOPSPORTHAL

Capacity: 3,000

WEEK 7

JULY 6

ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS



TOPSPORTHAL

Capacity: 3,000

WEEK 7

JULY 5

POVOA DE VARZIM, PORTUGAL



PAVILHAO DESPORTIVO MUNICIPAL

Capacity: 4,500

WEEK 7

JULY 6

POVOA DE VARZIM, PORTUGAL



PAVILHAO DESPORTIVO MUNICIPAL

Capacity: 4,500

POOL F (GROUP 3)

ROUND 1

JUNE 6, 7, 8

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO



SPORTS PALACE JUAN ESCUTIA

Capacity: 20,000

ROUND 2

JUNE 13, 14, 15

TUNIS, TUNISIA



PALAIS DES SPORTS D'EL MENZAH

Capacity: 4,182

POOL G (GROUP 3)

ROUND 1

JUNE 6, 7, 8

CAROLINA, PUERTO RICO



GUILLERMO ANGULO COLISEUM

Capacity: 6,550

ROUND 2

JUNE 13, 14, 15

KOSICE, SLOVAKIA



STEEL ARENA

Capacity: 8,347



# COMPETITION SCHEDULE



## POOL A (GROUP 1)

### WEEK 1

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
1	BRA v ITA	May 23	14:45	17:45						
2	BRA v ITA	May 24	10:10	13:10						

### WEEK 2

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
5	BRA v POL	May 29	14:45	17:45						
6	BRA v POL	May 30	14:45	17:45						
8	ITA v IRI	May 30	20:30	18:30						
9	ITA v IRI	June 1	20:00	18:00						

### WEEK 3

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
11	BRA v IRI	June 6	10:00	13:00						
12	ITA v POL	June 6	20:30	18:30						
14	BRA v IRI	June 7	10:00	13:00						
18	ITA v POL	June 8	20:00	18:00						

### WEEK 4

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
19	IRI v BRA	June 13	21:00	16:30						
21	POL v ITA	June 13	19:30	17:30						
25	IRI v BRA	June 15	21:00	16:30						
26	POL v ITA	June 15	19:30	17:30						

### WEEK 5

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
28	IRI v ITA	June 20	21:00	16:30						
29	POL v BRA	June 20	19:30	17:30						
33	IRI v ITA	June 22	21:00	16:30						
34	POL v BRA	June 22	19:30	17:30						

### WEEK 6

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
36	IRI v POL	June 27	21:00	16:30						
39	IRI v POL	June 29	21:00	16:30						

### WEEK 7

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
41	ITA v BRA	July 3	20:00	18:00						
43	POL v IRI	July 4	20:15	18:15						
45	POL v IRI	July 5	20:15	18:15						
46	ITA v BRA	July 6	17:00	15:00						

**POOL B (GROUP 1)**
**WEEK 1**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
3	<b>BUL</b> v <b>USA</b>	May 23	20:30	17:30						
4	<b>BUL</b> v <b>USA</b>	May 24	20:00	17:00						

**WEEK 2**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
7	<b>SRB</b> v <b>RUS</b>	May 30	20:00	18:00						
10	<b>SRB</b> v <b>RUS</b>	May 31	20:00	18:00						

**WEEK 3**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
13	<b>USA</b> v <b>RUS</b>	June 6	19:00	02:00*						
15	<b>BUL</b> v <b>SRB</b>	June 7	20:00	17:00						
16	<b>USA</b> v <b>RUS</b>	June 7	19:00	02:00*						
17	<b>BUL</b> v <b>SRB</b>	June 8	20:00	17:00						

**WEEK 4**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
20	<b>USA</b> v <b>SRB</b>	June 13	19:00	00:00*						
22	<b>RUS</b> v <b>BUL</b>	June 14	18:00	12:00						
23	<b>USA</b> v <b>SRB</b>	June 14	19:00	00:00*						
24	<b>RUS</b> v <b>BUL</b>	June 15	18:00	12:00						

**WEEK 5**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
27	<b>RUS</b> v <b>SRB</b>	June 20	18:00	12:00						
30	<b>USA</b> v <b>BUL</b>	June 20	19:00	00:00*						
31	<b>RUS</b> v <b>SRB</b>	June 21	18:00	12:00						
32	<b>USA</b> v <b>BUL</b>	June 21	19:00	00:00*						

**WEEK 6**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
35	<b>RUS</b> v <b>USA</b>	June 27	18:00	15:00						
37	<b>SRB</b> v <b>BUL</b>	June 27	20:00	18:00						
38	<b>RUS</b> v <b>USA</b>	June 28	18:00	15:00						
40	<b>SRB</b> v <b>BUL</b>	June 29	20:00	18:00						

**WEEK 7**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
42	<b>SRB</b> v <b>USA</b>	July 4	20:00	18:00						
44	<b>BUL</b> v <b>RUS</b>	July 5	20:00	17:00						
47	<b>BUL</b> v <b>RUS</b>	July 6	20:00	17:00						
48	<b>SRB</b> v <b>USA</b>	July 6	20:00	18:00						

\* + 1 day

## POOL C (GROUP 2)

### WEEK 1

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
1	BEL v AUS	May 23	20:00	18:00						
5	BEL v AUS	May 25	16:00	14:00						

### WEEK 2

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
11	CAN v FIN	May 31	18:10	00:10*						
15	CAN v FIN	June 1	18:10	00:10*						

### WEEK 3

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
19	BEL v CAN	June 6	20:00	18:00						
22	AUS v FIN	June 7	19:00	09:00						
25	AUS v FIN	June 8	16:00	06:00						
27	BEL v CAN	June 8	16:00	14:00						

### WEEK 4

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
31	CAN v BEL	June 13	19:10	02:10*						
34	FIN v AUS	June 14	16:00	13:00						
36	CAN v BEL	June 14	17:10	00:10*						
39	FIN v AUS	June 15	16:00	13:00						

### WEEK 5

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
41	BEL v FIN	June 20	20:00	18:00						
43	CAN v AUS	June 20	19:10	01:10*						
48	CAN v AUS	June 21	19:10	01:10*						
51	BEL v FIN	June 22	16:00	14:00						

### WEEK 6

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
53	AUS v BEL	June 27	19:30	10:00						
54	FIN v CAN	June 27	18:30	15:30						
58	AUS v BEL	June 28	19:30	10:00						
59	FIN v CAN	June 28	16:00	13:00						

### WEEK 7

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
65	FIN v BEL	July 4	18:30	15:30						
66	AUS v CAN	July 5	19:00	09:00						
67	FIN v BEL	July 5	16:00	13:00						
70	AUS v CAN	July 6	16:00	06:00						

\* + 1 day

**POOL D (GROUP 2)**
**WEEK 1**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
2	GER v JPN	May 23	20:00	18:00						
3	GER v JPN	May 24	18:00	16:00						
4	ARG v FRA	May 24	21:30	00:30*						
6	ARG v FRA	May 25	22:00	01:00*						

**WEEK 2**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
7	FRA v JPN	May 31	19:00	17:00						
10	ARG v GER	May 31	20:00	23:00						
14	ARG v GER	June 1	22:00	01:00*						
16	FRA v JPN	June 1	17:00	15:00						

**WEEK 3**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
20	ARG v JPN	June 6	20:00	23:00						
21	GER v FRA	June 7	15:30	13:30						
24	GER v FRA	June 8	19:00	17:00						
28	ARG v JPN	June 8	20:00	23:00						

**WEEK 4**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
30	FRA v GER	June 13	20:00	18:00						
32	JPN v ARG	June 14	14:00	05:00						
37	JPN v ARG	June 15	13:00	04:00						
40	FRA v GER	June 15	16:00	14:00						

**WEEK 5**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
42	GER v ARG	June 20	20:00	18:00						
44	JPN v FRA	June 21	14:00	05:00						
47	GER v ARG	June 21	18:00	16:00						
49	JPN v FRA	June 22	13:00	04:00						

**WEEK 6**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
56	FRA v ARG	June 27	20:00	18:00						
57	JPN v GER	June 28	14:00	05:00						
62	JPN v GER	June 29	13:00	04:00						
64	FRA v ARG	June 29	16:00	14:00						

\* + 1 day

# COMPETITION SCHEDULE



## POOL E (GROUP 2)

### WEEK 2

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
8	NED v KOR	May 31	15:00	13:00						
9	POR v CZE	May 31	17:00	16:00						
12	NED v KOR	June 1	15:00	13:00						
13	POR v CZE	June 1	17:00	16:00						

### WEEK 3

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
17	CZE v KOR	June 5	15:50	13:50						
18	CZE v KOR	June 6	15:50	13:50						
23	NED v POR	June 7	15:00	13:00						
26	NED v POR	June 8	15:00	13:00						

### WEEK 4

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
29	CZE v NED	June 13	15:50	13:50						
33	KOR v POR	June 14	14:00	05:00						
35	CZE v NED	June 14	15:50	13:50						
38	KOR v POR	June 15	14:00	05:00						

### WEEK 5

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
45	KOR v CZE	June 21	14:00	05:00						
46	POR v NED	June 21	15:00	14:00						
50	KOR v CZE	June 22	14:00	05:00						
52	POR v NED	June 22	15:00	14:00						

### WEEK 6

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
55	CZE v POR	June 27	17:50	15:50						
60	KOR v NED	June 28	14:00	05:00						
61	CZE v POR	June 28	15:50	13:50						
63	KOR v NED	June 29	14:00	05:00						

### WEEK 7

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
68	NED v CZE	July 5	15:00	13:00						
69	POR v KOR	July 5	19:00	18:00						
71	NED v CZE	July 6	15:00	13:00						
72	POR v KOR	July 6	17:00	16:00						

**POOL F (GROUP 3)**
**ROUND 1 - MEXICO CITY, MEXICO**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
2	TUR v CUB	June 6	17:00	22:00						
4	MEX v TUN	June 6	19:30	00:30*						
5	TUN v CUB	June 7	15:30	20:30						
7	MEX v TUR	June 7	18:00	23:00						
9	TUR v TUN	June 8	14:00	19:00						
11	MEX v CUB	June 8	16:30	21:30						

**ROUND 2 - TUNIS, TUNISIA**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
13	TUN v TUR	June 13	15:00	14:00						
15	MEX v CUB	June 13	17:30	16:30						
18	TUN v CUB	June 14	15:00	14:00						
20	MEX v TUR	June 14	17:30	16:30						
22	TUR v CUB	June 15	15:00	14:00						
24	TUN v MEX	June 15	17:30	16:30						

**POOL G (GROUP 3)**
**ROUND 1 - MEXICO CITY, MEXICO**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
1	SVK v ESP	June 6	17:00	21:00						
3	PUR v CHN	June 6	20:00	00:00*						
6	ESP v CHN	June 7	17:00	21:00						
8	PUR v SVK	June 7	20:00	00:00*						
10	CHN v SVK	June 8	17:00	21:00						
12	PUR v ESP	June 8	20:00	00:00*						

**ROUND 2 - TUNIS, TUNISIA**

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
14	SVK v PUR	June 13	17:30	15:30						
16	CHN v ESP	June 13	20:30	18:30						
17	CHN v SVK	June 14	15:00	13:00						
19	ESP v PUR	June 14	18:00	16:00						
21	ESP v SVK	June 15	15:00	13:00						
23	PUR v CHN	June 15	18:00	16:00						

\* + 1 day

# COMPETITION SCHEDULE



POOL A (GROUP 1)										FINAL STANDINGS			
Rk	Country	Pts	Matches					Sets			Points		
			Total	Won	Lost		Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio	
			3-0	3-1	3-2	0-3	1-3	2-3					
1													
2													
3													
4													

POOL B (GROUP 1)										FINAL STANDINGS			
Rk	Country	Pts	Matches					Sets			Points		
			Total	Won	Lost		Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio	
			3-0	3-1	3-2	0-3	1-3	2-3					
1													
2													
3													
4													

POOL C (GROUP 2)										FINAL STANDINGS			
Rk	Country	Pts	Matches					Sets			Points		
			Total	Won	Lost		Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio	
			3-0	3-1	3-2	0-3	1-3	2-3					
1													
2													
3													
4													

POOL D (GROUP 2)										FINAL STANDINGS			
Rk	Country	Pts	Matches					Sets			Points		
			Total	Won	Lost		Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio	
			3-0	3-1	3-2	0-3	1-3	2-3					
1													
2													
3													
4													

POOL E (GROUP 2)										FINAL STANDINGS			
Rk	Country	Pts	Matches					Sets			Points		
			Total	Won	Lost		Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio	
			3-0	3-1	3-2	0-3	1-3	2-3					
1													
2													
3													
4													

POOL F (GROUP 3)

FINAL STANDINGS

Rk	Country	Pts	Matches					Sets			Points		
			Total	Won	Lost		Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio	
			3-0	3-1	3-2	0-3	1-3	2-3					
1													
2													
3													
4													

POOL G (GROUP 3)

FINAL STANDINGS

Rk	Country	Pts	Matches					Sets			Points		
			Total	Won	Lost		Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio	
			3-0	3-1	3-2	0-3	1-3	2-3					
1													
2													
3													
4													









**The FIVB Volleyball World League 2014 will see three Finals – in Italy, Australia and Turkey – to conclude the competition.**

The historic Italian city of Florence will host the Group 1 Finals for Pools A and B; Sydney, Australia, will take care of Group 2 (Pools C, D and E); and Bursa, Turkey, will handle Group 3 (Pools F and G).

Pool A and B will hold a Final Six – the top two teams from Pools A and B, the hosts and the winner from the Final of Pools C, D and E – the week of July 16 to 20.

Pool C, D and E will hold a Final four on the weekend of July 11 to 13.

Pool F and G will hold a Final Four on June 27 to 29. The host country, the two winners from each pool and the second best team overall will qualify.

The last ranked team of Pool A and B after the Intercontinental Round could be relegated if the winner of the Final of Pools C, D and E can meet the promotion requirements set by the FIVB.

## VENUE INFORMATION

### GROUP 1 FINALS – JULY 16 TO 20

#### Host country: Italy

Italy is no stranger to volleyball, with its men’s national team having dominated international volleyball competitions in the 1990s and early 2000s, by winning three FIVB World Championships in a row (1990, 1994 and 1998), six European Championships, one World Cup (1995) and eight World League titles (1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1999 and 2000). They are currently the third best team in the world and finished last year’s edition of the FIVB World League with a bronze medal.

#### Host city: Florence

Florence will be the fourth Italian city to host a World League Final following Rome (2004), Milan (1998, 1994 and 1991) and Genova (1992) and caps a bumper year for Italy, who will also host the FIVB Volleyball Women’s World Championship in the cities of Rome, Trieste, Verona, Bari, Modena and Milan from September 23 to October 12 and the FIVB Congress in Milan from October 31 to November 1.

The city of Parma hosted the FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championship Drawing of Lots on March 10.

#### **Venue: Nelson Mandela Forum**

Nelson Mandela Forum, formerly Palazzetto dello sport di Firenze and Palasport, is an indoor sports arena located in Florence, Italy. Inaugurated in 1985, the arena has a seating capacity of 9,000 people. A well-known venue for international rock concerts and sporting events, the Forum has also hosted matches of the FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championship in 2010.

#### **GROUP 2 FINALS – JULY 11 TO 13**

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##### **Host Country: Australia**

Australia has tasted top level volleyball action at the 2000 Olympic Games while also having hosted an Asian qualification leg of the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship Poland 2014 last year. In July the country will welcome the qualified teams for the Group 2 Finals of this year's FIVB World League. Having made a single appearance at the FIVB World League in 1999, Australia's men's national volleyball team are hoping to make their mark on this international tournament. The Australian men's team made the volleyball world sit up and take notice when they not only qualified for the 2012 London Olympics, but then finished in the top ten. The team then booked their ticket to the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship Poland 2014 when they won the Asian men's qualification tournament in 2013.

##### **Host City: Sydney**

Sydney is the state capital of New South Wales and the most populous city in Australia and is located on Australia's southeast coast, on the Tasman Sea. It has hosted multiple major international sporting events, including the 1938 British Empire Games (now known as the Commonwealth Games), the 2000 Summer Olympics and the final of the 2003 Rugby World Cup.

##### **Venue: Sydney Olympic Park Arena**

Sydney Olympic Park Arena, with its seating capacity of 5,000, is located in the Sydney Olympic Park, a large sporting, cultural and leisure complex in western Sydney.

The Park itself is located 16 kilometres west of the Sydney central business district, in the local government area of Auburn. The area was redeveloped for the 2000 Olympics and the facilities continue to be used for sporting and cultural events.

#### **GROUP 3 FINALS – JUNE 27 TO 29**

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##### **Host Country: Turkey**

Turkey is located in Anatolia and the Balkans, adjacent to the Black Sea, between Bulgaria and Georgia. It also borders the Mediterranean Sea and the Aegean Sea, between Greece and Syria. Turkey is an old hand at holding international volleyball tournaments, having hosted various European senior level tournaments as well as age-group championships. The 2013 FIVB Volleyball Men's U21 World Championship was held in Turkey for ten days, and was the first edition of the tournament that featured 20 teams. Ankara was also the host of the 2011 FIVB Girls Youth Volleyball World Championship in August 2011 which saw the participation of 16 teams in the tournament.

##### **Host City: Bursa**

Bursa is located in the northwest of the Anatolian area of Turkey, southeast of the Marmara Sea. It is the one of the most populous cities in Turkey, with a population of over 2.5 million, and one of the country's most industrialised metropolitan centres. While this is the first time it will host a final of the FIVB World League, the city of Bursa has hosted matches of the 2013 CEV Volleyball European League for women.

##### **Venue: Cengiz Göllü Volleyball Hall**

The Cengiz Göllü Volleyball Hall is a first-class sporting venue named after Cengiz Göllü, a former head coach of Turkey women's national team who dedicated most of his life to volleyball and was officially opened in June 2013. The sports hall is expected to seat 7,600 people during the Group 3 Finals of the 2014 FIVB World League. The Hall includes a press meeting room, press working areas, and working rooms for international delegates. Plans include the construction of a hotel and a center for dry-land training and physical conditioning.

## MATCH SCHEDULE

### GROUP 1 FINALS - FLORENCE, ITALY

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
49	v	July 16								
50	v	July 16								
51	v	July 17								
52	v	July 17								
53	v	July 18								
54	v	July 18								
55	v	July 19								
56	v	July 19								
57	v	July 20								
58	v	July 20								

### GROUP 2 FINALS - SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
73	v	July 11								
74	v	July 11								
75	v	July 12								
76	v	July 12								

### GROUP 3 FINALS - BURSA, TURKEY

No	Match	Date	Local time	GMT	Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
25	v	June 28								
26	v	June 28								
27	v	June 29								
28	v	June 29								



# MATCH OF THE WEEK



The FIVB Volleyball World League 'Match of the Week' programme allows broadcasters to televise for free, one match from each week of the FIVB's premier annual tournament for men.

The specially selected 'Match of the Week', an initiative launched in 2008, is available to the World League's host broadcasters as well as other TV channels with the aim of spreading volleyball into regions where the sport has the potential to grow.

This year's selection of matches will feature the pool A and B teams in the tournament. This year, Pool A sees two of the most successful countries in the 24-year history of the World League with world No. 1 and nine-time champions Brazil along with eight time winners Italy, 2012 champions Poland and the rapidly improving Iran. In Pool B are defending champions Russia, 2012 silver medallists USA, fourth-placed team at last year's World League, Bulgaria and four-time runners-up Serbia.

The seven matches will be distributed by IMG free of charge to all major international networks and the host broadcaster. The matches will include English commentary and will be shown live and on demand on FIVB Web TV, geo-blocked only in countries where respective rights have been sold.

The **first 'Match of the Week'** will see Brazil (WR 1), last year's World League silver medallists and current World Champions, take on Italy (WR 3) in a Pool A match on May 24 at 10:00 at the Arena Jaragua in Jaragua Do Sul, Brazil.

**Week two** will see Serbia (WR 9) take on 2013 World League title holder and Olympic champion Russia (WR 2) in a Pool B home match on May 31 at 20:00 in the Cair Sports Centre in Nis, Serbia.

In **week three** fans will be able to watch Italy take on the Men's World Championship host, Poland (WR 5) in a pool A match on June 8 at 20:00 at the Foro Italico in Roma.

In **week four** fans will be able to watch USA (WR4) host Serbia in a pool A match on June 14 at 19:00 in Chicago at the UIC Pavillion, while **week five** will see Poland take on Brazil on June 22 at 19:30 at Luczniczka Hall in Bydgoszcz.

**Week six** will feature Russia again, this time taking on USA in a pool B match on June 28 at 18:00 at the Yantarny Arena in Kaliningrad. In **week 7** fans will be able to watch Bulgaria (WR 6) host Russia in a pool B match on July 6 at 20:00 at the Arena Armeec in Sofia. All times are local.

This year the English commentary for the matches will be provided by Charles Brougham, Clayton Lucas and John Burgess and Robert Hatch.

Charles 'Charlie' Brougham is a freelance sports broadcaster for the BBC, ITV, Ch4, Sky Sports, Eurosport, ESPN Star Sports and Ten Sports.

Clayton Lucas has 10 years broadcast experience across a wide range of sports, with in-depth volleyball knowledge having covered every major volleyball competition since 2003 and having played to the highest level representing England and Great Britain, before moving into the world of media.

John Burgess has over 30 years of experience as an English TV Sports Commentator. He has commentated for the Olympic Broadcast Services and worked with the FIVB on World League, World Championships and World Grand Prix events for the last 10 years.

Robert Hatch has commentated for a variety of sports and as a Freelance Multilingual Broadcaster has worked with the BBC, IEC in Sports, The Sportsman Media Group, Sports Authority, ESPN and Channel 4.

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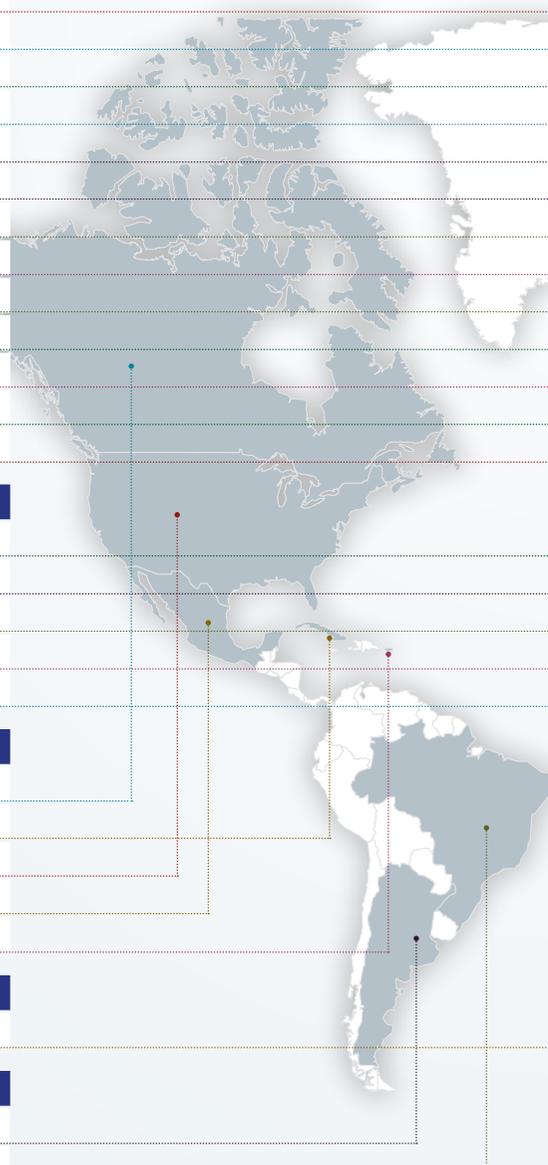
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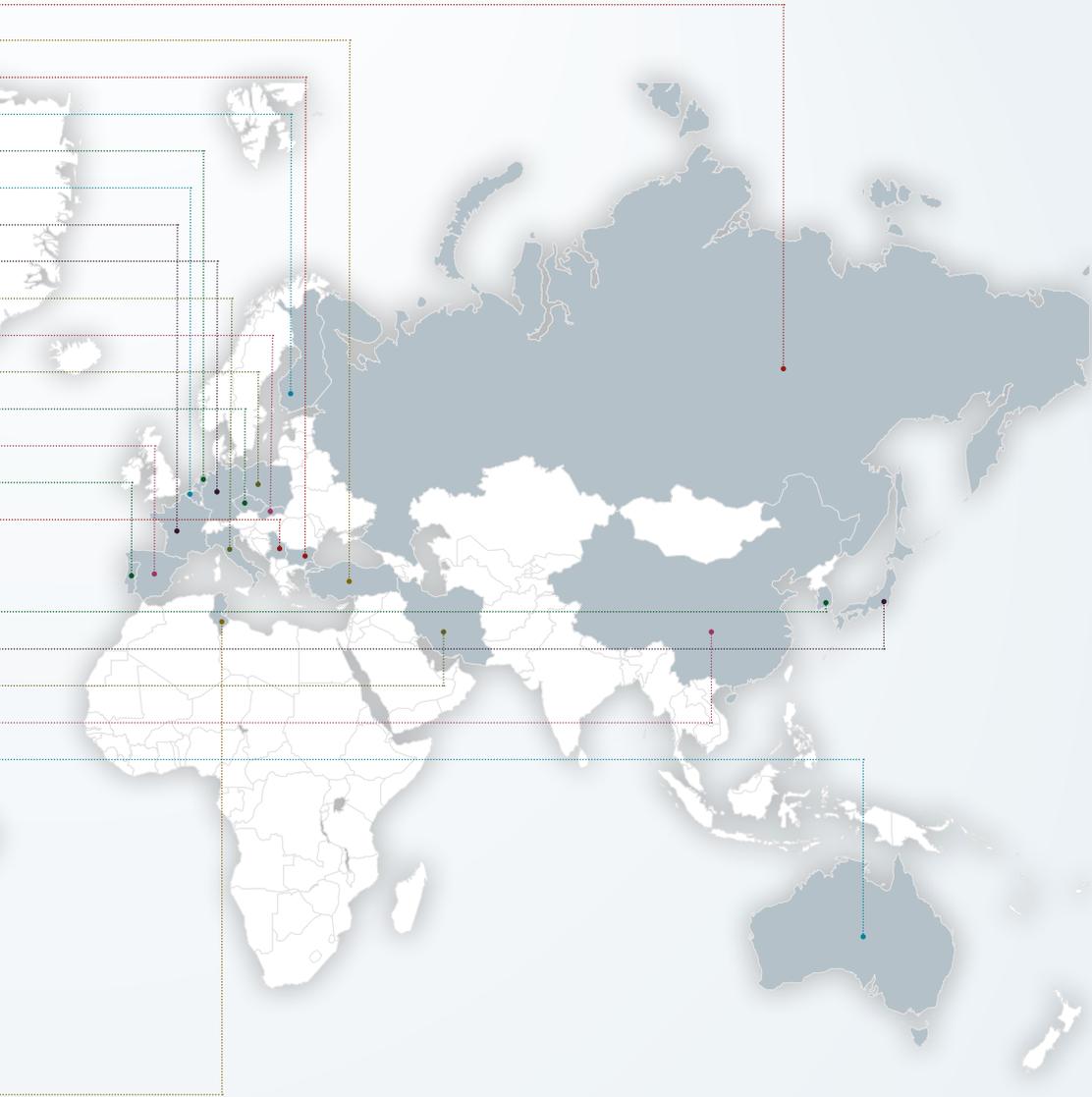
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# ARGENTINA



**FIVE  
WORLD  
RANKING**

**7**

**BEST RESULT**

4<sup>th</sup> 2011

**LAST RESULT**

6<sup>th</sup> 2013



Argentina, under the guidance of new head coach Julio Velasco, will be looking to continue building on the team's progress over recent seasons. They finished a highly respectable sixth in last year's World League, improving on their 10<sup>th</sup>-place finish 12 months earlier. However, their three previous showings on the World League stage were even better, the team coming fifth twice and fourth on the other occasion. Velasco is targeting further highs to add to his resume after a glittering coaching career largely spent overseas. He has said he wishes to "give back to Argentine volleyball all what Argentine volleyball gave me".

Argentina commenced their international journey in the sport at the South American Championship in Rio de Janeiro in 1951, claiming fourth place. Their first World Championship participation came in 1960 in the same Brazilian city, where they finished 11<sup>th</sup>. Since then the Argentine men have competed in nine World Championships, a bronze medal-winning campaign on home territory in 1982 being their best effort to date. Argentina also took the bronze medal at the Seoul Olympic Games in 1988, their highest finish in six appearances at the Olympic Games. Their medal haul from the men's tournament at the Pan American Games is five, one gold and four bronzes.



## COACH



Julio Velasco is a serial winner. As coach of the Italian men's team, he won the World Championship in 1990 and 1994, and took a silver medal at the 1996 Olympic Games. He also led the team to victory in the World League four times and claimed European Championship titles in 1989, 1993 and 1995 along with a World Cup gold in 1995. He won the men's Asian Championship with Iran in 2011 and 2013, and steered the Iranians to qualification for the 2013 World League. As coach of Panini Modena, Velasco won four league titles in Italy and the Italian Cup three times. The Argentine's other passion is football and during his time in Italy he worked in administrative roles with Lazio and Inter Milan.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Ramonda Agustín	Ramonda	02.06.91	200	80	345	320	La Union de Formosa
2	Filardi Javier	Filardi	07.02.80	190	89	340	318	UPCN San Juan Volley
3	Porporatto Gustavo Federico	Porporatto	07.05.81	199	94	365	260	La Union de Formosa
4	Garroq Sebastian	Garroq	27.11.79	170	63	320	302	UPCN San Juan Volley
5	Uriarte Nicolás	Uriarte	21.03.90	192	82	346	326	Belchatow (POL)
6	Bengolea Pablo	Bengolea	08.05.86	197	93	345	320	UPCN San Juan Volley
7	Conte Facundo	Conte	25.08.89	198	90	350	326	Belchatow (POL)
8	González Demián	Gonzalez	21.02.83	192	81	328	318	UPCN San Juan Volley
9	Quiroga Rodrigo	Quiroga	23.03.87	190	86	345	321	Volei Brasil Centro de E. (BRA)
10	Gonzalez José Luis	Gonzalez	27.12.84	206	97	350	333	Bielsko Bialskie Club (POL)
11	Solé Sebastian	Sole	12.06.91	202	88	350	328	Trentino Volley (ITA)
12	Pereyra Federico	Pereyra	19.06.88	200	99	335	325	Nolio Maaseik Club
13	Imhoff Facundo	Imhoff	25.01.89	202	86	336	324	Lomas Volley
14	Crer Pablo	Crer	12.06.89	205	78	350	330	Callipo Sport Club
15	De Cecco Luciano	De Cecco	02.06.88	194	89	333	315	Copra Elios Piacenza
16	Ramos Martin	Ramos	26.08.91	197	95	340	315	UPCN San Juan Volley
17	Massimino Franco	Massimino	23.05.88	177	66	310	297	Lomas Volley
18	Ocampo Lucas	Ocampo	20.03.86	196	100	335	318	Lomas Volley
19	Gauna Maximiliano	Gauna	29.04.89	197	93	338	320	Sarmiento Santana Textiles
20	Toro Alejandro	Toro	20.07.89	190	88	326	308	Lomas Volley
21	Closter Sebastián	Closter	13.05.89	180	66	296	278	Drean Bolivar
22	Zornetta Luciano	Zornetta	06.03.93	182	70	346	318	Club Boca Juniors

C=Captain, L=Libero, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
19.07.13	ITA	WL 2013	Finals	Mar del Plata	1-3	20-25	25-23	17-25	22-25	
17.07.13	BUL	WL 2013	Finals	Mar del Plata	1-3	26-28	23-25	25-20	23-25	
07.07.13	FRA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Salta	1-3	23-25	20-25	25-22	19-25	
06.07.13	FRA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Salta	2-3	18-25	18-25	25-17	25-22	11-15
30.06.13	POL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Gdansk	1-3	25-18	21-25	24-26	17-25	
28.06.13	POL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Bydgoszcz	2-3	24-26	25-19	25-19	17-25	8-15
23.06.13	BUL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Sofia	1-3	25-17	19-25	21-25	29-31	
22.06.13	BUL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Sofia	0-3	18-25	21-25	16-25		
15.06.13	BRA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Mendoza	0-3	21-25	25-27	13-25		
14.06.13	BRA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Mendoza	0-3	20-25	21-25	15-25		

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Garroq	27.11.79 (34y5m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Zornetta	06.03.93 (21y2m)	<b>26y8m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Gonzalez	206cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Garroq	170cm	<b>193cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Porporatto	365cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Closter	296cm	<b>338cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Gonzalez	333cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Porporatto	260cm	<b>315cm</b>







# AUSTRALIA



**FIVE  
WORLD  
RANKING**

**14**

**BEST RESULT**

10<sup>th</sup> 1999

**LAST RESULT**

10<sup>th</sup> 1999



Australia are in a rebuilding phase following the retirement of a number of key players in recent seasons. Now the new-look Volleyroos will continue their journey towards the Rio 2016 Olympic Games under the guidance of veteran Argentine head coach Jon Uriarte, and they will once again represent Asia at the 2014 World Championship in Poland. This is Uriarte's second stint as Australia coach. He led the team from 2001-04 and oversaw their second participation at the Olympic Games, although five successive defeats condemned the side to 11<sup>th</sup> place at Athens 2004.

The Australian Volleyball Federation was founded in 1963 and the sport has rapidly increased in popularity since then, particularly in schools and recreational centres. The national team has been supported by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) since 1990 and based in Canberra since 1997. On home soil at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games the team placed eighth, beating Spain in the process and taking a set from then world champions Italy. There has been steady improvement including an appearance at London 2012 and victory in the Asian Championship in 2007.



## COACH



Jon Uriarte was appointed Australia's head coach in 2011. This is his second stint in the job. First time around Uriarte led the Aussies to the Athens 2004 Olympics, the first time the team

had qualified for the Olympic Games. Following his return he oversaw Australia's London 2012 campaign and was named the country's coach of the year the same year. As a player, he turned out for teams in his native Argentina, Italy, France and the Netherlands, winning league titles in each country. He was an integral part of the Argentina teams that took bronze medals at the 1982 World Championship and 1988 Olympic Games. As a coach, he won Argentine championships in 1992, 1993, 1994 and 2001.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
C 1	Zingel Aidan	Zingel	19.11.90	207	100	361	346	BluVolley Verona SSD SRL (ITA)
2	Guymer Jacob Ross	Guymer	21.06.93	203	100	350	339	Orkelljunga VK (SWE)
3	Roberts Nathan	Roberts	17.02.86	199	90	342	328	Pallavolo Lugano (SUI)
4	Sanderson Paul	Sanderson	07.01.86	195	94	348	335	Saimaa Volley (FIN)
5	Passier Travis	Passier	26.04.89	206	99	351	340	Australian Institute of Sport
6	Edgar Thomas	Edgar	21.06.89	212	106	357	341	LIG Insurance Greaters (KOR)
7	Peacock Harrison	Peacock	31.01.91	192	87	353	339	Australian Institute of Sport
L 8	Mcdonald Lewis	Mcdonald	20.01.95	180	79	320	310	Australian Institute of Sport
9	White Adam	White	08.11.89	203	89	351	336	BluVolley Verona SSD SRL (ITA)
10	Bell Benjamin	Bell	24.02.90	200	92	345	333	MKS Slepsk Augustow (POL)
L 11	Perry Luke	Perry	20.11.95	180	75	330	315	Australian Institute of Sport
12	Mote Nehemiah	Mote	21.06.93	204	91	362	354	Australian Institute of Sport
13	Walker Samuel	Walker	19.02.95	208	90	350	337	Linköping Volleyball Club (SWE)
14	Sukochev Grigory	Sukochev	18.02.88	196	86	340	329	Klubs "Laze-R"
15	Douglas-Powell Thomas Ewen	Tom D-P	16.09.92	194	82	356	332	University of Winnipeg (CAN)
16	Smith Luke	Smith	30.08.90	204	95	360	342	VO Pribram (CZE)
17	Carroll Paul	Carroll	16.05.86	207	98	354	340	SCC Berlin (GER)
18	Williams Lincoln Alexander	Williams	06.10.93	200	104	353	330	Corigliano Volley SSD ARL (ITA)
19	Richards Jordan	Richards	25.09.93	193	80	354	342	Landstede Volleybal (NED)
20	Mcmullin Alexander	Mcmullin	01.08.95	201	76	355	340	Australian Institute of Sport
21	Dosanjh Arshdeep	Dosanjh	30.07.96	205	85	347	335	Australian Institute of Sport
22	O'Dea Trent	O'Dea	11.05.94	201	98	354	344	Australian Institute of Sport

C=Captain, L=Libero, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
06.08.12	POL	OG 2012	Prel. Round	London	3-1	25-21	25-22	18-25	25-22	
04.08.12	ITA	OG 2012	Prel. Round	London	2-3	25-21	25-18	21-25	14-25	13-15
02.08.12	BUL	OG 2012	Prel. Round	London	0-3	23-25	21-25	22-25		
31.07.12	GBR	OG 2012	Prel. Round	London	3-0	25-15	25-18	25-20		
29.07.12	ARG	OG 2012	Prel. Round	London	0-3	21-25	22-25	20-25		
27.09.10	CMR	WCH 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Modena	1-3	25-21	22-25	21-25	19-25	
26.09.10	RUS	WCH 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Modena	1-3	17-25	12-25	26-24	20-25	
25.09.10	PUR	WCH 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Modena	1-3	22-25	22-25	28-26	19-25	
02.12.07	EGY	WCUP 2007	Regular	Tokyo	1-3	14-25	25-23	21-25	22-25	
01.12.07	PUR	WCUP 2007	Regular	Tokyo	3-1	25-21	15-25	25-18	25-21	

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Sanderson	07.01.86 (28y4m)	Youngest	Dosanjh	30.07.96 (17y9m)	<b>22y8m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Edgar	212cm	Shortest	Mcdonald	180cm	<b>200cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Mote	362cm	Shortest	Mcdonald	320cm	<b>350cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Mote	354cm	Shortest	Mcdonald	310cm	<b>336cm</b>







# BELGIUM



**FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING**

37

First appearance in  
FIVB Volleyball World League



Belgium boasts a lengthy and proud history of participation in international volleyball but 2014 marks a watershed moment for the Red Dragons with their maiden World League participation. Last year saw Belgium claim the European League title for the first time in impressive fashion in Turkey. They defeated the Czech Republic in the semifinal without conceding a set and did likewise against Croatia in the gold medal match. Bram Van den Dries was named the tournament's MVP as the Belgians completed a run of 14 straight victories. The triumph underlined Belgium's status as an up and coming contender on the European scene under coach Dominique Baeyens. The side will look to further enhance their reputation at the upcoming World Championship.

Belgium's international volleyball history dates back to the 1948 European Championship when the team finished fifth. They enjoyed a solitary trip to the Olympic Games in Mexico City in 1968. The Belgians, however, have not featured in the World Championship since 1978. Over the last three decades they have largely been restricted to competing at European level.



## COACH



Dominique Baeyens has been named coach of the year in Belgium eight times. He is a six-time winner of the national championship and has won the Belgian Cup on four occasions. During 15 years mentoring the country's top team Knack Roeselare he also tasted Belgian SuperCup success five times. He performed head coach duties at club sides Cera Ternat, Zellik and Knack before switching to the national team in 2012. He guided Belgium to a European League triumph in 2013. A year later they qualified for the 2014 World Championships, reaching the finals for the first time since 1978, when Baeyens was a member of the squad as a player. He also won the Belgian Cup during his playing career.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Van Den Dries Bram	Van Den Dries	14.08.89	206	100	365	344	Beauvais (FRA)
2	Tuerlinckx Hendrik	Tuerlinckx	01.12.87	195	86	355	338	Knack Roeselare
3	Deroo Sam	Deroo	29.04.92	202	101	360	340	Casa Modena (ITA)
4	Coolman Pieter	Coolman	24.04.89	200	92	353	346	Knack Roeselare
C 5	Depestele Frank	Depestele	03.09.77	191	96	335	330	Beauvais (FRA)
L 6	Dejonckheere Stijn	Dejonckheere	10.07.82	184	77	340	322	Knack Roeselare
7	Lecat Francois	Lecat	19.04.93	200	96	345	330	Noliko Maaseik
8	Klinkenberg Kevin	Klinkenberg	04.10.90	197	86	342	320	Tours (FRA)
9	Verhees Pieter	Verhees	08.12.89	205	107	355	342	Latina (ITA)
10	Van De Voorde Simon	Van De Voorde	19.12.89	208	85	348	327	Jestrzewski (POL)
11	Verhanneman Matthijs	Verhanneman	08.12.88	198	96	344	320	Knack Roeselare
12	Van Walle Gert	Van Walle	07.08.87	197	87	355	335	Citta di Castello (ITA)
13	Malisse Florian	Malisse	14.12.97	191	72	329	297	Topsportschool
L 14	Derkoningen Bert	Derkoningen	10.07.82	189	78	330	320	Noliko Maaseik
15	Depovere Sander	Depovere	08.01.95	196	84	330	305	Precura Antwerpen
16	Valkiers Matthias	Valkiers	08.04.90	198	92	321	308	Noliko Maaseik
17	Van De Velde Arno	Van De Velde	30.12.95	210	95	352	318	Knack Roeselare
18	Baetens Seppe	Baetens	13.02.89	191	86	340	305	Precura Antwerp
19	Colson Martijn	Colson	08.04.94	203	98	355	325	Precura Antwerp
20	Cox Jolan	Cox	12.07.91	194	73	343	325	Prefaxis Menen
L 21	Stuer Lowie	Stuer	24.11.95	193	81	333	306	Knack Roeselare
22	Kruyner Yves	Kruyner	10.05.90	194	99	328	316	Argex Duvel Puurs

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## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
01.10.78	FIN	WCH 1978	Final 17-18	Venice	0-3	13-15	8-15	13-15		
30.09.78	USA	WCH 1978	Qualification Match	Venice	3-1	15-12	15-10	12-15	15-10	
27.09.78	CAN	WCH 1978	Group I	Venice	0-3	10-15	6-15	13-15		
26.09.78	NED	WCH 1978	Group I	Venice	0-3	2-15	2-15	4-15		
25.09.78	FRA	WCH 1978	Group I	Venice	0-3	5-15	8-15	3-15		
24.09.78	TUN	WCH 1978	Group I	Venice	3-0	16-14	15-3	15-10		
22.09.78	EGY	WCH 1978	Group A	Rome	3-2	17-15	15-1	10-15	12-15	15-9
21.09.78	CHN	WCH 1978	Group A	Rome	1-3	10-15	6-15	15-11	9-15	
20.09.78	ITA	WCH 1978	Group A	Rome	0-3	6-15	5-15	1-15		
27.10.74	NED	WCH 1974	Finals 7-12	Toluca de Lerdo	3-1					

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Depestele	03.09.77 (36y8m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Malisse	14.12.97 (16y5m)	<b>24y3m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Van De Velde	210cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Dejonckheere	184cm	<b>197cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Van Den Dries	365cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Valkiers	321cm	<b>344cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Coolman	346cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Malisse	297cm	<b>324cm</b>







# BRAZIL



**FIVE  
WORLD  
RANKING**

**1**

**BEST RESULT**

9x 1<sup>st</sup> LAST: 2010

**LAST RESULT**

2<sup>nd</sup> 2013



Historically one of the most consistent competitors among the world's elite volleyball nations, Brazil will be aiming to go one better than last year's World League second-place finish behind Russia in Mar Del Plata, Argentina. They are seeking to avoid an unwanted reputation as bridesmaids having also finished runners-up to the same opponents at the London 2012 Olympic Games. However, the nine-time champions enter the competition on the back of some fine recent form. Though pushed all the way by Argentina, Brazil won last August's South American Championship, earning qualification for the 2013 Grand Champions Cup and 2014 World Championship in the process. They won the former tournament in Kyoto, earning a measure of revenge over Russia in the process, while the latter is set to be held in September.

During the 13-year reign of renowned coach Bernardo 'Bernardinho' Rezende, Brazil have at times seemed unstoppable, racking up numerous pieces of silverware. He led the team to the 2001 World League in his first outing and they claimed the championship in successive years from 2003 to 2007. The Brazilians won back-to-back World League titles again in 2009 and 2010, three successive titles at the World Championship (2002, 2006, 2010), and the World Cup (2003 and 2007).



## COACH



During a notable playing career Bernardo Rezende, nicknamed Bernardinho, won a World Cup bronze medal with Brazil in 1981 and silver the following year. He competed at the 1980 and 1984

Olympic Games, helping the Brazilians to silver at the latter. He was appointed head coach of Brazil's men's team in 2001 and has since guided them to eight World League titles. He also led Brazil to World Cup titles in 2003 and 2007, and World Championship gold in 2002, 2006 and 2010. Before becoming coach of the men's team, Rezende guided Brazil's women to World Cup bronze in 1999, Olympic bronze in 1996 and 2000, and World Championship silver in 1994. He is the author of two books on volleyball.

**TEAM ROSTER**

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
C 1	Rezende Bruno Mossa	Bruno	02.07.86	190	76	323	302	Pallavolo Modena (ITA)
2	Santos Isac	Isac	13.12.90	205	84	339	306	Sada Cruzeiro Volei
3	Carbonera Eder	Eder	19.10.83	204	101	350	330	Sada Cruzeiro Volei
4	De Souza Wallace	Wallace	26.06.87	198	87	344	318	Sada Cruzeiro Volei
5	Santos Junior Sidnei Dos	Sidão	09.07.82	203	90	348	335	SESI
6	Vissotto Neves Leandro	Vissotto	30.04.83	212	97	370	345	CBV
7	Arjona William	William	31.07.79	185	78	300	295	Sada Cruzeiro Volei
8	Endres Murilo	Murilo	03.05.81	190	76	343	319	SESI
9	Lopes Theo	Lopes	31.08.83	199	80	345	324	UPCN San Juan Volley (ARG)
10	Lucarelli Santos De Souza Ricardo	Lucarelli	14.02.92	195	79	338	308	SESI
L 11	Silva Felipe Lourenço	Felipe	25.08.90	188	77	302	297	BMG São Bernardo
12	Fonteles Luiz Felipe Marques	Lipe	19.06.84	196	89	330	320	Fenerbahçe (TUR)
13	Souza Maurício	M. Souza	29.09.88	209	93	344	323	Halkbank (TUR)
14	Araujo Rafael	Rafael Araujo	13.06.91	206	93	348	325	Taubaté
15	Bonatto Gustavo	Gustavo	02.01.86	214	109	340	320	Meddley Campinas
16	Saatkamp Lucas	Lucas	06.03.86	209	101	340	321	SESI
17	Radke Murilo	Murilo	31.01.89	194	76	329	310	Canoas
18	Silva Maurício	Maurício	04.02.89	197	85	321	302	Minas Tênis Clube
L 19	Da Silva Pedreira Junior Mario	Mario	03.05.82	192	91	330	321	RJ
20	Vieira De Oliveira Raphael	Raphael	14.06.79	190	82	330	306	Al-Rayyan Sports Club (QAT)
21	Souza Douglas	Douglas	20.08.95	198	70	345	319	Pinheiros
22	Loh Lucas Eduardo	Lucas	18.01.91	195	83	336	320	Minas Tênis Clube

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**LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS**

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
24.11.13	ITA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-2	25-22	25-22	23-25	25-20	11-11
23.11.13	RUS	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	2-3	25-20	25-22	21-25	25-17	9-15
22.11.13	JPN	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-0	25-17	25-23	25-18		
20.11.13	USA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Kyoto	3-0	31-29	25-23	25-23		
19.11.13	IRI	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Kyoto	3-1	25-16	25-17	25-27	23-25	
21.07.13	RUS	WL 2013	Final 1-2	Mar del Plata	0-3	23-25	19-25	19-25		
20.07.13	BUL	WL 2013	Semifinals	Mar del Plata	3-1	25-12	25-17	23-25	25-16	
19.07.13	CAN	WL 2013	Finals	Mar del Plata	3-0	25-18	30-28	25-20		
17.07.13	RUS	WL 2013	Finals	Mar del Plata	2-3	17-25	25-23	25-22	19-25	11-15
14.07.13	USA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Rio de Janeiro	3-0	25-21	26-24	25-23		

**STATISTICS**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Raphael	14.06.79 (34y11m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Douglas	20.08.95 (18y9m)	<b>27y9m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Gustavo	214cm	<b>Shortest</b>	William	185cm	<b>199cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Vissotto	370cm	<b>Shortest</b>	William	300cm	<b>336cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Vissotto	345cm	<b>Shortest</b>	William	295cm	<b>317cm</b>





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## BULGARIA


**FIVE  
WORLD  
RANKING**

6

**BEST RESULT**
5x 4<sup>th</sup> LAST: 2013
**LAST RESULT**
4<sup>th</sup> 2013

Bulgaria, though drawn into a hugely competitive Pool B alongside Russia, United States and Serbia, will head into the World League buoyed by their showing in last year's competition, where they finished fourth. They ended in the same position at the European Championship in what was a solid season under coach Camillo Placi, who became renowned for his work in Italy, and who now is in his sixth year at the helm.

Historically, Bulgaria have a strong track record and they have been regular participants in the World League since 1994. In the 2011 edition they finished fifth and went one place better the next year with some impressive displays in the Bulgarian capital, Sofia. They also came fourth at the London 2012 Olympic Games. They have also enjoyed success at international level for some 50 years. Bulgaria competed in the first Olympic tournament at the Tokyo 1964 Games, finishing fifth. They took the silver medal at Moscow 1980 and came fifth again at Beijing 2008. In their first appearance in the World Championship in 1949 they finished third. They took silver in 1970 and bronze in 1952, 1986 and 2006. Their most recent participation in the World Cup was in 2007 when they came third.


**COACH**


Camillo Placi has gathered vast experience and much success with the Bulgarian national team. He was an assistant coach for five years, during which Bulgaria claimed the bronze medal at the 2009 European Championship. Appointed head coach in 2012, he guided the squad to a fourth-place finish at the 2013 European Championship and emulated that performance in the World League the same year. Placi also served as an assistant coach with the Russia men's team, helping them take bronze medals in 2008 in both the World League and Beijing Olympic Games. Before that he coached teams in his native Italy, winning the Italian Cup in 2006 as an assistant coach of Bre Banca Cueno Lannutti.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Bratoev Georgi	Bratoev G.	21.10.87	203	96	340	325	Lokomotiv Kharkiv
2	Trifonov Ventsislav	Trifonov	19.01.92	205	91	345	322	Marek Union Ivkoni
3	Yordanov Zlatan	Yordanov	02.03.91	200	94	350	325	Saint-Nazaire (FRA)
4	Bozhilov Martin	Bozhilov	11.04.88	190	82	320	305	Marek Union Ivkoni
5	Latunov Ivan	Latunov	29.06.90	201	90	340	330	Levski Ball
6	Milushev Danail	Milushev	03.02.84	200	102	360	340	Toulouse OAC (FRA)
7	Grozdanov Branimir	Grozdanov	21.05.94	198	88	338	327	VC CSKA
8	Skrimov Todor	Skrimov	09.01.90	191	87	348	330	Andreoli Latina (ITA)
9	Dimitrov Dobromir	Dimitrov	07.07.91	198	84	345	335	CVC Gabrovo
10	Bratoev Valentin	Bratoev V.	21.10.87	203	92	347	337	VC Friedrichshafen (GER)
11	Seganov Georgi	Seganov	10.06.93	198	83	335	325	VC CSKA
12	Yosifov Viktor	Yosifov	16.10.85	204	100	350	340	VC Friedrichshafen (GER)
13	Salparov Teodor	Salparov	16.08.82	187	77	320	305	ASUL Lyon (FRA)
14	Ragin Ventsislav	Ragin	08.04.92	201	86	350	332	VC Montana
15	Aleksiev Todor	Aleksiev	21.04.83	204	105	355	340	Gazprom - Ugra Surgut (RUS)
16	Aleksandrov Simeon	Aleksandrov	18.02.88	194	90	320	300	Levski Ball
17	Penchev Nikolay	Penchev N.	22.05.92	197	87	341	335	Asseco Resovia (POL)
18	Nikolov Nikolay	Nikolov N.	29.07.86	206	97	350	332	Matin Varna
19	Sokolov Tsvetan	Sokolov	31.12.89	206	100	370	350	Trentino Volley (ITA)
20	Kadankov Venelin	Kadankov	31.08.87	205	90	335	315	Marek Union Ivkoni
21	Georgiev Krasimir	Georgiev	13.02.95	203	83	346	333	VC CSKA
22	Penchev Chono	C. Penchev	11.12.94	197	78	318	307	Pirin

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
21.07.13	ITA	WL 2013	Final 3-4	Mar del Plata	2-3	25-21	21-25	20-25	25-21	7-15
20.07.13	BRA	WL 2013	Semifinals	Mar del Plata	1-3	12-25	17-25	25-23	16-25	
18.07.13	ITA	WL 2013	Finals	Mar del Plata	1-3	18-25	25-18	22-25	24-26	
17.07.13	ARG	WL 2013	Finals	Mar del Plata	3-1	28-26	25-23	20-25	25-23	
13.07.13	POL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Varna	3-2	20-25	23-25	25-21	25-21	19-17
12.07.13	POL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Varna	3-0	25-21	25-21	25-21		
06.07.13	BRA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Brasilia	1-3	25-19	21-25	17-25	19-25	
05.07.13	BRA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Brasilia	1-3	26-24	17-25	20-25	23-25	
29.06.13	USA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Reno	3-1	25-20	18-25	25-23	25-21	
28.06.13	USA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Reno	0-3	19-25	22-25	21-25		

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Salparov	16.08.82 (31y9m)	Youngest	Georgiev	13.02.95 (19y3m)	<b>24y10m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Nikolov N.	206cm	Shortest	Salparov	187cm	<b>200cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Sokolov	370cm	Shortest	C. Penchev	318cm	<b>342cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Sokolov	350cm	Shortest	Aleksandrov	300cm	<b>327cm</b>







## CANADA



**FIVE  
WORLD  
RANKING**

**11**

**BEST RESULT**

5<sup>th</sup> 2013

**LAST RESULT**

5<sup>th</sup> 2013



Canada will enter the World League in a confident mood on the back of an impressive display in last year's competition in Argentina when they finished fifth. That performance followed the ending of a five-year absence from the World League in 2012, when the team finished third in their pool and 12<sup>th</sup> overall. A win over Finland in the last match of pool play secured their place in the 2013 edition of the competition. The team also finished second behind the United States in last year's NORCECA Continental Championship in Langley, USA. Under the guidance of coach Glenn Hoag – a veteran of the 1980s side which is considered Canada's best ever – the present crop will be highly motivated to build on their recent good form. Also in their sights is the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto with the ultimate goal being qualification for Rio 2016 and the prospect of ending a 24-year absence from the Olympic Games.

Canada have taken many steps forward since they began competing at international level in 1959. Their achievements include a fourth-place finish at the 1984 Olympic Games, a bronze medal at the 1999 Pan American Games and top-three NORCECA Championship finishes. The team narrowly missed out on qualification for London 2012.



## COACH



Glenn Hoag played for Canada from 1981 to 1986 and was part of the team that produced the country's best ever result, a fourth-place finish at the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games. He played

for clubs in Europe for a decade, winning three national titles in France and the French Cup twice. As a coach in France he guided Paris Volley to 2011 triumphs in the championship, the French Cup and European Champions Cup. Hoag also has a Turkish national title on his coaching resume along with two Slovenian championships. He was appointed head coach of Canada's men's team in 2006. In 2011 he was inducted into the Quebec Volleyball Hall of Fame in recognition of his accomplishments as a player.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Sanders Tyler	Sanders	14.12.91	191	81	326	308	Abiant Lycurgus (NED)
2	Perrin John Gordon	Perrin	17.08.89	201	95	353	329	Arkas Sport Club (TUR)
3	Lewis Daniel	Lewis	03.04.76	189	86	340	325	ZAKSA Kedzierzyn-Kozle (POL)
4	Derocco Jason	Derocco	19.09.89	198	94	342	318	Nantes Rezé Métropole Volley (FRA)
5	Verhoeff Rudy	Verhoeff	24.06.89	198	88	349	317	Chaumont VB 52 (FRA)
6	Duff Justin	Duff	10.05.88	202	94	370	335	Jakarta Energy (IND)
7	Soonias Dallas	Soonias	25.04.84	200	91	356	323	Fujian VC (CHN)
8	Simac Adam	Simac	09.08.83	203	101	348	336	PV Lugano (SUI)
9	Schneider Dustin	Schneider	27.02.85	182	82	322	297	ZAKSA Kedzierzyn-Kozle (POL)
10	Van Lankvelt Toontje	Van Lankvelt	01.07.84	197	91	347	317	Asul Lyon Volley (FRA)
11	Brinkman Steve	Brinkman	12.01.78	203	96	344	335	Panachaiki Gymnastiki Enosi (GRE)
12	Schmitt Gavin	Schmitt	27.01.86	208	106	372	340	Arkas Sport Club (TUR)
13	Hoag Christopher	C. Hoag	03.09.88	192	79	335	317	SAEMS Tourcoing VB (FRA)
14	Kaminski Adam	Kaminski	27.05.84	205	89	355	335	WKS Czarni Radom (POL)
C 15	Winters Frederic	Winters	25.09.82	195	98	359	327	Beijing BAIC Motors (CHN)
16	Gotch Stephen	Gotch	18.10.85	194	90	339	315	Panachaiki Gymnastiki Enosi (GRE)
17	Vigrass Graham	Vigrass	17.06.89	205	97	354	330	Arago de Sète VB (FRA)
18	Hoag Nicholas	N. Hoag	19.08.92	200	91	342	322	Tours VB (FRA)
19	Bann Blair Cameron	Bann	26.02.88	184	84	314	295	Nantes Rezé Métropole Volley (FRA)
20	Mcgovern Ciaran	Mcgovern	05.06.89	181	80	336	312	Evivo Duren (GER)
21	Blankenau Jay	Blankenau	27.09.89	194	94	334	307	MAS NIKI Aiginou (GRE)
22	Marshall Steven	Marshall	23.11.89	189	79	350	322	National Team

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
19.07.13	BRA	WL 2013	Finals	Mar del Plata	0-3	18-25	28-30	20-25		
18.07.13	RUS	WL 2013	Finals	Mar del Plata	3-2	20-25	21-25	25-23	25-21	15-11
07.07.13	JPN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Osaka	3-2	25-23	23-25	25-27	25-18	15-7
06.07.13	JPN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Osaka	3-1	25-11	25-21	23-25	25-20	
29.06.13	FIN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tampere	3-0	25-23	25-22	25-17		
28.06.13	FIN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tampere	3-1	25-13	22-25	25-21	25-20	
15.06.13	KOR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Mississauga	3-0	25-23	25-20	25-20		
14.06.13	KOR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Mississauga	3-0	25-19	25-10	25-18		
08.06.13	POR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Mississauga	1-3	19-25	25-20	18-25	23-25	
07.06.13	POR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Mississauga	3-0	25-19	25-19	25-18		

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Lewis	03.04.76 (38y1m)	Youngest	N. Hoag	19.08.92 (21y9m)	<b>27y8m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Schmitt	208cm	Shortest	Mcgovern	181cm	<b>196cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Schmitt	372cm	Shortest	Bann	314cm	<b>345cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Schmitt	340cm	Shortest	Bann	295cm	<b>321cm</b>







FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

18

BEST RESULT

6<sup>th</sup> 1996

LAST RESULT

15<sup>th</sup> 2010



The China team incorporates a combination of young players recently introduced to the national set-up and a core of key performers who featured during the Olympiad cycle leading up to the London 2012 Games, for which they failed to qualify. Xie Guochen was appointed head coach in the wake of that setback and he is seeking to build the team into a “fast, varied, comprehensive and accurate” unit. His brief is to achieve good results at world and continental level en route to winning a berth at Rio 2016.



## COACH



Xie Guochen, appointed temporary coach of China after their failure to qualify for the London 2012 Olympic Games, got the job on a permanent basis in April 2013.

He led the men to the gold medal at the 2012 Asian Cup in Vietnam and to bronze at the 2013 Asian Championship in Dubai. As assistant coach, he helped the Chinese to fifth place at Beijing 2008. Xie also helped coach the China squads that won silver medals at the 2006 Asian Games, the 2011 Asian Championship and the 2010 Asian Cup. At club level, he had stints coaching the Chinese teams Henan Tianguan and Henan Provincial. As a player, he represented China from 1994 to 2003 and won silver at the 1994 Asian Games.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Bian Hongmin	Bian H.M.	22.09.89	210	95	355	330	Zhejiang
2	Zhao Yichen	Zhao Y.C.	27.12.90	195	80	345	335	Army
3	Yuan Zhi	Yuan Z.	29.09.81	195	88	348	334	Liaoning
4	Zhang Chen	Zhang C.	28.06.85	201	70	356	340	Jiangsu
5	Dai Qingyao	Dai Q.Y.	26.09.91	205	81	350	340	Shanghai
6	Liang Chunlong	Liang C.L.	25.03.88	206	91	351	333	Liaoning
C 7	Zhong Weijun	Zhong W.J.	20.04.89	199	80	347	335	Army
8	Cui Jianjun	Cui J.J.	01.08.85	190	89	350	335	Henan
9	Jiao Shuai	Jiao S.	28.01.84	194	76	350	341	Henan
10	Wang Chen	Wang C.	16.11.87	193	90	345	340	Beijing
11	Geng Xin	Geng X.	15.11.89	208	80	348	338	Shandong
12	Shan Qingtao	Shan Q.T.	16.01.86	194	75	345	335	Beijing
13	Kou Zhichao	Kou Z.C.	26.06.89	202	95	355	345	Shandong
14	Xu Jingtao	Xu J.T.	07.07.88	202	76	356	320	Army
15	Li Runming	Li R.M.	01.03.90	198	90	350	326	Shandong
16	Ren Qi	Ren Q.	24.02.84	174	70	322	312	Shanghai
17	Chu Hui	Chu H.	11.02.81	187	70	355	323	Beijing
18	Ji Daoshuai	Ji D.S.	07.02.92	195	75	355	335	Shandong
19	Fang Yingchao	Fang Y.C.	03.08.82	198	79	360	350	Shanghai
20	Zhan Guojun	Zhan G.J.	16.12.88	197	88	235	230	Shanghai
21	Song Jianwei	Song J.W.	04.01.92	192	77	340	330	Shandong
22	Mao Tianyi	Mao T.Y.	02.06.93	200	84	350	333	Guangdong

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## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
04.12.11	ARG	WCUP 2011	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	23-25	29-31	18-25		
03.12.11	SRB	WCUP 2011	Round Robin	Tokyo	1-3	26-24	18-25	19-25	12-25	
02.12.11	CUB	WCUP 2011	Round Robin	Tokyo	2-3	21-25	25-18	28-26	20-25	13-15
29.11.11	IRI	WCUP 2011	Round Robin	Fukuoka	3-0	25-19	25-19	25-17		
28.11.11	JPN	WCUP 2011	Round Robin	Fukuoka	0-3	23-25	20-25	24-26		
27.11.11	POL	WCUP 2011	Round Robin	Fukuoka	1-3	25-17	20-25	21-25	19-25	
25.11.11	BRA	WCUP 2011	Round Robin	Kumamoto	2-3	25-23	10-25	18-25	25-19	8-15
24.11.11	ITA	WCUP 2011	Round Robin	Kumamoto	0-3	10-25	18-25	14-25		
22.11.11	EGY	WCUP 2011	Round Robin	Kagoshima	0-3	20-25	20-25	18-25		
21.11.11	RUS	WCUP 2011	Round Robin	Kagoshima	0-3	18-25	20-25	18-25		

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Chu H.	11.02.81 (33y3m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Mao T.Y.	02.06.93 (21y)	<b>26y6m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Bian H.M.	210cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Ren Q.	174cm	<b>197cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Fang Y.C.	360cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Zhan G.J.	235cm	<b>344cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Fang Y.C.	350cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Zhan G.J.	230cm	<b>329cm</b>







CUBA


**FIVE  
WORLD  
RANKING**

7

**BEST RESULT**
1<sup>st</sup> 1998
**LAST RESULT**
13<sup>th</sup> 2013

Cuba have a curious international record, some impressive achievements being intertwined with more modest results. That was partly exemplified by last year's World League 13<sup>th</sup>-place finish which came 12 months after the team claimed a bronze medal in the competition at the expense of host nation Bulgaria. This year they line up in an intriguing Pool F alongside Tunisia, Turkey and Mexico. But a still relatively young Cuban side have repeatedly shown they are capable of rising to the challenge on the World League stage, finishing fourth twice in recent years in addition to their 2012 bronze. They were runners-up at the World Championship in 2010 and ascended to the throne at the 2011 NORCECA Championship, which earned them a place at the World Cup that year where they finished fifth.

Cuba made their World League debut in 1991 and their sole title triumph came in 1998. Their overall record is surpassed by just a handful of nations and they are ranked fourth on the all-time list with one gold, five silver and three bronze medals. Only the elite trio of Brazil, Italy and Russia sit above them in the pecking order. They also won a bronze medal at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal.



### COACH



Rodolfo Sanchez represented Cuba twice at the Olympic Games as a player. He was part of the national teams that finished fourth at Barcelona 1992 and sixth in Atlanta four years later. After

turning to coaching, Sanchez guided the Cubans to gold at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore and at the NORCECA Under-19 Championship in Mexico the same year. He also led Cuba's junior team to bronze at the 2011 Youth World Championship in Argentina. Luis was appointed head coach in 2013. His stated aim is to maintain his country's status as a world volleyball power. His wife, Idalmis Gato, is a three-time Olympic champion, having triumphed with Cuba's women's team at the 1992, 1996 and 2000 Games.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Gonzalez Nicolas Yosvani	Nicolas	18.04.88	196	85	345	330	Havana
2	Romero Valdes Inovel	Romero	28.01.95	197	80	350	335	Ciego de Avila
3	Calvo Manzano Ricardo Norberto	Ricardo	02.10.96	193	74	343	334	Villa Clara
4	Jimenez Scull Javier Ernesto	Jimenez	16.11.89	198	89	352	345	Matanzas
5	Macias Infante Leandro	Macias	13.02.90	192	70	325	318	Santiago de Cuba
6	Gutierrez Torna Keibel	Gutierrez	06.05.87	178	80	305	295	Villa Clara
7	Garcia Alvarez Yonder Roman	Garcia	26.02.93	183	78	325	320	Havana
C 8	Cepeda Abreu Rolando	Cepeda	13.03.89	198	77	359	344	Sancti Spiritus
9	Osoria Rodriguez Livan	Osoria	05.02.94	201	96	345	325	Santiago de Cuba
10	Quintana Guerra Danger Jorber	Quintana	19.05.94	200	95	343	323	Havana
11	Fundora Travieso Lazaro Raydel	Fundora	13.02.94	195	90	344	317	Havana
12	Alfonso Gavilan Abraham	Abraham	23.02.95	197	72	343	320	Havana
13	Fiel Rodriguez David	Fiel	28.08.93	204	93	374	369	Havana
14	Rendon Gonzalez Osniel Cecilio	Rendon	26.06.96	202	90	350	340	Matanzas
15	Albo Miranda Dariel	Albo	11.02.92	201	82	343	316	Havana
16	Mesa Sandoval Isbel	Mesa	02.06.89	204	89	358	331	Havana
17	Chapman Piñeiro Felix Emilio	Chapman	05.10.96	198	84	350	330	Mayabeque
18	Hernandez Martinez Denny De Jesus	Hernandez	24.02.94	190	85	344	321	Pinar del Rio
19	Rivera Sanchez Mario Luis	Rivera	26.10.82	180	92	343	323	Pinar del Rio
20	Uriarte Mestre Osmany Santiago	Uriarte	04.06.95	197	81	352	348	Sancti Spiritus
21	Jimeno Hernandez Luis Guillermo	Jimeno	04.11.95	197	92	358	352	Matanzas
22	Caraballo Castillo Jorge Felix	Caraballo	15.10.96	202	95	360	357	Villa Clara

C=Captain, L=Libero, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
06.07.13	IRI	WL 2013	Prel. Round	La Habana	1-3	25-22	20-25	18-25	22-25	
05.07.13	IRI	WL 2013	Prel. Round	La Habana	2-3	26-24	25-19	19-25	22-25	14-16
29.06.13	RUS	WL 2013	Prel. Round	La Habana	3-1	25-23	20-25	25-20	25-22	
28.06.13	RUS	WL 2013	Prel. Round	La Habana	0-3	20-25	23-25	23-25		
23.06.13	GER	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Bremen	1-3	23-25	22-25	26-24	23-25	
22.06.13	GER	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Bremen	0-3	18-25	19-25	16-25		
16.06.13	ITA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Firenze	0-3	23-25	18-25	19-25		
14.06.13	ITA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Torino	0-3	20-25	17-25	23-25		
08.06.13	SRB	WL 2013	Prel. Round	La Habana	1-3	24-26	22-25	25-18	21-25	
07.06.13	SRB	WL 2013	Prel. Round	La Habana	1-3	17-25	21-25	25-21	20-25	

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Rivera	26.10.82 (31y7m)	Youngest	Caraballo	15.10.96 (17y7m)	<b>21y7m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Fiel	204cm	Shortest	Gutierrez	178cm	<b>196cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Fiel	374cm	Shortest	Gutierrez	305cm	<b>346cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Fiel	369cm	Shortest	Gutierrez	295cm	<b>332cm</b>







## CZECH REPUBLIC



**FIVE  
WORLD  
RANKING**

22

**BEST RESULT**

4<sup>th</sup> 2003

**LAST RESULT**

4<sup>th</sup> 2003



The Czech Republic boast a stunning track record of achievement under the Czechoslovakian flag and are looking to revive the glory days under the guidance of recently appointed coach Zdenek Smejkal. He may be new to the top job but Smejkal has performed the role of national team assistant for the past two seasons. If the Czechs are hoping 2014 will provide an upswing in fortunes they seem to be on the right track after earning third place in last year's European League, their first foray into the continental competition for six years.



## COACH



Zdenek Smejkal served as assistant coach to the Czech Republic men's team for two seasons under the reign of Dutchman Stewart Bernard before he took over the top job in 2013. Smejkal will

be well informed on the talent pool at his disposal thanks to a wealth of experience at club level in his homeland. He won the Czech Republic national league title in the 2009/10 season as head coach of VK Kladno, and added a second national championship to his list of accomplishments at the helm of VK Ostrava three years later. In the 2011-12 season he guided his team to victory in the Czech and Czech-Slovak Cup. Smejkal's career has also taken in a stint as head coach in the Austrian League.

**TEAM ROSTER**

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Vesely Jakub	Vesely	02.09.86	207	100	356	340	KS AZS Czestochowa SSA
2	Hanik Zdenek	Hanik	11.07.86	178	80	330	315	VK Ostrava
3	Mach Radek	Mach	28.09.84	206	105	344	333	VK Ceske Budejovice
4	Hysky Tomas	Hysky	02.11.83	203	94	356	335	VK Dukla Liberec
5	Kral Jiri	Kral	08.07.81	202	101	356	331	Beauvais Oise Universite Club (FRA)
6	Linz Karel	Linz	20.04.86	200	92	349	331	Dorozhnik Krasnoyarsk
C 7	Holubec Ales	Holubec	13.03.84	199	90	357	335	UGS Nantes Reze M. V. (FRA)
8	Habr Filip	Habr	27.04.88	201	92	348	335	VK Ceske Budejovice
9	Bartos Pavel	Bartos	20.04.94	191	79	335	325	VSC Zlin
10	Finger Michal	Finger	02.09.93	202	89	361	336	volleyball.cz CZU Praha
11	Krystof Martin	Krystof	11.10.82	179	78	310	300	SCC Berlin (GER)
12	Juracka David	Juracka	27.05.89	182	78	320	310	VO Pribram
13	Baranek Kamil	Baranek	02.05.83	198	93	350	335	Tours VB (FRA)
14	Bartos Adam	Bartos	27.04.92	198	85	350	330	VSC Zlin
15	Stokr Jan	Stokr	16.01.83	205	113	368	348	Dinamo Krasnodar (RUS)
16	Siroky Tomas	Siroky	26.10.82	196	100	348	325	VK Ostrava
17	Kuliha Jan	Kuliha	24.05.90	198	90	348	330	VK Ceske Budejovice
18	Krisko Michal	Krisko	23.11.88	200	93	356	330	VK Ceske Budejovice
19	Michalek Petr	Michalek	19.08.89	190	80	344	325	VK Ceske Budejovice
20	Sobotka Vladimir	Sobotka	07.05.85	203	93	350	328	VK Ceske Budejovice
21	Beer Marek	Beer	24.05.88	201	101	354	334	VK Dukla Liberec
22	Kopacek Vaclav	Kopacek	21.10.82	182	80	314	298	VK Dukla Liberec

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**LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS**

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
09.10.10	ARG	WCH 2010	Final 9-10	Florence	1-3	22-25	25-18	21-25	22-25	
08.10.10	FRA	WCH 2010	Classif. 9-12	Florence	3-0	25-21	25-20	25-16		
05.10.10	GER	WCH 2010	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Rome	0-3	23-25	18-25	13-25		
04.10.10	BRA	WCH 2010	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Rome	2-3	20-25	25-22	25-23	21-25	8-15
02.10.10	CMR	WCH 2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Ancona	3-0	25-17	25-18	25-17		
30.09.10	USA	WCH 2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Ancona	3-0	25-19	25-22	25-22		
27.09.10	BUL	WCH 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Turin	3-1	25-23	27-25	28-30	27-25	
26.09.10	CHN	WCH 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Turin	3-1	25-21	19-25	25-18	25-22	
25.09.10	FRA	WCH 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Turin	2-3	19-25	25-22	21-25	26-24	10-15
29.11.06	GER	WCH 2006	Group F	Hiroshima	3-1	25-23	25-27	25-21	25-13	

**STATISTICS**

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Kral	08.07.81 (32y10m)	Youngest	Bartos	20.04.94 (20y1m)	<b>27y7m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Vesely	207cm	Shortest	Hanik	178cm	<b>196cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Stokr	368cm	Shortest	Krystof	310cm	<b>346cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Stokr	348cm	Shortest	Kopacek	298cm	<b>328cm</b>







## FINLAND



**FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING**

30

**BEST RESULT**

7<sup>th</sup> 2007

**LAST RESULT**

16<sup>th</sup> 2013



This year promises much for Finnish volleyball with the national team eagerly anticipating their first appearance of the modern era at the World Championship in Poland in August, thus ending a 32-year absence from the event. Before then they will feature in the World League, a competition which has proved a happy hunting ground in comparison to the World Championship. This year's tournament will mark Finland's ninth successive appearance at the World League, their best performance to date being in 2007 when they took seventh place. Last year they finished eighth in the 16-team European Championship, repeating their feat of two years earlier to underline their consistency at continental level.

The Finns' greatest success to date was their fourth-place finish at the 2007 European Championship in Russia. They have been regulars in the final round of the European Championship, competing 15 times overall and placing in the top 10 on six occasions. They have taken part in the World Championship six times, but the last was in 1982 when they finished 17<sup>th</sup>. Finland won silver in the 2005 European League.



## COACH



Tuomas Sammelvuo coached the Finland team to qualification for the 2014 World Championship in Poland. This marked the first time in 32 years that the Finns had qualified for the tournament

and followed on from an eighth-place finish at the 2013 European Championships. Sammelvuo played professionally for clubs in Finland, France, Italy, Japan, Russia and Poland. He appeared in 296 international matches for Finland and helped the team to fourth place at the 2007 European Championship in Russia. He was voted Finland's player of the year four times by fellow players and journalists. In 2013 he added the country's Sport Idol of the Year award to his list of accomplishments.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Juntura Ville	Juntura	26.03.88	192	82	330	315	Saimaa Volley
2	Tervaportti Eemi	Tervaportti	26.07.89	193	73	338	317	Roeselare (BEL)
3	Esko Mikko	Esko	03.09.78	198	89	331	319	Nizhni Novgorod (RUS)
L 4	Kerminen Lauri	Kerminen	18.01.93	182	70	320	290	Kokkolan Tiikerit
C 5	Siltala Antti	Siltala	14.03.84	193	90	348	330	Ajaccio (FRA)
6	Seppänen Niklas	Seppänen	30.06.93	192	82	335	320	Kokkolan Tiikerit
7	Kouki Eemeli	Kouki	26.10.91	194	84	340	330	Perungan Pojat
8	Krastins Elviss	Krastins	15.09.94	192	84	335	315	Vammalan Lentopallo
9	Siirilä Tommi	Siirilä	05.08.93	203	98	340	325	Pielaveden Sampo
10	Sivula Urpo	Sivula	15.03.88	195	100	350	330	Arkas (TUR)
L 11	Tolvanen Timo	Tolvanen	08.11.77	183	70	320	310	Pielaveden Sampo
12	Kunnari Olli	Kunnari	02.02.82	197	85	342	315	Vammalan Lentopallo
13	Oivanen Mikko	Oivanen Mi	26.05.86	198	92	360	320	Fujian (CHN)
14	Shumov Konstantin	Shumov	15.02.85	205	101	351	331	Generali Haching (GER)
15	Oivanen Matti	Oivanen Ma	26.05.86	198	90	355	320	AZS Olsztyn (POL)
16	Ojansivu Olli-Pekka	Ojansivu	31.12.87	197	90	344	325	Kokkolan Tiikerit
17	Sorvoja Ville	Sorvoja	02.12.90	194	90	342	333	Lentopalloseura Etta
18	Lehtonen Jukka	Lehtonen	22.02.82	197	90	346	325	Lugano (SUI)
19	Sippola Jani	Sippola	04.05.90	191	91	335	315	Raision Loimu
20	Kaislasalo Samuli	Kaislasalo	03.08.95	204	88	350	325	Hurrikaani Loimaa
L 21	Mutka Aleksi	Mutka	23.03.95	182	72	315	300	Rantaperkiön Isku
22	Savimäki Joni	Savimäki	28.01.91	191	88	349	320	Liiga-Riento

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
06.07.13	NED	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tampere	3-1	25-19	26-24	20-25	25-20	
05.07.13	NED	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tampere	1-3	25-23	23-25	23-25	23-25	
29.06.13	CAN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tampere	0-3	23-25	22-25	17-25		
28.06.13	CAN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tampere	1-3	13-25	25-22	21-25	20-25	
16.06.13	JPN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Komaki	1-3	25-23	21-25	19-25	22-25	
15.06.13	JPN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Komaki	1-3	17-25	18-25	26-24	18-25	
09.06.13	KOR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Suwon	3-2	23-25	25-18	26-24	15-25	16-14
08.06.13	KOR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Suwon	3-0	25-23	25-23	25-20		
01.06.13	POR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Helsinki	2-3	25-23	23-25	23-25	25-23	12-15
31.05.13	POR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Helsinki	3-0	25-13	29-27	25-18		

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Tolvanen	08.11.77 (36y6m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Kaislasalo	03.08.95 (18y9m)	<b>25y10m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Shumov	205cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Kerminen	182cm	<b>194cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Oivanen Mi	360cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Mutka	315cm	<b>340cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Sorvoja	333cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Kerminen	290cm	<b>320cm</b>







## FRANCE



**FIVE  
WORLD  
RANKING**

16

**BEST RESULT**

2<sup>nd</sup> 2006

**LAST RESULT**

10<sup>th</sup> 2013



France are enjoying a new era under coach Laurent Tillie, one of the most decorated players in the national team's history. However, they endured a mixed 2013, placing a disappointing 10<sup>th</sup> in the World League and fifth in the European Championship. After the French missed out on qualification for the London 2012 Olympic Games, Tillie replaced Philippe Blain at the helm. He will ultimately be judged on whether he can lead the team to Rio 2016 and end a 12-year absence from the Olympics. The first step was successful qualification for the 2013 European Championship and 2014 World Championship. Tillie now hopes the World League will serve as a good testing ground for further success.

France's volleyball history dates back to the 1948 European Championship, where they took the silver medal. More recently, France finished third at the 2002 World Championship and second behind Brazil in the 2006 World League but they have had their share of disappointment in subsequent seasons. The team failed to qualify for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and in the following year's World League they narrowly missed making the final six, falling at the last hurdle to Argentina. They suffered another setback in the 2010 World League when they missed the final round and eventually finished 12<sup>th</sup>.



## COACH



Laurent Tillie knows what it means to wear the French team colours. The former captain played for his country in 406 international matches. He won a bronze medal at the 1985 European Championship and a silver two years later. He also represented France at the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games. He won seven titles in his homeland along with two French Cups and helped AS Cannes to a CEV Challenge Cup triumph in 1981. He also had two stints with Pallavolo Falconara in Italy during his playing career. As a coach, he led Cannes to the championship in 2005 and the French Cup in 2007. His father, Guy, represented France at international level as has son Kevin, who is also on the 2014 World League squad.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Aguenier Jonas	Aguenier	28.04.92	200	97	340	310	Nantes VB
2	Grebennikov Jenia	Grebennikov	13.08.90	188	74	345	330	Friedrichshafen (GER)
3	Tuitoga Philippe	Tuitoga	18.12.90	202	87	352	335	Paris Volley
4	Rouzier Antonin	Rouzier	18.08.86	201	100	350	330	Cuneo (ITA)
5	Redwitz Rafael	Redwitz	12.08.80	190	85	330	312	Montpellier UC
C 6	Toniutti Benjamin	Toniutti	30.10.89	183	74	320	300	Ravenne (ITA)
7	Tillie Kevin	Tillie	02.11.90	198	83	345	325	Ravenne (ITA)
8	Moreau Marien	Moreau	25.10.83	201	100	345	328	Munich (GER)
9	Ngapeth Earvin	Ngapeth	12.02.91	194	93	358	327	Modène (ITA)
10	Le Roux Kevin	Le Roux	11.05.89	209	95	365	340	Piacenza (ITA)
11	Lyneel Julien	Lyneel	15.04.90	192	85	340	320	Montpellier UC
12	Geiler Baptiste	Geiler	12.03.87	198	90	343	327	Friedrichshafen (GER)
13	Castard Ludovic	Castard	18.01.83	195	85	348	325	AS Cannes
14	Le Goff Nicolas	Le Goff	15.02.92	204	97	346	317	Montpellier UC
15	Tuia Samuele	Tuia	24.07.86	195	95	345	325	Skra Belchatov (POL)
16	Marechal Nicolas	Marechal	04.03.87	198	83	338	327	Jastrebski (POL)
17	Lafitte Franck	Lafitte	08.03.89	203	95	350	330	Montpellier UC
18	Jaumel Yoann	Jaumel	16.09.87	181	77	320	303	GFCV Ajaccio
19	Rossard Nicolas	Rossard	23.05.90	183	65	315	305	Arago de Sète
20	Rossard Thibault	Rossard	28.08.93	195	84	350	320	Toac-Tuc
21	Sidibe Mory	Sidibe	17.06.87	193	92	367	330	Paris Volley
22	Takaniko Toafa	Takaniko	29.05.85	192	88	340	330	Arago de Sète

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
07.07.13	ARG	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Salta	3-1	25-23	25-20	22-25	25-19	
06.07.13	ARG	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Salta	3-2	25-18	25-18	17-25	22-25	15-11
29.06.13	BRA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	São Paulo	3-1	29-27	23-25	25-22	25-19	
28.06.13	BRA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	São Paulo	2-3	20-25	19-25	25-22	25-21	12-15
23.06.13	POL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Toulouse	3-2	25-21	23-25	25-20	21-25	15-13
21.06.13	POL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Rouen	3-2	25-23	21-25	22-25	25-21	15-11
15.06.13	USA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tulsa	2-3	25-22	22-25	26-24	28-30	9-15
14.06.13	USA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tulsa	0-3	15-25	27-29	16-25		
09.06.13	BUL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Metz	0-3	24-26	29-31	20-25		
07.06.13	BUL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Montbéliard	2-3	21-25	25-14	25-21	22-25	11-15

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Redwitz	12.08.80 (33y9m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Rossard	28.08.93 (20y8m)	<b>25y11m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Le Roux	209cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Jaumel	181cm	<b>195cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Sidibe	367cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Rossard	315cm	<b>343cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Le Roux	340cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Toniutti	300cm	<b>323cm</b>







## GERMANY



**FIVE  
WORLD  
RANKING**

10

**BEST RESULT**

5<sup>th</sup> 2012

**LAST RESULT**

7<sup>th</sup> 2013



Germany are coming off one of the most successful periods in their history after finishing fifth in the 2012 Olympic Games in London and reaching the final round of the 2012 World League for the first time – also placing fifth – under coach Vital Heynen. The Germans then came a creditable seventh in last year's World League after competing in an initial pool with powerhouses Italy, Russia and Serbia. This was achieved despite the team having to integrate a host of new players including Philipp Collin, Bjorn Hohne and Tim Broshog. The new faces quickly settled alongside experienced performers such as Jochen Schops, Marcus Bohme and Simon Tischer. Among the highlights of 2013 were wins over Russia and Bulgaria at the European Championship in Poland. However, Heynen is setting his sights higher yet and has said: "In the last year we wanted to develop some young players. In 2014 we want to improve further and win something".

Germany's historical records encompass the achievements of the GDR (East Germany) along with West Germany and thus include the former's gold medal triumphs at the 1969 World Cup and 1970 World Championship, plus a silver medal from the 1972 Munich Olympic Games. More recently the Germans won the European League in 2009 and came ninth at Beijing 2008.



## COACH



Vital Heynen has a long history of success, first as a player in his native Belgium then as a coach. He won Belgium's player of the year award in 2004 and was named best setter in the CEV Champions League the same year. He appeared in 150 matches for the national team. As a coach, he guided Noliko Maaseik to league titles in 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2012, and added Belgium Cup titles in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012. He was voted the country's coach of the year three times. He was appointed Germany coach in 2012 and later that year guided the squad to fifth place at the Olympic Games in London. Heynen has also worked with teams in Turkey, the Netherlands and Poland.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Fromm Christian	Fromm	15.08.90	204	99	345	324	Gherardi SVI Città di Castello (ITA)
2	Steuerwald Markus	M. Steuerwald	07.03.89	182	85	340	318	Paris Volley (FRA)
3	Schott Ruben	Schott	08.07.94	192	85	326	309	Berlin Recycling Volleys
4	Krüger Merten	Krüger	08.11.90	195	93	338	323	VSG Coburg/Grub
5	Kühner Sebastian	Kühner	15.03.87	203	91	341	332	Berlin Recycling Volleys
6	Kaliberda Denys	Kaliberda	24.06.90	193	95	343	314	Copra Elior Piacenza (ITA)
7	Westphal Dirk	Westphal	31.01.86	203	92	354	331	Czarni Radom (POL)
8	Böhme Marcus	Böhme	25.08.85	211	116	360	330	Generali Haching
9	Zimmermann Jan	Zimmermann	12.02.93	190	76	340	312	VfB Friedrichshafen
C 10	Schöps Jochen	Schöps	08.10.83	200	100	360	335	Asseco Resovia Rzeszów (POL)
11	Kampa Lukas	Kampa	29.11.86	196	90	335	320	Casa Modena (ITA)
12	Tille Ferdinand	Tille	08.12.88	185	75	338	316	Generali Haching
13	Hirsch Simon	Hirsch	03.04.92	204	88	352	344	Generali Haching
14	Strohbach Tom	Strohbach	27.05.92	196	83	338	329	Generali Haching
15	Broshog Tim	Broshog	02.12.87	205	112	340	332	Moerser SC
16	Prolingheuer Marvin	Prolingheuer	29.06.90	209	89	345	325	TV Ingersoll Bühl
17	Reichert Moritz	Reichert	15.03.95	194	85	336	314	VI Frankfurt
18	Andrei Michael	Andrei	06.08.85	210	98	345	340	Saint-Nazaire VB Atlantique (FRA)
19	Höhne Björn	Höhne	27.03.91	192	90	345	330	TV Ingersoll Bühl
20	Collin Philipp	Collin	28.10.90	204	98	342	335	Tours VB (FRA)
21	Zachrich Jaromir	Zachrich	14.04.85	201	95	344	331	evivo Düren
22	Klein Georg	Klein	22.08.91	201	94	348	335	evivo Düren

C=Captain, L=Libero, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
13.07.13	IRI	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tehran	3-0	25-21	25-23	25-22		
12.07.13	IRI	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tehran	0-3	19-25	18-25	20-25		
06.07.13	RUS	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Frankfurt	3-2	25-21	25-21	18-25	23-25	18-16
05.07.13	RUS	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Frankfurt	2-3	25-21	25-18	22-25	16-25	7-15
30.06.13	SRB	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Beograd	2-3	25-23	19-25	22-25	25-21	12-15
29.06.13	SRB	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Beograd	3-1	25-20	25-21	21-25	25-21	
23.06.13	CUB	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Bremen	3-1	25-23	25-22	24-26	25-23	
22.06.13	CUB	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Bremen	3-0	25-18	25-19	25-16		
09.06.13	ITA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Torino	2-3	25-22	25-19	17-25	24-26	6-15
07.06.13	ITA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Modena	0-3	15-25	23-25	21-25		

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Schöps	08.10.83 (30y7m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Reichert	15.03.95 (19y2m)	<b>24y10m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Böhme	211cm	<b>Shortest</b>	M. Steuerwald	182cm	<b>199cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Böhme	360cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Schott	326cm	<b>343cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Hirsch	344cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Schott	309cm	<b>326cm</b>



# Gerflor





# IRAN



**FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING**

12

**BEST RESULT**

9<sup>th</sup> 2013

**LAST RESULT**

9<sup>th</sup> 2013



Although they still have some way to go they can present a strong challenge to the world's elite teams, Iran have made rapid improvement in recent seasons and are clearly a team on the rise. Last year they notched up arguably their finest achievement to date by qualifying for the World League, and they will again feature in this season's competition as one of five Asia/Oceania representatives. Serbian Slobodan Kovac has now assumed head coach duties, taking over from Argentine Julio Velasco. Last year also saw Iran become Asian champions for a second time, having made the breakthrough in 2011. They also finished fourth – earning welcome international exposure in the process – at the 2013 Grand Champions Cup, ahead of teams such as the United States and Japan.

The history of volleyball in Iran dates all the way back to the early 1920s when it was played in rudimentary fashion at colleges. The national team made their competitive debut in the 1950s. While the Iranians have yet to qualify for an Olympic Games, their ascent is undeniable. They have featured in the past two World Championships and at the most recent World Cup in 2011, ending a 20-year absence from the latter competition. The team were runners-up at the 2010 Asian Games in China.



## COACH



Slobodan Kovac won a bronze medal as a player with Yugoslavia at the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games and a gold at Sydney 2000. He also won league titles in Yugoslavia with Vojvodina in 1989 and 1992. The Serbian's playing career took him to Italy, France, Greece and Iran. He began his coaching career in Serbia and won national titles in 2009 and 2010 with Radnicki Kragujevac. Kovac returned to Italy where he was head coach of Umbria Volley men's team from 2010 to 2014. He guided Umbria to the A2 division championship in 2011-12 and secured promotion to the A1 division. Kovac was named coach of the year in Italy in 2013. He was appointed coach of Iran in March 2014.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Mahmoudi Shahram	Sh. Mahmoudi	20.07.88	198	95	347	332	Matin Varna
2	Mostafavand Saeed	S. Mostafavand	04.02.83	195	88	340	322	Matin Varna
3	Faezi Saman	S. Faezi	23.08.91	204	87	343	335	Paykan
C 4	Marouflakrani Mir Saeid	S. Marouf	20.10.85	189	81	331	311	Matin Varna
5	Ghaemi Farhad	F. Ghaemi	28.08.89	197	73	355	335	Barij Esans
6	Mousavi Eraghi Seyed Mohammad	M. Mousavi	22.08.87	203	86	362	344	Matin Varna
7	Fayazi Damnabi Pourya	P. Fayazi	12.01.93	194	87	348	326	Shahrdari Urmia
L 8	Zarif Ahangaran V. Farhad	F. Zarif	03.03.83	165	60	290	271	Kalleh
9	Gholami Adel	A. Gholami	09.02.86	195	88	341	330	Kalleh
10	Ghafour Amir	A. Ghafour	06.06.91	202	90	354	334	Barij Esans
11	Davoodi Rahman	R. Davoodi	18.02.88	195	95	348	328	Mizan
12	Mirzajanzpour M. Mojtaba	M. Mirzajanzpour	07.10.91	195	88	325	315	Matin Varna
13	Mahdavi Mehdi	M. Mahdavi	13.02.84	191	96	330	310	Barij Esans
14	Keshavarzi Arash	A. Keshavarzi	16.02.87	198	94	344	325	Paykan
L 15	Alizadeh Gh. Abdolreza	A. Alizadeh	19.02.87	183	80	272	252	Shahrdari Urmia
16	Tashakori Armin	A. Tashakori	08.12.86	200	94	355	335	Barij Esans
17	Ghara Reza	R. Ghara	31.07.91	200	87	351	331	Kalleh
18	Vadi Mohammad Taher	M.T. Vadi	10.10.89	194	72	329	315	Matin Varna
L 19	Marandi Mahdi	M. Marandi	12.05.86	172	69	295	280	Shahrdari Tabriz
20	Mobasheri Demneh Alireza	A. Mobasheri	10.06.88	190	90	345	320	Mizan
21	Jadidi Alireza	A. Jadidi	11.02.89	202	97	343	323	Kalleh
22	Ebadipour Ghara H. Milad	M. Ebadipour	17.10.93	202	78	350	310	Kalleh

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
24.11.13	JPN	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-0	25-17	25-18	25-14		
23.11.13	USA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-2	28-26	19-25	19-25	25-27	18-16
22.11.13	RUS	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	23-25	23-25	19-25		
20.11.13	ITA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Kyoto	3-2	26-24	16-25	25-23	25-23	15-12
19.11.13	BRA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Kyoto	1-3	16-25	17-25	27-25	25-23	
13.07.13	GER	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tehran	0-3	21-25	23-25	22-25		
12.07.13	GER	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tehran	3-0	25-19	25-18	25-20		
06.07.13	CUB	WL 2013	Prel. Round	La Habana	3-1	22-25	25-20	25-18	25-22	
05.07.13	CUB	WL 2013	Prel. Round	La Habana	3-2	24-26	19-25	25-19	25-22	16-14
30.06.13	ITA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Sassari	2-3	22-25	20-25	25-20	25-18	13-15

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	S. Mostafavand	04.02.83 (31y3m)	Youngest	M. Ebadipour	17.10.93 (20y7m)	<b>26y</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	S. Faezi	204cm	Shortest	F. Zarif	165cm	<b>194cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	M. Mousavi	362cm	Shortest	A. Alizadeh	272cm	<b>336cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	M. Mousavi	344cm	Shortest	A. Alizadeh	252cm	<b>317cm</b>







# ITALY



**FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING**

**3**

**BEST RESULT**

8x 1<sup>st</sup> LAST: 2000

**LAST RESULT**

3<sup>rd</sup> 2013



Italy have a proud volleyball history, as evidenced by their appearance in all 24 editions of the World League. The Azzurri have won eight titles, an achievement bettered only by Brazil's tally of nine. This year's World's League marks Italy's first hosting of the event for a decade and coincides with a strong run of recent form as they seek to end a 14-year gold medal drought. In 2013 Italy enjoyed podium finishes in every competition they entered. The team took gold in the Mediterranean Games, silver in the European Championship and bronzes in the World League and the Grand Champions Cup.

The Italians boast a track record of success dating back to a bronze medal at the 1948 European Championship, which they hosted. However, it was only in the early 1970s that Italy became a major force in the sport. They won a bronze at the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games. Then came a 15-year period of domination under the guidance of Julio Velasco. From 1989 to 2005, Italy won three FIVB World Championship, one FIVB World Cup, six European Championships, eight FIVB World Leagues and three Olympic medals (silver in Atlanta 1996, bronze in Sydney 2000, silver in Athens 2004). More recently they claimed yet another bronze medal at London 2012.



## COACH



Mauro Berruto has coached club teams in his native Italy and Greece and led the Finland men's team from 2005 to 2010. He was named Finland's coach of the year in 2007. Berruto was appointed head coach of the Italian men's side in 2010 and guided them to bronze medals at the London 2012 Olympic Games and the 2013 World League in Argentina. The team also won silver at both the 2011 and 2013 European Championships. Berruto won a Greek league title in 2008 as coach of Panathinaikos. His current role includes duties as technical director of Italy's youth teams. Berruto is a successful businessman who owns a Finnish-based production company. He is in much demand as a motivational speaker.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Beretta Thomas	Beretta	18.04.90	205	105	359	330	Modena Volley Punto Zero
2	Kovar Jiri	Kovar	10.04.89	202	95	353	330	Volley Lube
3	Parodi Simone	Parodi	16.06.86	196	82	350	335	Volley Lube
4	Vettori Luca	Vettori	26.04.91	200	95	345	323	Biancorosso Volley
5	Corvetta Antonio	Corvetta	28.09.77	188	82	326	242	Altotevere Città di Castello
6	Maruotti Gabriele	Maruotti	25.03.88	195	92	348	340	Piemonte volley
L 7	Rossini Salvatore	Rossini	13.07.86	185	82	312	301	Top volley
8	Saitta Davide	Saitta	23.06.87	182	92	320	300	Nuova Pallavolo Molfetta
9	Zaytsev Ivan	Zaytsev	02.10.88	202	92	355	348	Volley Lube
10	Lanza Filippo	Lanza	03.03.91	198	98	350	330	Trentino Volley
11	Buti Simone	Buti	19.09.83	206	100	346	328	Sir Safety Umbria Volley
12	Mazzone Daniele	Mazzone	04.06.92	208	88	315	309	Nuova Pallavolo Molfetta
13	Travica Dragan	Travica	28.08.86	200	94	335	320	Belogorie Belgorod (RUS)
14	Piano Matteo	Piano	24.10.90	208	102	352	325	Altotevere Città di Castello
C 15	Birarelli Emanuele	Birarelli	08.02.81	202	95	340	316	Trentino Volley
16	Baranowicz Michele	Baranowicz	05.08.89	196	93	350	328	Volley Lube
17	Giovi Andrea	Giovi	19.08.83	183	80	310	290	Sir Safety Umbria Volley
18	Sabbi Giulio	Sabbi	10.08.89	201	92	352	325	Nuova Pallavolo Molfetta
19	Anzani Simone	Anzani	24.02.92	204	100	350	330	Blu Volley Verona
20	Colaci Massimo	Colaci	21.02.85	180	75	324	308	Trentino Volley
21	Fedrizzi Michele	Fedrizzi	21.05.91	192	80	354	325	Trentino Volley
22	Randazzo Luigi	Randazzo	30.04.94	198	97	352	255	Callipo Sport

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24.11.13	BRA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	2-3	22-25	22-25	25-23	20-25	11-15
23.11.13	JPN	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-0	25-16	25-21	25-21		
22.11.13	USA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	2-3	21-25	25-20	25-22	28-26	13-15
20.11.13	IRI	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Kyoto	2-3	24-26	25-16	23-25	23-25	12-15
19.11.13	RUS	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Kyoto	3-1	28-26	25-20	19-25	25-27	
21.07.13	BUL	WL 2013	Final 3-4	Mar del Plata	3-2	21-25	25-21	25-20	21-25	15-7
20.07.13	RUS	WL 2013	Semifinals	Mar del Plata	1-3	12-25	23-25	26-24	20-25	
19.07.13	ARG	WL 2013	Finals	Mar del Plata	3-1	25-20	23-25	25-17	25-22	
18.07.13	BUL	WL 2013	Finals	Mar del Plata	3-1	25-18	18-25	25-22	26-24	
07.07.13	SRB	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Novi Sad	1-3	26-28	25-17	23-25	19-25	

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Corvetta	28.09.77 (36y7m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Randazzo	30.04.94 (20y)	<b>26y3m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Mazzone	208cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Colaci	180cm	<b>197cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Beretta	359cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Giovi	310cm	<b>341cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Zaytsev	348cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Corvetta	242cm	<b>315cm</b>







FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

17

BEST RESULT

3x 6<sup>th</sup> LAST: 2008

LAST RESULT

18<sup>th</sup> 2013



Japan will compete in their 21<sup>st</sup> World League competition in 2014. Their best performance was their sixth-place finish in 2008, which matched their previous best of 1993 and 1990. They failed to reach the 2014 World Championship, the first edition they will not compete in since 1960. Japan now seek renewed impetus, however, under the direction of Masashi Nambu, who was appointed in February 2014 with dual missions “to qualify for the 2016 Olympic Games, but we also have to bring up young players when looking at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo”.

Japan have a long and successful history. Volleyball was established in Japan in 1927, and they joined the FIVB in 1951. Japan have long been one of the strongest sides in Asia, winning the continental crown seven times. They took part in the World Championship for the first time in 1960, kick-starting two decades of success. They won a bronze medal at the Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games and silver at Mexico 1968 before taking gold at Munich 1972. But the subsequent decades have proved less fruitful and they missed three successive Olympic Games before returning to the stage at Beijing 2008, where they failed to win a match.



## COACH



Masashi Nambu is a three-time winner of Japan's manager of the year award. As head coach of the Matsushita Panasonic Panthers he won three league titles, three Emperor's Cups and four Kurowashiki All-Japan tournaments between 2007 and 2013. The Panthers placed fifth at the 2013 FIVB Men's Club World Championship with Nambu at the reins. He was appointed head coach of Japan in 2014 with a long-term brief to make the former volleyball heavyweight one of the top teams in the world once more. He is taking aim at qualifying for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games while developing young players for Tokyo 2020. Nambu is also targeting a gold medal at the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Shimizu Kunihiro	Shimizu	11.08.86	192	97	345	335	Panasonic Panthers
2	Takahashi Shinji	S. Takahashi	16.07.80	182	75	315	305	Jtekt Stings
3	Oh Kongoh	Oh	12.05.84	197	81	340	330	Toray Arrows
L 4	Koga Koichiro	Koga	30.08.84	171	75	310	300	Toyoda Gosei Trefuerza
5	Toimoto Shogo	Toimoto	25.06.87	197	94	347	330	JT Thunders
6	Uchiyama Shohei	Uchiyama	01.11.87	185	75	330	310	Toyoda Gosei Trefuerza
C 7	Koshikawa Yu	Koshikawa	30.06.84	189	87	340	320	JT Thunders
8	Tsubakiyama Ryusuke	Tsubakiyama	18.07.88	197	103	345	330	Suntory Sunbirds
9	Tezuka Dai	Tezuka	18.11.88	191	90	345	320	FC Tokyo
10	Chijiki Shunsuke	Chijiki	06.09.89	193	83	348	330	Sakai Blazers
11	Eto Hideoki	Eto	27.12.89	198	92	340	315	FC Tokyo
12	Shiraiwa Naoya	Shiraiwa	15.02.90	190	84	328	310	Toyoda Gosei Trefuerza
13	Fukatsu Hideomi	Fukatsu	01.06.90	180	70	330	305	Panasonic Panthers
14	Watanabe Sogo	Watanabe	21.07.90	196	83	335	320	Panasonic Panthers
15	Fukuzawa Tatsuya	Fukuzawa	01.07.86	189	86	355	345	Panasonic Panthers
16	Dekita Takashi	Dekita	13.08.91	199	90	350	330	Sakai Blazers
17	Nagano Takeshi	Nagano	11.07.85	176	69	315	300	Panasonic Panthers
18	Yoneyama Yuta	Yuta	29.08.84	185	85	340	320	Toray Arrows
19	Fushimi Yamato	Fushimi	24.12.91	207	118	340	325	Toray Arrows
L 20	Ide Satoshi	Ide	16.01.92	174	70	305	300	Toray Arrows
21	Yamauchi Akihiro	Yamauchi	30.11.93	204	72	348	328	Aichi Gakuin University
22	Takahashi Kentaro	K. Takahashi	08.02.95	200	93	345	330	University of Tsukuba

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## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

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24.11.13	IRI	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	17-25	18-25	14-25		
23.11.13	ITA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	16-25	21-25	21-25		
22.11.13	BRA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	17-25	23-25	18-25		
20.11.13	RUS	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Kyoto	0-3	16-25	17-25	18-25		
19.11.13	USA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Kyoto	1-3	17-25	17-25	25-21	25-20	
07.07.13	CAN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Osaka	2-3	23-25	25-23	27-25	18-25	7-15
06.07.13	CAN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Osaka	1-3	11-25	21-25	25-23	20-25	
30.06.13	POR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Guimaraes	3-2	22-25	25-23	28-30	25-22	15-10
29.06.13	POR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Guimaraes	1-3	22-25	25-20	24-26	15-25	
16.06.13	FIN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Komaki	3-1	23-25	25-21	25-19	25-22	

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	S. Takahashi	16.07.80 (33y10m)	<b>Youngest</b>	K. Takahashi	08.02.95 (19y3m)	<b>25y11m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Fushimi	207cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Koga	171cm	<b>191cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Fukuzawa	355cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Ide	305cm	<b>336cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Fukuzawa	345cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Koga	300cm	<b>320cm</b>







## KOREA



**FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING**

21

**BEST RESULT**

6<sup>th</sup> 1995

**LAST RESULT**

15<sup>th</sup> 2013



Korea will line up for their ninth successive appearance in the World League with hopes of superseding their recent high point of a ninth-place finish in 2007, or even their all-time best mark of sixth in 1995. Spirits in the team are high after a solid 2013 campaign that included a silver medal at the Asian Championships and a 15<sup>th</sup> place in the World League despite an untimely injury to key player Moon Sung-Min. Moreover, the Koreans qualified for the World Championship in Poland in August under head coach Park Ki-Won, who is in his fourth year at the helm. A major target for Park this year will be success at the Asian Games, which take place on home soil in Incheon during September and October.

South Korea's first notable appearance on the international stage was at the 1956 World Championship. They have since featured in eight Olympic Games, although they have been absent from the three Games that have been staged since Sydney 2000. Their recent record makes for solid if unspectacular reading. In the World League, Korea finished 13<sup>th</sup> in 2008, 14<sup>th</sup> in 2009, 16<sup>th</sup> in 2010, 13<sup>th</sup> in 2011 and 14<sup>th</sup> in 2012. The national team also came third at the Asian Championship in 2007 and 2009, and 11<sup>th</sup> at the 2007 World Cup.



## COACH



Park Ki-Won is a veteran of international volleyball. He played for Korea from 1972-78, competing at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich and at Montreal 1976. Park won a gold medal at the 1978 Asian Games in Thailand and was a member of the Korean team that finished fourth at the 1978 World Championship in Italy. Highlights of his coaching include taking Iran's men's team to a silver medal at the 2002 Asian Games and a bronze at the following year's Asian Championships. In 2013 he led the Korean men's team to a silver medal at the Asian Championship. Park has also coached at club level in Italy. In 1987 he won the Italian league title with the Perugia Sirio Volley women's team.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Shin Young-Soo	Shin Youngsoo	01.07.82	197	90	335	313	Korean Airlines Co.
2	Han Sun-Soo	Han Sunsoo	16.12.85	189	80	310	297	Korean Army
3	Kim Gwang-Guk	Kim Gwangguk	13.08.87	188	77	305	300	Woori Card
4	Jeong Minsu	Jeong Minsu	05.10.91	178	75	270	250	Woori Card
5	Kim Yo-Han	Kim Yohan	16.08.85	200	95	335	326	LIG Insurance
6	Lee Min-Gyu	Lee Mingyu	03.12.92	194	78	305	295	Rush & Cash
C 7	Lee Sun-Kyu	Lee Sunkyu	14.03.81	199	90	325	320	Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance
8	Park Sang-Ha	Park Sangha	04.04.86	198	89	327	315	Korean Army
9	Kwak Seung-Suk	Kwak Seungsook	23.03.88	190	81	325	320	Korean Airlines Co.
10	Bu Yong-Chan	Bu Yongchan	30.11.89	175	65	290	284	LIG Insurance
11	Choi Min-Ho	Choi Minho	28.04.88	198	86	330	312	Hyundai Capital
12	Jeon Kwang-In	Jeon Kwangin	18.09.91	194	82	310	300	Kepeco 45
13	Song Myung-Geun	Song Myunggeun	12.03.93	195	75	315	305	Rush & Cash
14	Lee Kang-Joo	Lee Kangjoo	30.06.83	185	75	305	290	Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance
15	Kim Jeong-Hwan	Kim Jeonghwan	23.03.88	196	94	329	320	Woori Card
16	Choi Hong-Suk	Choi Hongsook	26.06.88	195	80	328	320	Woori Card
17	Seo Jae-Duck	Seo Jaeduck	21.07.89	195	98	315	305	Kepeco 45
18	Ha Hyun-Yong	Ha Hyunyong	09.05.82	198	80	330	322	LIG Insurance
19	Park Chul-Woo	Park Chulwoo	25.07.85	198	88	332	319	Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance
20	Yun Bong-Woo	Yun Bongwoo	20.01.82	199	88	332	320	Hyundai Capital
21	Kwon Young-Min	Kwon Youngmin	05.07.80	190	82	315	309	Hyundai Capital
22	Shin Yung-Suk	Shin Yungsook	04.10.86	198	90	335	325	Korean Army

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
07.07.13	POR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Guimaraes	3-1	34-32	25-23	21-25	28-26	
06.07.13	POR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Guimaraes	3-1	25-18	22-25	25-23	25-21	
30.06.13	NED	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Cheonan	1-3	20-25	22-25	25-21	20-25	
29.06.13	NED	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Cheonan	1-3	23-25	25-22	20-25	16-25	
15.06.13	CAN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Mississauga	0-3	23-25	20-25	20-25		
14.06.13	CAN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Mississauga	0-3	19-25	10-25	18-25		
09.06.13	FIN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Suwon	2-3	25-23	18-25	24-26	25-15	14-16
08.06.13	FIN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Suwon	0-3	23-25	23-25	20-25		
02.06.13	JPN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Hwasung	3-1	25-21	25-23	11-25	25-22	
01.06.13	JPN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Hwasung	3-1	25-22	25-20	21-25	25-19	

STATISTICS

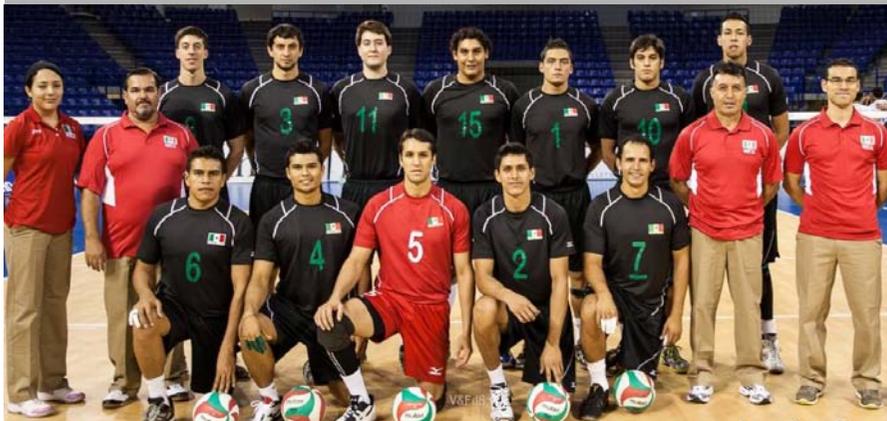
<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Kwon Youngmin	05.07.80 (33y10m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Song Myunggeun	12.03.93 (21y2m)	<b>27y5m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Kim Yohan	200cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Bu Yongchan	175cm	<b>193cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Shin Youngsoo	335cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Jeong Minsu	270cm	<b>318cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Kim Yohan	326cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Jeong Minsu	250cm	<b>308cm</b>







# MEXICO



**FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING**

22

First appearance in  
FIVB Volleyball World League



Mexico are set for a significant milestone in their volleyball history in 2014 with their maiden participation in the World League, an occasion made all the more sweet by the country's hosting of the opening round of Pool F in the capital Mexico City. A challenging group featuring Tunisia, Turkey and Cuba will make for an intriguing four-way match-up. Long in the shadow of regional powerhouses the United States and Cuba, and to a lesser extent Canada, the Mexicans will be looking to make this year's tournament a springboard to further advancement.

Mexico's international record stretches back to 1955 when they took the silver medal at the Pan American Games. They have subsequently won two bronze medals in the competition. They have also won three silvers and two bronzes at the NORCECA Championship. Their global experience extends to four appearances at the World Championship, capped by a high of 10<sup>th</sup> place in 1974.



## COACH



During a decade of involvement in the national set-up, Sergio Hernandez has coached Mexico's junior men's and senior women's teams as well as the senior men's side. He won a silver medal as head coach of the men's team at the 2013 Pan American Cup. Earlier that year Hernandez helped coach the junior men's team in their campaign at the Under-19 World Championship in Mexico. Hernandez has his work cut out for him. The men's last appearance at the World Championship was in 2010 when they came 13<sup>th</sup>. Their best finish at the Pan-Am Games came six decades ago when they took the silver medal in 1955. They have won silver three times – in 1969, 1975 and 1977 – at the NORCECA Championship.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Valdes Loredo Jesus Valdemar	Valdes	05.10.90	188	88	336	311	Tigres
2	Vargas Daniel	Vargas	01.09.86	199	85	340	330	Unam
3	Macias Vargas Marco Antonio	Vargas	12.02.85	193	86	344	330	Distrito Federal
4	Meyer Gustavo	Meyer	03.10.79	193	84	340	330	Unam
L 5	Rangel Jesus	Rangel	20.09.80	193	82	337	330	Tigres
L 6	Mendoza Perdomo José Roberto	Mendoza	31.05.93	170	71	290	265	Jalisco
7	Quiñones Jorge	Quiñones	13.11.81	186	80	330	325	Guanajuato
8	Herrera Edgar	Herrera	22.01.88	194	75	330	320	Tigres
9	Guerra Carlos	Guerra	03.08.81	196	95	339	330	Luc Volley Lausanne (SUI)
10	Rangel Pedro	Rangel	16.09.88	194	78	340	324	Club Voleibol Portol (ESP)
11	Barajas Jorge	Barajas	07.05.91	187	80	320	317	Tigres
12	Guerrero Ismael	Guerrero	15.03.88	204	85	348	336	Tigres
13	Cordova Samuel	Cordova	13.03.89	200	89	353	335	Tigres
14	Aguilera Tomas	Aguilera	15.11.88	202	95	350	340	Tigres
15	Petris Martin	Petris	23.07.90	195	80	337	322	Baja California
16	Perales Jesus Alberto	Perales	22.12.93	200	86	328	304	Nuevo Leon
17	Orellana Nestor	Orellana	07.01.92	190	84	332	327	Tigres
18	Ramirez Ignacio	Ramirez	17.09.76	185	83	328	318	Tigres
19	Marquez Ivan	Marquez	02.01.91	195	79	312	292	Nuevo Leon
20	Duarte Julian	Duarte	19.06.94	200	79	321	302	Sonora
21	Martinez Jose	Martinez	23.01.93	200	107	332	306	Imss
22	Ruiz De La Cruz Gonzalo	Ruiz	28.04.88	186	87	345	325	Imss

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
12.05.12	DOM	OQT 2012	Classif.	Long Beach	3-0	25-21	25-16	25-21		
11.05.12	CRC	OQT 2012	Classif. 5-8	Long Beach	3-0	25-19	25-19	25-16		
10.05.12	PUR	OQT 2012	Quarterfinals	Long Beach	1-3	21-25	23-25	25-20	19-25	
09.05.12	USA	OQT 2012	Prel. Round	Long Beach	0-3	23-25	19-25	14-25		
08.05.12	TRI	OQT 2012	Prel. Round	Long Beach	3-1	25-18	19-25	25-21	25-22	
07.05.12	CRC	OQT 2012	Prel. Round	Long Beach	3-0	25-17	25-18	25-20		
02.10.10	SRB	WCH 2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Milan	0-3	23-25	18-25	19-25		
01.10.10	CUB	WCH 2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Milan	0-3	17-25	25-27	15-25		
27.09.10	VEN	WCH 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Reggio Calabria	3-0	25-22	25-20	25-20		
26.09.10	ARG	WCH 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Reggio Calabria	1-3	12-25	19-25	25-17	15-25	

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Ramirez	17.09.76 (37y8m)	Youngest	Duarte	19.06.94 (19y11m)	<b>26y6m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Guerrero	204cm	Shortest	Mendoza	170cm	<b>193cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Cordova	353cm	Shortest	Mendoza	290cm	<b>333cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Aguilera	340cm	Shortest	Mendoza	265cm	<b>319cm</b>





## THE NETHERLANDS


**FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING**
**31**
**BEST RESULT**

 1<sup>st</sup> 1996

**LAST RESULT**

 14<sup>th</sup> 2013


The Netherlands ended a three-year absence from the World League last year. They took 14<sup>th</sup> place but were highly unlucky to miss out on the final round, finishing narrowly behind Canada in their pool. Coach Edwin Benne started to rebuild his team in 2011 following their fifth-place finish in the European League. His work bore fruit with the Oranje's return to the World League stage, for which they qualified through their victory in the 2012 European League. Their last two appearances in the World League in 2009 and 2010 came after a six-year absence. The 2009 campaign, in which they finished 12<sup>th</sup>, proved a good learning experience for a young side who showed the benefits in their solid performances the following year.

The Netherlands have a rich history in men's volleyball. Most notably, they won the gold medal at the 1996 Olympic Games after having won the World League that same year. They have taken two silver medals and two bronzes in the European Championship along with a gold won on home soil in Eindhoven in 1997. The Dutch also have silver medals from the Barcelona 1992 Olympic Games and the 1994 World Championship in their trophy cabinet.


**COACH**


Edwin Benne is a two-time Olympian as a player. He won silver with the Dutch national team at Barcelona 1992 and also represented the Netherlands at Seoul 1988. He played 382 international matches before turning to coaching. He began working with Holland's women's team as an assistant coach in 2008 and two years later took charge of the junior men's side. He was appointed head coach of the country's men's team in 2011 and led them to the European League title the next year. At club level, he won the German women's championship in 2009 and two years later guided DJK Augsburg to promotion to the Bundesliga. He also coached teams in the Netherlands, Austria and Switzerland.

**TEAM ROSTER**

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Abdel-Aziz Nimir	Nimir	05.02.92	201	86	361	345	Ziraat Bankasi (TUR)
2	Van Harskamp Yannick	V. Harskamp	02.04.86	190	82	335	316	Topvolley Precura Antwerp (BEL)
3	Van Haarlem Daan	Van Haarlem	15.03.89	198	90	332	320	Prefaxis Menen (BEL)
4	Ter Horst Thijs	Ter Horst	18.09.91	204	90	364	344	Marmi Lanza Verona (ITA)
5	Maan Jelte	Maan	19.03.86	190	83	346	330	Noliko Maaseik (BEL)
6	Krolis Humphrey	Krolis	13.07.84	194	93	340	320	Coserplast Openet Matera (ITA)
L 7	Jorna Gijs	Jorna	30.05.89	195	85	340	310	Topvolley Precura Antwerpen (BEL)
8	Van Bemmelen Bas	Van Bemmelen	18.08.89	207	87	350	336	TV Ingersoll Buhl (GER)
9	Gommans Ewoud	Gommans	17.11.90	202	88	340	320	Unterhaching (GER)
C 10	Rauwerdink Jeroen	Rauwerdink	13.09.85	200	93	350	320	Bre banca lanutti Cuneo (ITA)
11	Kooy Dick	Kooy	03.12.87	202	80	360	340	ZAKSA Kedzierzyn-Kozle (POL)
12	Kooistra Wytze	Kooistra	03.06.82	209	102	360	340	Skra Belchatow (POL)
13	Van Garderen Maarten	Van Garderen	24.01.90	200	88	359	338	Caffè Aiello Corigliano (ITA)
14	Klapwijk Niels	Klapwijk	19.09.85	200	92	350	320	Vibo Valentia (ITA)
15	Koelewijn Thomas	Koelewijn	18.12.88	207	100	360	348	Topvolley Precura Antwerpen (BEL)
16	Overbeeke Robin	Overbeeke	21.03.89	197	85	347	328	Euphony Asse-Lennik (BEL)
17	Parkinson Michael	Parkinson	23.11.91	203	90	355	335	Noliko Maaseik (BEL)
18	Andringa Robbert	Andringa	28.04.90	194	78	330	310	Abiant Lycurgus
L 19	Sparidans Dirk	Sparidans	05.03.89	179	80	326	300	SV Dynamo Volleybal
20	Diefenbach Jasper	Diefenbach	17.03.88	195	93	340	320	Tilburg STV
21	Boswinkel Hidde	Boswinkel	30.03.95	202	100	343	322	Talentteam Papendal-Arnhem
22	Freriks Nico	Freriks	22.12.81	193	86	332	314	Moerser SC (GER)

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**LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS**

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
06.07.13	FIN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tampere	1-3	19-25	24-26	25-20	20-25	
05.07.13	FIN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tampere	3-1	23-25	25-23	25-23	25-23	
30.06.13	KOR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Cheonan	3-1	25-20	25-22	21-25	25-20	
29.06.13	KOR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Cheonan	3-1	25-23	22-25	25-20	25-16	
23.06.13	POR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Apeldoorn	3-0	36-34	25-23	25-22		
22.06.13	POR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Apeldoorn	2-3	21-25	25-19	25-23	26-28	13-15
09.06.13	JPN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Apeldoorn	3-0	25-20	25-21	25-18		
08.06.13	JPN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Apeldoorn	3-1	18-25	25-20	25-22	25-17	
01.06.13	CAN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Québec	3-1	25-22	25-17	20-25	25-23	
31.05.13	CAN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Québec	1-3	22-25	25-22	25-27	25-27	

**STATISTICS**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Freriks	22.12.81 (32y5m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Boswinkel	30.03.95 (19y1m)	<b>25y10m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Kooistra	209cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Sparidans	179cm	<b>198cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Ter Horst	364cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Sparidans	326cm	<b>346cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Koelewijn	348cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Sparidans	300cm	<b>326cm</b>







# POLAND



**FIVE  
WORLD  
RANKING**

5

**BEST RESULT**

1<sup>st</sup> 2012

**LAST RESULT**

11<sup>th</sup> 2013



This is shaping up to be a pivotal year for one of volleyball's traditional elite teams. Poland will host the World Championship in September. The team will be desperate for a successful campaign as new head coach Stephane Antiga seeks to bring his own ideas into performances. The last few years have seen middling levels of success by Poland's lofty standards, though the team pushed the top sides before finishing fifth at the London 2012 Olympic Games. The following season saw Poland unable to revive their fortunes and they failed to qualify for the 2013 World League or European Championship. The fall-out resulted in the departure of Andrea Anastasi and paved the way for the arrival of highly experienced Frenchman Antiga.

Poland boasts a long and vibrant volleyball tradition, with the national team having played an important role in the sport's development since their first appearance at the inaugural World Championship in 1949. The Poles dominated the international scene for several years in the mid-1970s. More recently, they won the bronze medal in the 2011 World League and followed that by claiming silver at the same year's World Cup.



## COACH



Stephane Antiga enjoyed a successful career as a player, first in his native France and later in Italy, Spain and Poland. He won league titles in France, Spain and Poland.

Antiga played 306 matches for the French national side between 1998 and 2010 and also captained the squad. He won a bronze medal at the 2002 World Championship, silver medals at the 2003 and 2009 European Championships and another silver in the 2006 World League. Antiga signed for PGE Skra Belchatow in 2007. He left the club in 2011 but returned in 2013. He retired from playing after helping PGE Skra to win the Polish championship in 2014. In October 2013, he signed a three-year contract as coach of Poland's men's team.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Nowakowski Piotr	Nowakowski	18.12.87	205	90	355	340	Asseco Resovia
2	Winiarski Michal	Winiarski	28.09.83	200	82	345	332	Fakiel Novy Urengoy (RUS)
3	Konarski Dawid	Konarski	31.08.89	198	93	353	320	Asseco Resovia
4	Wisniewski Lukasz	Wisniewski	03.02.89	198	96	345	323	ZAKSA
5	Zagumny Pawel	Zagumny	18.10.77	200	88	336	317	ZAKSA
6	Kurek Bartosz	Kurek	29.08.88	205	87	352	326	Lube Banca Marche (ITA)
7	Klos Karol	Klos	08.08.89	201	87	357	326	PGE Skra
8	Wrona Andrzej	Wrona	27.12.88	205	95	350	265	PGE Skra
9	Bociek Grzegorz	Bociek	06.06.91	206	103	363	337	ZAKSA
10	Wlazly Mariusz	Wlazly	04.08.83	194	80	360	329	PGE Skra
11	Drzyzga Fabian	Drzyzga	03.01.90	196	90	325	304	Asseco Resovia
12	Woicki Pawel	Woicki	29.06.83	183	80	330	305	Transfer Bydgoszcz
13	Kubiak Michal	Kubiak	23.02.88	191	80	328	312	Jastrzebski Wegiel
14	Ruciak Michal	Ruciak	22.08.83	189	75	336	305	ZAKSA
15	Zygadlo Lukasz	Zygadlo	02.08.79	200	89	337	325	Zenit Kazan (RUS)
16	Ignaczak Krzysztof	Ignaczak	15.05.78	188	86	330	315	Asseco Resovia
17	Zatorski Pawel	Zatorski	21.06.90	184	73	328	304	PGE Skra
18	Mozdzonek Marcin	Mozdzonek	09.02.85	211	93	358	338	ZAKSA
19	Ferens Wojciech	Ferens	05.04.91	194	87	340	302	ZAKSA
20	Mika Mateusz	Mika	21.01.91	206	86	352	320	Montpellier UC (FRA)
21	Buszek Rafal	Buszek	28.04.87	194	81	345	327	Indykpol AZS
22	Perlowski Lukasz	Perlowski	03.04.84	203	88	355	335	Asseco Resovia

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
13.07.13	BUL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Varna	2-3	25-20	25-23	21-25	21-25	17-19
12.07.13	BUL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Varna	0-3	21-25	21-25	21-25		
07.07.13	USA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Wroclaw	3-1	25-23	17-25	25-21	25-23	
05.07.13	USA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Katowice	3-2	25-22	19-25	13-25	30-28	18-16
30.06.13	ARG	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Gdansk	3-1	18-25	25-21	26-24	25-17	
28.06.13	ARG	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Bydgoszcz	3-2	26-24	19-25	19-25	25-17	15-8
23.06.13	FRA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Toulouse	2-3	21-25	25-23	20-25	25-21	13-15
21.06.13	FRA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Rouen	2-3	23-25	25-21	25-22	21-25	11-15
09.06.13	BRA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Lodz	2-3	26-28	22-25	25-23	25-20	10-15
07.06.13	BRA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Warsaw	1-3	22-25	20-25	25-22	15-25	

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Zagumny	18.10.77 (36y7m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Bociek	06.06.91 (22y11m)	<b>27y10m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Mozdzonek	211cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Woicki	183cm	<b>198cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Bociek	363cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Drzyzga	325cm	<b>345cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Nowakowski	340cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Wrona	265cm	<b>318cm</b>







# PORTUGAL



**FIVE  
WORLD  
RANKING**

**38**

**BEST RESULT**

5<sup>th</sup> 2005

**LAST RESULT**

17<sup>th</sup> 2013



Portugal will look to this year's World League as an opportunity to take a new direction after the appointment of a youthful yet experienced coach in the form of Hugo Silva. Some fresh faces can be expected in the line-up. Portugal enjoyed an unusual campaign during the 2013 tournament where, facing Canada, the Netherlands, Finland, Japan and South Korea, they recorded a win/loss ratio of 4/6, yet defeated all their opponents once except for the Koreans.



Portugal made their first appearance in international competition at the 1948 European Championship. Following several subsequent fruitless decades, the Portuguese qualified for the World League in 1999. The team's best performance to date in the competition was the fifth-place finish they achieved in 2005. In 2007, Portugal hosted the Final Four of the European League and the team came close to claiming a first international trophy before losing 3-2 in a spectacular final against Spain. They broke their duck in 2010 when they took the gold medal in the European League in Spain, after having claimed a bronze medal in the 2009 competition. They have yet to qualify for an Olympic Games but will be intent on making their debut at Rio 2016.

## COACH



Hugo Silva was appointed head coach of Portugal in July 2013, becoming the first Portuguese national to lead the team in more than a decade. He was first offered the job two years previously but didn't feel the timing was right. He had no such qualms when the opportunity came round again. Silva is a former assistant coach of the men's national team, serving in that position from 2005 to 2013. He helped Portugal to victory in the 2010 European League in Spain. His resume includes stints as assistant coach and head coach of the Portuguese club side SC Espinho, whom he guided to a league title in the latter role in 2012. He also won the Cup of Portugal as an assistant coach.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Keller Gil Marcel	Marcel	08.05.90	206	94	352	333	SL Benfica
2	Aniceto Ivo	Aniceto	25.05.87	199	88	327	321	Castelo Maia GC
3	Coelho Joao	Coelho	24.06.81	185	90	305	299	SL Benfica
4	Lima Martins Idner Faustino	Idner	19.12.78	195	85	343	337	Hotvolleys Wieden (AUT)
5	Ferreira Marco	Marco	04.10.87	202	94	359	337	SC Espinho
6	Ferreira Alexandre	Alex	13.11.91	203	87	361	346	Trentino Volley (ITA)
7	Casas Ivo	Ivo	21.09.92	182	71	290	278	Castelo Maia GC
8	Da Silva Violas Tiago	Violas	27.03.89	193	82	326	303	Vitoria SC
9	Araujo Pinheiro Nuno	Pinheiro	31.12.84	193	89	337	325	Tours VB (FRA)
10	Martins Bernardo	Bernardo	03.02.95	185	76	315	305	Castelo Maia GC
11	Oliveira Joao	Joao	31.07.95	194	80	330	318	SL Benfica
C 12	Jose Joao	J. Jose	07.06.78	195	87	352	345	AJF Bastardo
13	Sequeira Valdir	Valdir	22.11.81	196	86	351	344	SK Posojilnica Aich/Dob (AUT)
14	Cruz Flavio	Flavio	28.08.82	195	86	348	341	SL Benfica
15	Gomes Jose	Gomes	21.10.94	198	90	327	307	GC Vilacondense
16	Gaspar Hugo	H. Gaspar	02.09.82	200	83	354	343	SL Benfica
17	Rodrigues Miguel	Miguel	02.03.93	191	68	315	293	SL Benfica
18	Reis Lopes Andre	Andre	12.09.82	193	86	342	332	AS Cannes (FRA)
19	Martins Lourenco	Lourenco	30.04.97	192	78	308	298	Leixoes SC
20	Sousa Filipe	Filipe	25.01.95	199	80	318	310	GC Vilacondense
21	Vieira Jose	Calaça	06.06.83	200	94	332	310	CS Maritimo
22	Nogueira Pedro	Pedro	06.10.91	194	81	350	338	CA Madalena

C=Captain, L=Libero, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
07.07.13	KOR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Guimaraes	1-3	32-34	23-25	25-21	26-28	
06.07.13	KOR	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Guimaraes	1-3	18-25	25-22	23-25	21-25	
30.06.13	JPN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Guimaraes	2-3	25-22	23-25	30-28	22-25	10-15
29.06.13	JPN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Guimaraes	3-1	25-22	20-25	26-24	25-15	
23.06.13	NED	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Apeldoorn	0-3	34-36	23-25	22-25		
22.06.13	NED	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Apeldoorn	3-2	25-21	19-25	23-25	28-26	15-13
08.06.13	CAN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Mississauga	3-1	25-19	20-25	25-18	25-23	
07.06.13	CAN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Mississauga	0-3	19-25	19-25	18-25		
01.06.13	FIN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Helsinki	3-2	23-25	25-23	25-23	23-25	15-12
31.05.13	FIN	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Helsinki	0-3	13-25	27-29	18-25		

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	J. Jose	07.06.78 (35y11m)	Youngest	Lourenco	30.04.97 (17y)	<b>26y2m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Marcel	206cm	Shortest	Ivo	182cm	<b>195cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Alex	361cm	Shortest	Ivo	290cm	<b>334cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Alex	346cm	Shortest	Ivo	278cm	<b>321cm</b>







# PUERTO RICO



FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

20

First appearance in  
FIVB Volleyball World League



Puerto Rico will be competing in the World League for just the second time in their history. Their previous appearance came in 2011, when they failed to win a match after being drawn in a tough group alongside Brazil, the United States and Poland. This year they will face China, Slovakia and Spain in Pool G. Led by David Aleman, who was appointed head coach in 2013, the team have set themselves the target of qualifying for the Final Four in Bursa, Turkey.



They have qualified for the previous two World Championships, and recorded wins over Cameroon and Australia in 2010. Their standout result is a sixth-place finish in their only World Cup appearance in 2007. At a continental level they are regular competitors in the Pan American Games, and have won gold at the 2002, 2006 and 2010 Central American and Caribbean Games. In the NORCECA Championship they finished second in 2007 and third in 2009.

## COACH



David Aleman was appointed head coach of the Puerto Rico men's team in January 2013 having previously carried out the role for the national women's team. The men's team's greatest

successes of recent seasons came in 2010 when they captured gold at the Central American and Caribbean Games and took bronze at the Pan-American Cup. Aleman has tasted glory as a head coach at club level in Puerto Rico. He guided the Arecibo Captains men's team to the league title in 2013. On the world stage, he coached the island's women's team at the 2002 World Championship in Germany when they finished 10<sup>th</sup>. Aleman also mentored the Puerto Rican women in the 2004 Olympic qualifying tournament.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Rivera Jose	Rivera	02.07.77	192	85	325	320	Carolina
2	Goas Edgardo	Goas	27.01.89	197	95	345	330	Arecibo
3	Figueroa Juan	Figueroa	06.03.86	189	88	335	325	Guaynabo
4	Del Valle Dennis	Del Valle	27.01.89	175	58	300	290	Guaynabo
5	Muñiz Roberto	Muñiz	11.06.80	196	92	333	326	Arecibo
6	Perez Angel	Perez	20.05.82	190	86	325	318	Guaynabo
7	Escalante Enrique	Escalante	06.08.84	195	88	330	324	Guaynabo
8	Núñez Josue	Núñez	07.05.85	196	74	306	299	Guaynabo
9	Mulero Jose Miguel	Mulero	25.10.91	170	63	298	284	Mayaguez
10	Cruz Lozada Ezequiel	Cruz	15.07.86	191	85	333	326	Corozal
11	Torres Maurice	Torres	06.07.91	68	192	305	299	National Team
12	Morales Fernando	Morales	04.02.82	186	68	325	318	Guaynabo
13	Vazquez Juan	Vazquez	23.01.91	188	82	298	292	National Team
14	Roman Mannix	Roman	17.01.83	190	85	295	288	Guaynabo
15	Guzman Pablo	Guzman	02.06.87	188	67	292	288	Guaynabo
16	Rivera Jackson	Rivera	19.08.87	186	66	360	350	Guaynabo
17	Sierra Pedrito	Sierra	21.07.89	196	89	305	298	Fajardo
18	Ortiz Jean Carlos	Ortiz	23.02.88	193	77	288	281	Guaynabo
19	Sánchez Sequiel	Sanchez	24.03.90	191	89	325	305	Naranjito
20	Soto Hector	Soto	20.06.78	197	85	340	332	Guaynabo
21	Rivera Jon H.	Rivera	05.01.96	193	77	305	299	National Team
22	Negron Brian	Negron	15.02.96	199	88	302	297	National Team

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## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
12.05.12	CUB	OQT 2012	Classif.	Long Beach	0-3	20-25	21-25	15-25		
11.05.12	CAN	OQT 2012	Semifinals	Long Beach	2-3	25-22	23-25	25-19	23-25	11-15
10.05.12	MEX	OQT 2012	Quarterfinals	Long Beach	3-1	25-21	25-23	20-25	25-19	
09.05.12	DOM	OQT 2012	Prel. Round	Long Beach	3-0	25-15	25-18	25-16		
08.05.12	CAN	OQT 2012	Prel. Round	Long Beach	0-3	19-25	20-25	13-25		
07.05.12	CUB	OQT 2012	Prel. Round	Long Beach	0-3	20-25	18-25	18-25		
21.08.11	CAN	QWL 2012	Playoffs	Kingston	0-3	19-25	14-25	19-25		
20.08.11	CAN	QWL 2012	Playoffs	Kingston	1-3	17-25	22-25	25-18	23-25	
02.07.11	USA	WL 2011	Prel. Round	Long Beach	0-3	13-25	22-25	19-25		
01.07.11	USA	WL 2011	Prel. Round	Long Beach	2-3	27-25	22-25	12-25	27-25	8-15

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Rivera	02.07.77 (36y11m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Negron	15.02.96 (18y3m)	<b>27y5m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Negron	199cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Torres	68cm	<b>185cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Rivera	360cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Ortiz	288cm	<b>317cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Rivera	350cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Ortiz	281cm	<b>309cm</b>





## RUSSIA



FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

2

BEST RESULT

3x 1<sup>st</sup> LAST: 2013

LAST RESULT

1<sup>st</sup> 2013



Russia are unquestionably a volleyball superpower, as their long tradition of success attests. The team will likely arrive at the World League ranked the second-best team in the world, behind fellow titans Brazil. Regardless of their status, they will face strong challenges in Pool B where they are up against fellow top-10 teams in the United States, Bulgaria and Serbia. Recent seasons have seen Russia underline their status as an elite team. They took gold in both the World League and World Cup in 2011. A year later, the Russians topped the podium at the London Olympic Games. Last year, by then under the charge of Andrey Voronkov, they won the European Championship, allowing Russia a maiden entry to the Grand Champions Cup where they were beaten finalists.

The USSR Volleyball Federation joined the FIVB in 1948 and the following year sent a team to compete in the first World Championship. International competitions such as the Olympic Games, World and European Championship and the World Cup soon became a happy hunting ground. The Soviet Union have won three Olympic titles (1964, 1968 and 1980), six World Championships, and four World Cups. They have been European champions 12 times. FIVB considers Russia as the inheritor of the records of the Soviet Union and the CIS.



## COACH



Andrey Voronkov won the 1993 Cup of Russia as a player with Nizhnevartovsk and the following year helped the team take a silver medal in the CEV Cup (now known as Challenge Cup). After moving to NETAS Istanbul in Turkey, he won national titles in 1996, 1997 and 1998 and the Turkish Cup in 1997, 1998 and 1999. Voronkov added two more Turkish championships in 2002 and 2004 when he played for Erdemirspor. He appeared in 26 international matches for Russia, winning a silver medal in the 1998 World League. As a coach with Lokomotiv Novosibirsk, he won the Russian Cup in 2010 and 2011 and the CEV Champions League in 2013. He guided Russia to the 2013 European Championship title.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Kovalev Dmitry	Kovalev	15.03.91	198	82	340	330	Prikamie
C 2	Makarov Sergey	Makarov	28.03.80	196	97	337	329	Kuzbass
3	Apalikov Nikolay	Apalikov	26.08.82	203	103	353	344	ZENIT Kazan
4	Khtey Taras	Khtey	22.05.82	205	109	351	339	Belogorie
5	Grankin Sergey	Grankin	21.01.85	195	96	351	320	Dinamo
6	Sivozhelez Evgeny	Sivozhelez	06.08.86	196	90	330	320	ZENIT Kazan
7	Pavlov Nikolay	Pavlov	22.05.82	196	93	342	321	Gubernia
8	Biriukov Denis	Biryukov	08.12.88	202	93	352	324	Dinamo
9	Spiridonov Alexey	Spiridonov	26.06.88	196	96	347	328	Fakel
10	Savin Sergey	Savin	07.10.88	201	92	343	325	Gubernia
11	Ostapenko Alexey	Ostapenko	26.05.86	208	94	355	340	Gubernia
12	Smoliar Artem	Smoliar	04.02.85	209	97	362	343	Gazprom-Yugra
13	Muserskiy Dmitriy	Muserskiy	29.10.88	218	104	375	347	Belogorie
14	Volvich Artem	Volvich	22.01.90	208	96	350	330	Lokomotiv
15	Ilinykh Dmitriy	Ilinykh	31.01.87	201	92	338	330	Belogorie
16	Verbov Alexey	Verbov	31.01.82	183	79	315	310	ZENIT Kazan
17	Mikhaylov Maxim	Mikhaylov	19.03.88	202	103	345	330	ZENIT Kazan
18	Rodichev Alexey	Rodichev	24.03.88	196	80	340	325	Gazprom-Yugra
19	Zhigalov Maxim	Zhigalov	26.07.89	201	85	345	330	Belogorie
20	Ermakov Artem	Ermakov	16.03.82	188	80	323	313	Dinamo
21	Golubev Valentin	Golubev	03.05.92	190	70	310	305	Lokomotiv
22	Zemchenok Denis	Zemchenok	11.08.87	202	91	332	350	Dinamo Krasnodar

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## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
24.11.13	USA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-0	29-27	25-22	25-19		
23.11.13	BRA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-2	20-25	22-25	25-21	17-25	15-9
22.11.13	IRI	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-0	25-23	25-23	25-19		
20.11.13	JPN	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Kyoto	3-0	25-16	25-17	25-18		
19.11.13	ITA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Kyoto	1-3	26-28	20-25	25-19	27-25	
21.07.13	BRA	WL 2013	Final 1-2	Mar del Plata	3-0	25-23	25-19	25-19		
20.07.13	ITA	WL 2013	Semifinals	Mar del Plata	3-1	25-12	25-23	24-26	25-20	
18.07.13	CAN	WL 2013	Finals	Mar del Plata	2-3	25-20	25-21	23-25	21-25	11-15
17.07.13	BRA	WL 2013	Finals	Mar del Plata	3-2	25-17	23-25	22-25	25-19	15-11
06.07.13	GER	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Frankfurt	2-3	21-25	21-25	25-18	25-23	16-18

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Makarov	28.03.80 (34y1m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Golubev	03.05.92 (22y)	<b>27y9m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Muserskiy	218cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Verbov	183cm	<b>200cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Muserskiy	375cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Golubev	310cm	<b>343cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Zemchenok	350cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Golubev	305cm	<b>329cm</b>







# SERBIA



**FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING**

9

**BEST RESULT**

4x 2<sup>nd</sup> LAST: 2009

**LAST RESULT**

8<sup>th</sup> 2013



Serbia have a long history of success in the World League, but the title has proved elusive to them. Between 2003 and 2009 they appeared in four finals and lost all of them. In 2003, 2005 (both times participating as Serbia and Montenegro) and 2009 Brazil were their tormentors, while in 2008 the United States beat them 3-1. This golden era was fuelled by top players who received several individual awards, including Ivan Miljkovic who remains the only player to be named the World League's MVP four times. In recent years their results have deteriorated, and they have not progressed from the intercontinental round in any of the previous three years. Experienced coach Igor Kolakovic, now in his ninth year at the helm, will be looking to revive their fortunes this year.

They have consistently won medals at other international events, including bronzes at the 2010 World Championship and 2003 World Cup, but their crowning glory came at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. Having won bronze four years earlier in Atlanta, their campaign took an early blow when they lost their opening two matches, but they bounced back to win all three remaining group games. After defeating the Netherlands in the quarterfinal and Italy in the semifinal, they trounced Russia 3-0 in the final.



## COACH



Igor Kolakovic played for 18 years as a setter for Partizan Belgrade, winning Yugoslavia's championship twice. He has tasted success as a coach at domestic and international levels. He guided Serbia to a gold medal at the 2011 European Championship and bronze at the 2013 European Championship. He was also at the helm when the Serbians took silver in the 2009 World League. At club level, he won the championship in Serbia and Montenegro in 2002, 2004 and 2006 with Buducnost Podgoricka and followed that by claiming the Montenegrin title in 2007 and 2008. He joined French team AS Cannes in 2009 before moving to ACH Volley in Slovenia where he led the team to national titles in 2011 and 2012.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Kovacevic Nikola	Kovacevic N.	14.02.83	193	78	350	340	Calzedonia Verona (ITA)
2	Kovacevic Uros	Kovacevic U.	06.05.93	197	90	340	310	Casa Modena (ITA)
3	Ivovic Marko	Ivovic	22.12.90	192	89	350	330	Paris Volley UC (FRA)
4	Petric Nemanja	Petric	28.07.87	202	86	333	320	Sir Safety Perugia (ITA)
5	Petkovic Vlado	Petkovic V.	06.01.83	198	97	325	318	Shahrdari Urmia SC (IRN)
6	Stoilovic Filip	Stoilovic	11.10.92	196	84	324	315	Crvena Zvezda Beograd
C 7	Stankovic Dragan	Stankovic	18.10.85	205	80	343	333	Lube Banka Macerata (ITA)
8	Katic Milan	Katic	22.10.93	201	90	345	325	Vojvodina NS Seme
9	Jovovic Nikola	Jovovic	13.02.92	197	75	335	315	VfB Frierichshafen (GER)
10	Nikic Milos	Nikic	31.03.86	194	79	350	330	Gubernia Nizhny Novgorod (RUS)
11	Mitic Mihajlo	Mitic	17.09.90	201	90	335	320	Sir Safety Perugia (ITA)
12	Radic Dejan	Radic	06.11.84	200	95	360	340	Vojvodina NS Seme
13	Petkovic Dusan	Petkovic D.	27.01.92	202	86	328	310	Crvena Zvezda Beograd
14	Atanasijevic Aleksandar	Atanasijevic	04.09.91	200	92	350	329	Sir Safety Perugia (ITA)
15	Starovic Sasa	Starovic	19.10.88	207	89	335	321	Andreoli Latina (ITA)
16	Brdjovic Aleksa	Brdjovic	29.07.93	201	73	327	312	KPS Skra Belchatow SA (POL)
17	Majstorovic Neven	Majstorovic	17.03.89	192	83	335	315	Partizan Vizura Beograd
18	Podrascanin Marko	Podrascanin	29.08.87	204	92	343	326	Lube Banka Macerata (ITA)
19	Rosic Nikola	Rosic	05.08.84	192	85	328	315	Energy Investments Lugano (SUI)
20	Lisinac Srecko	Lisinac	17.05.92	205	79	345	335	SCC Berlin (GER)
21	Krsmanovic Petar	Krsmanovic	01.06.90	206	98	354	335	Djerdap Kladovo
22	Okolic Aleksandar	Okolic	26.06.93	204	81	330	315	Crvena Zvezda Beograd

C=Captain, L=Libero, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
07.07.13	ITA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Novi Sad	3-1	28-26	17-25	25-23	25-19	
06.07.13	ITA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Novi Sad	2-3	25-20	22-25	25-21	22-25	17-19
30.06.13	GER	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Beograd	3-2	23-25	25-19	25-22	21-25	15-12
29.06.13	GER	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Beograd	1-3	20-25	21-25	25-21	21-25	
23.06.13	IRI	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tehran	2-3	20-25	26-24	25-23	22-25	12-15
21.06.13	IRI	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Tehran	3-2	26-24	25-23	17-25	14-25	18-16
15.06.13	RUS	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Kaliningrad	2-3	23-25	26-24	25-22	18-25	8-15
14.06.13	RUS	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Kaliningrad	0-3	27-29	14-25	20-25		
08.06.13	CUB	WL 2013	Prel. Round	La Habana	3-1	26-24	25-22	18-25	25-21	
07.06.13	CUB	WL 2013	Prel. Round	La Habana	3-1	25-17	25-21	21-25	25-20	

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Petkovic V.	06.01.83 (31y4m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Katic	22.10.93 (20y7m)	<b>24y11m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Starovic	207cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Ivovic	192cm	<b>200cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Radic	360cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Stoilovic	324cm	<b>339cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Kovacevic N.	340cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Kovacevic U.	310cm	<b>323cm</b>







## SLOVAKIA



FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

36

First appearance in  
FIVB Volleyball World League



Slovakia will be making their World League debut in the 2014 edition. Drawn in Pool G alongside Puerto Rico, China and Spain, Flavio Gulinelli's men enter the tournament ranked 36<sup>th</sup> in the world. They were close to participating in the 2011 World League, but lost to Canada in a qualifying match.

Since the break-up of Czechoslovakia in 1993, Slovakia have not competed at the World Championship or Olympic Games. They have been regular competitors in continental tournaments and the team has recently shown an encouraging improvement. They won the European League in 2008 and 2011, and finished third in 2007. At the 2011 European Championship the team, mentored by current Turkey coach Emanuele Zanini, finished fifth. In 2013 they narrowly missed out on qualification for the 2014 World Championship. In front of a home crowd in Poprad, a victory against Greece increased home expectations that they could qualify for a first finals appearance, but a crushing 3-0 defeat to Ukraine meant Slovakia needed to beat Finland to make the cut. In a close match they lost 3-2, losing the final set 15-10.



## COACH



Flavio Gulinelli is the second Italian coach to lead Slovakia in recent seasons and brings a wealth of experience to the job. He was assistant coach to Italy men's teams that won gold at the 1998

World Championship and the 1997 World League. Gulinelli has coached at several clubs in Italy's Serie A1. As assistant coach with Maxicono Parma, he won the league and Italian Cup twice each, along with the 1989 Club World Championship, the 1990 European Super Cup, the 1990 CEV Cup Winners Cup and the 1992 CEV Cup. He served as head coach of Portugal's men's team and also worked at clubs in Turkey. He shares his Slovakia duties with his role as head coach of Russian club Ural Ufa.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Bencz Milan	Bencz	05.09.87	206	99	363	342	Itely Milano (ITA)
2	Krisko Tomas	Krisko	19.12.88	202	91	350	328	Spartak VKP Myjava
3	Kohut Emanuel	Kohut	21.07.82	206	97	359	345	Cuneo (ITA)
4	Repak Martin	Repak	31.03.81	191	90	330	308	St. Nazaire (FRA)
L 5	Kubs Matej	Kubs	26.05.88	188	76	341	315	VK Prievidza
L 6	Vlk Martin	Vlk	09.07.84	191	85	333	318	Bielsko Biala (POL)
7	Halanda Tomas	Halanda	25.04.92	195	85	350	330	Mitteldeutschland (GER)
8	Cerven Michal	Cerven	16.12.77	205	105	345	330	Ajaccio VB (FRA)
L 9	Ondrusek Roman	Ondrusek	06.02.80	191	88	330	318	Cambrai Volley (FRA)
10	Rehak Igor	Rehak	31.03.89	200	85	345	320	VK Ostrava (CZE)
11	Janusek Peter	Janusek	25.04.83	200	90	340	329	FOINIKAS SC Syros Island (GRE)
12	Patak Matej	Patak	08.06.90	197	88	353	330	Beauvais (FRA)
13	Sopko Martin	Sopko	30.01.82	195	90	354	330	Galatasaray Istanbul (TUR)
14	Krajcovic Simon	Krajcovic	28.06.96	205	94	351	330	COP Trencin
15	Zatko Juraj	Zatko	05.06.87	192	87	347	320	Politechnika Warszawska (POL)
16	Piovarci Jozef	Piovarci	09.11.84	206	105	345	330	Czarni Radom (POL)
17	Ogurcak Frantisek	Ogurcak	24.04.84	198	87	348	321	Vibo Valentia (ITA)
18	Kostolani Lubos	Kostolani	28.11.90	203	95	352	335	VSC Zlín (CZE)
19	Hruska Michal	Hruska	13.03.87	197	93	340	320	SK Aich/Dob (AUT)
20	Kasper Peter	Kasper	12.03.85	201	105	345	330	KS Cuprum Lubin (POL)
21	Jakubov Miroslav	Jakubov	04.06.87	197	90	339	324	Chemes Humenne
22	Palgut Filip	Palgut	23.09.91	202	90	348	315	Mitteldeutschland (GER)

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
11.05.12	ITA	OQT 2012	Prel. Round	Sofia	0-3	23-25	13-25	22-25		
10.05.12	FIN	OQT 2012	Prel. Round	Sofia	3-1	25-20	25-16	21-25	25-19	
08.05.12	GER	OQT 2012	Prel. Round	Sofia	0-3	19-25	22-25	20-25		
30.07.11	CAN	QWL 2012	Playoffs	Ottawa	0-3	26-28	17-25	17-25		
29.07.11	CAN	QWL 2012	Playoffs	Ottawa	3-1	28-26	22-25	25-23	25-23	
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STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Cerven	16.12.77 (36y5m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Krajcovic	28.06.96 (17y11m)	<b>27y10m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Bencz	206cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Kubs	188cm	<b>199cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Bencz	363cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Repak	330cm	<b>346cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Kohut	345cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Repak	308cm	<b>326cm</b>







# SPAIN



**FIVE  
WORLD  
RANKING**

25

**BEST RESULT**

4x 5<sup>th</sup> LAST: 2003

**LAST RESULT**

13<sup>th</sup> 2008



Spain competed at every World League between 1995 and 2004, but 2014 will see their first appearance on the stage in six years and only their second since 2004. They are drawn in Group G alongside Puerto Rico, China and Slovakia. At the 1999 edition they recorded their best finish of fifth for the first time. After qualifying through the first group stage, defeats against Russia and Cuba in Group D of the final round denied them a place in the semifinal. In 2002 and 2003 they tied for fifth place also after being eliminated in the group phase of the final round.

The undoubted high point of Spanish volleyball history was the team's victory at the 2007 European Championship. Coached by Italian Andrea Anastasi, they won every match they played in both group stages before beating Finland in the semifinal and hosts Russia in the final. The Spanish have also achieved continental success in the European League, winning the competition in 2007 and taking silver three times since. They have failed to transfer their success in Europe to the global stage though and failed to qualify for the 2011 World Cup. They have competed at two Olympic Games, as hosts in 1992 and in Sydney in 2000, their best finish of eighth place coming in the former competition.



## COACH



Fernando Munoz was appointed head coach of Spain's men in April 2011, being lured from his post with Superliga club Ciudad Medio Ambiente Soria to accept his country's call. He guided Spain to a silver medal at that year's European League and to a bronze in the competition the following season. He previously served as coach of the Spanish youth and junior teams. At club level, Munoz also coached Unicaja Almeria and Eade Iversur in his homeland. He won four Spanish League titles, the Cup of Spain twice and the Spanish Super Cup twice. He has also coached in Italy and Turkey, winning the national title, the Turkish Cup and the CEV Challenge Cup with Arkas Spor Izmir.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
C 1	Hernán Guillermo	Hernán	25.07.82	181	68	335	315	Paris Volley (FRA)
2	Trinidad Ángel	Trinidad	27.03.93	193	74	338	325	Vivo Valentia (ITA)
3	Ferrera Mario	Ferrera	18.01.87	187	85	330	310	Avignon AVB (FRA)
L 4	Sevillano Manuel	Sevillano	02.07.81	194	92	342	319	Saint Nazaire Atlantique (FRA)
5	Vigil Alejandro	Vigil	11.02.93	204	89	348	330	Vero Volley Monza (ITA)
6	Sugrañes Martínez José Miguel	Sugrañes	25.08.85	201	95	340	325	Raision Loimu (FIN)
7	Delgado Escribano Gustavo	Delgado	21.01.86	192	89	340	315	Narbonne (FRA)
8	Altayó Ruiz Marc	Altayó	17.05.86	202	87	336	320	CV CAI Teruel
9	Rocamora Blazquez Daniel	Rocamora	27.05.88	203	104	348	332	Unicaja Almería
10	Fernández Valcarcel Jorge	Fernández	04.05.89	201	90	345	325	Nantes (FRA)
11	González Limón Juan Manuel	González	11.01.94	192	83	334	315	Verona (ITA)
12	Osorio Gerard	Osorio	29.03.93	200	89	346	331	Lyon (FRA)
L 13	Llabres Antoni	Llabres	20.11.91	189	77	330	320	Unicaja Almería
14	Fornes Miguel Angel	Fornes	06.09.93	200	84	354	339	Molfetta (ITA)
15	Villena Andrés J.	Villena	27.02.93	194	88	356	330	Vivo Valentia (ITA)
16	Barcala Juan Carlos	Barcala	25.01.84	201	94	348	325	CV CAI Teruel
17	Ruiz Francisco J.	Ruiz	07.06.91	178	70	334	310	Cajasol Juvasa
18	Rodríguez Calderon Israel	I. Rodríguez	27.08.81	194	85	343	325	Tomis Constanta (ROU)
19	Bugallo Pablo	Bugallo	20.11.91	196	93	344	330	Unicaja Almería
20	Jiménez Carlos	Jiménez	12.08.95	192	65	320	309	Santo Domingo Petrer
21	Viciano Mera Víctor Manuel	Viciano	02.10.83	187	83	330	315	CV CAI Teruel
22	Sánchez Ignacio	Sánchez	24.02.91	191	76	332	321	Cajasol Juvasa

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## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
11.05.12	BUL	OQT 2012	Prel. Round	Sofia	0-3	16-25	20-25	16-25		
10.05.12	SRB	OQT 2012	Prel. Round	Sofia	1-3	19-25	17-25	25-23	22-25	
09.05.12	SLO	OQT 2012	Prel. Round	Sofia	3-0	25-17	25-23	25-18		
09.10.10	FRA	WCH 2010	Final 11-12	Florence	1-3	17-25	23-25	25-16	21-25	
08.10.10	ARG	WCH 2010	Classif. 9-12	Florence	1-3	25-23	19-25	19-25	24-26	
05.10.10	CUB	WCH 2010	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Florence	1-3	22-25	25-15	22-25	22-25	
04.10.10	BUL	WCH 2010	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Florence	1-3	21-25	25-27	28-26	18-25	
02.10.10	EGY	WCH 2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Catania	3-1	25-20	28-30	25-16	25-19	
01.10.10	RUS	WCH 2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Catania	3-2	17-25	22-25	25-21	25-20	15-13
27.09.10	TUN	WCH 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Verona	3-1	25-23	25-22	25-27	25-23	

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Sevillano	02.07.81 (32y11m)	Youngest	Jiménez	12.08.95 (18y9m)	<b>25y4m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Vigil	204cm	Shortest	Ruiz	178cm	<b>194cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Villena	356cm	Shortest	Jiménez	320cm	<b>340cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Fornes	339cm	Shortest	Jiménez	309cm	<b>322cm</b>







FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

13

First appearance in  
FIVB Volleyball World League



Tunisia will be making their World League debut at the 2014 edition, and will be the sole African representatives in the competition. In 2013 they finished second at both the Mediterranean Games and African Championship, a defeat by Egypt denying them the gold medal in the latter competition.

The eight-time continental champions have participated in six Olympic Games, with a best finish of ninth-place in 1984 in Los Angeles. More recently, at London 2012 they lost all five matches, winning just one set. They have competed at every World Championship since 2002 but have recorded just three victories in matches, all three in their 2006 campaign. At a continental level, the team have won a medal at each African Championship they have competed in, apart from the 2009 edition when they finished fifth. In 2013 the next generation of Tunisian volleyball players posted a solid eighth-place finish at the 2013 World Under-23 Championship in Brazil.



## COACH



Fethi Mkaouer is back for a second time as head coach of Tunisia's men's team. His first stint was from 1994 to 1996 and he guided them to an 11<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games.

He returned to the helm in 2010 and two years later steered the team to victory in the gold medal match at the 2012 Arab Championship in Bahrain and an 11<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the London Olympic Games. Under his guidance Tunisia also won a bronze medal at the 2011 African Championship in Morocco and took silver in the tournament two years later on home turf. Mkaouer previously coached Bahrain's men's team. Tunisia is one of the leading volleyball powers on the African continent.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Hmissi Saddam	Hmissi S.	16.02.91	186	75	315	295	ES Tunis
2	Kadhi Ahmed	Kadhi A.	19.04.89	199	99	345	318	ES Sahel
3	M'Rabet Marouane	Mrabet M.	05.06.85	186	82	315	296	ES Sahel
4	Garci Marouen	Garci M.	21.03.88	197	87	317	308	ES Sahel
C 5	Sellami Samir	Sellami S.	13.07.77	195	93	320	308	CSS Faxien
6	Ben Othmen Miladi Mohamed Ali	B. Othmen M.	12.05.91	188	73	315	289	CO Kélibia
7	Karamosli Elyes	Karamosli E.	22.08.89	198	99	345	320	ES Tunis
8	Ben Slimen Mohamed	Ben Slimen M.	29.11.81	187	73	325	315	ES Tunis
9	Zouari Hakim	Zouari H.	28.03.88	197	97	330	320	CSS Faxien
10	Nagga Hamza	Nagga H.	29.05.90	191	84	326	311	ES Sahel
11	Moalla Ismail	Moalla I.	30.01.90	195	84	324	308	CSS Faxien
12	Taouerghi Anouer	Taouerghi A.	17.08.83	178	74	302	292	CSS Faxien
13	Hfaiedh Noureddine	Hfaiedh N.	27.08.73	200	91	350	315	CSS Faxien
14	Ben Hassine Bilel	B. Hassine B.	22.06.83	195	88	330	315	ES Tunis
15	Kaabi Hichem	Kaabi H.	13.09.86	194	84	360	345	ES Tunis
16	Ben Slimene Khaled	Ben Slimene K.	14.12.94	193	78	290	285	CO Kélibia
17	Ben Abdallah Mohamed Arbi	Ben Abdallah M.	03.01.91	196	94	320	290	CSS Faxien
18	Ayech Mohamed	Ayech M.	31.03.91	198	86	324	310	ES Sahel
19	Messaoud Bahri	Messaoud B.	21.06.91	185	80	320	290	ES Sahel
20	Agrebi Omar	Agrebi O.	26.08.92	205	82	325	310	CSS Faxien
21	Miladi Nabil	Miladi N.	28.02.88	196	73	355	340	ES Tunis
22	Ben Tara Skander	Ben Tara S.	22.01.85	205	102	355	345	ES Tunis

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

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06.08.12	USA	OG 2012	Prel. Round	London	0-3	15-25	19-25	19-25		
04.08.12	GER	OG 2012	Prel. Round	London	0-3	15-25	16-25	16-25		
02.08.12	RUS	OG 2012	Prel. Round	London	0-3	21-25	15-25	23-25		
31.07.12	SRB	OG 2012	Prel. Round	London	1-3	15-25	21-25	25-20	18-25	
29.07.12	BRA	OG 2012	Prel. Round	London	0-3	17-25	21-25	18-25		
21.01.12	CMR	OQT 2012	Round Robin	Yaoundé	3-1	21-25	25-20	25-23	25-21	
20.01.12	ALG	OQT 2012	Round Robin	Yaoundé	3-0	25-17	25-16	25-21		
19.01.12	GHA	OQT 2012	Round Robin	Yaoundé	3-0	25-22	25-13	25-21		
17.01.12	EGY	OQT 2012	Round Robin	Yaoundé	3-1	25-23	16-25	29-27	25-23	
27.09.10	ESP	WCH 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Verona	1-3	23-25	22-25	27-25	23-25	

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Hfaiedh N.	27.08.73 (40y9m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Ben Slimene K.	14.12.94 (19y5m)	<b>26y11m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Agrebi O.	205cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Taouerghi A.	178cm	<b>194cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Kaabi H.	360cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Ben Slimene K.	290cm	<b>328cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Kaabi H.	345cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Ben Slimene K.	285cm	<b>310cm</b>







# TURKEY



**FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING**

45

First appearance in  
FIVB Volleyball World League



Turkey are aiming to enhance their international status under the guidance of head coach Emanuele Zanini. The Italian was appointed in August 2013 and boasts an impressive resume. The Turks make their World League debut this year and they have been drawn alongside Tunisia, Cuba and Mexico in Pool F.

The team's record in top-level competition dates back to the fifties, when they finished 22<sup>nd</sup> in the 1956 World Championships and 12<sup>th</sup> in the 1958 European Championship. After competing in the 1963, 1967 and 1971 European Championship editions, they had to wait 36 years for their next appearance. Since that return in 2007, they have competed in every edition, most recently finishing 14<sup>th</sup> in 2013. They have made three appearances in the World Championship, losing to Russia, Australia and Serbia and Montenegro in their most recent campaign in 1998. The future for Turkish volleyball looks promising, with their young stars having finished an impressive sixth on home soil at the 2013 World Junior Championship.



## COACH



Since becoming a coach in 2000, Emmanuele Zanini has performed mentoring duties with the Italian and Slovak national men's teams and with club teams in Italy, France and Slovakia. As head coach, he guided Slovakia to unprecedented success over four seasons, starting in 2008. The team won that year's European League title and repeated the trick in 2011. Also, under Zanini's guidance Slovakia came fifth at the 2011 European Championship. As assistant coach to the Italian men, he won World League gold medals in 1999 and 2000, another gold at the 1999 European Championship and Olympic bronze at Sydney 2000. He was appointed head coach of Turkey in 2013.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Koc Mustafa	Koç	23.02.92	202	90	360	345	Arkas
2	Dogan Turgay	Dogan	14.02.84	190	86	335	320	Fenerbahçe
3	Eksi Arslan	Eksi	17.07.85	198	80	340	322	Fenerbahçe
4	Toy Metin	Toy	03.05.94	202	95	345	330	Fenerbahçe
L 5	Yesilbudak Hasan	Yesilbudak	11.01.84	192	78	325	324	Arkas
6	Kayhan Kemal	Kayhan	02.01.83	200	96	355	340	Fenerbahçe
7	Gungor Baturalp Burak	Güngör	28.07.93	189	70	330	310	Ziraat Bankasi
8	Subasi Burutay	Subasi	15.07.90	195	97	345	325	Halkbank
9	Cicekoglu Caner	Cicekoglu	11.05.85	190	84	320	310	Konak Belediye
C 10	Batur Emre	Batur	21.04.88	202	94	357	347	Halkbank
11	Gulmezoglu Yigit	Gulmezoglu	28.12.95	194	81	355	320	Arkas
12	Coskovic Tomi	Coskovic	22.04.79	200	92	356	331	Istanbul Buyuksehir Belediyes
13	Gök Emin	Gök	15.02.88	202	85	340	322	Fenerbahçe
14	Gunes Faik Samet	Günes	27.05.93	203	95	332	313	Fenerbahçe
15	Enaboifo Cansin Ogbai	Enaboifo	07.09.95	193	91	336	320	Cankaya Belediye
16	Dagci Cüneyt	Dagci	13.02.85	209	107	340	320	Ziraat Bankasi
17	Yenipazar Murat	Yenipazar	01.01.93	193	74	320	309	Konak Belediyesi
18	Minici Ufuk	Minici	20.01.91	201	98	346	336	Bornova Anadolu Lisesi
L 19	Mert Burak	Mert	23.10.90	185	81	315	295	Istanbul Buyuksehir Belediye
20	Yaz Faik	Yaz	09.04.84	199	88	345	330	Tokat Plevne Belediye
L 21	Karakaya Murat	Karakaya	27.06.87	190	83	335	320	Ziraat Bankasi
22	Koç Hüseyin	Koc H.	30.07.79	198	92	339	330	Halkbank

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
15.11.98	AUS	WCH 1998	Group F	Uozu	2-3	8-15	15-9	15-9	13-15	10-15
14.11.98	SRB	WCH 1998	Group F	Uozu	0-3	7-15	3-15	6-15		
13.11.98	RUS	WCH 1998	Group F	Uozu	0-3	6-15	7-15	6-15		
11.09.66	USA	WCH 1966	Consolation Round 9	Pardubice	0-3	5-15	8-15	5-15		
10.09.66	HUN	WCH 1966	Consolation Round 9	Pardubice	0-3	4-15	6-15	7-15		
09.09.66	BRA	WCH 1966	Consolation Round 9	Pardubice	0-3	6-15	10-15	12-15		
07.09.66	ITA	WCH 1966	Consolation Round 9	Pardubice	3-1	15-5	14-16	15-13	15-2	
06.09.66	CHN	WCH 1966	Consolation Round 9	Pardubice	0-3	3-15	5-15	6-15		
05.09.66	BEL	WCH 1966	Consolation Round 9	Pardubice	1-3	15-13	5-15	6-15	13-15	
03.09.66	ROU	WCH 1966	Group C	Ceske Budejovice	0-3	4-15	2-15	7-15		

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Coskovic	22.04.79 (35y1m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Gulmezoglu	28.12.95 (18y5m)	<b>26y</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Dagci	209cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Mert	185cm	<b>197cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Koç	360cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Mert	315cm	<b>340cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Batur	347cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Mert	295cm	<b>324cm</b>







**FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING**

4

**BEST RESULT**

1<sup>st</sup> 2008

**LAST RESULT**

12<sup>th</sup> 2013



The United States are entering a second season with head coach John Speraw at the helm. Speraw was promoted from assistant to head coach in 2013 and will lead the campaign to qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. In 2013 the US team won 13 of their 24 matches and took the gold medal in the NORCECA Continental Championship for the first time since 2007. They also finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the World League and fifth in the Grand Champions Cup, and will be aiming to step up a gear this year with a view to returning to the Olympic podium in Brazil.

The US are longing for a return to the glory days of the 1980s and 1990s when they won two Olympic gold medals (1984 and 1988) and a bronze (1992), as well as triumphing at the World Cup in 1985 and the World Championship in 1986. They reclaimed Olympic glory when they defeated Brazil 3-1 to take gold in Beijing in 2008, but failed to defend their title in 2012, losing 3-0 to Italy in the quarterfinals. The team will arrive at the 2014 World League hoping to emulate their success in the 2012 edition. A 3-0 defeat of Cuba in their semifinal guaranteed them a medal, but they had to settle for silver when they were defeated 3-0 by Poland in the final.



## COACH



John Speraw was an assistant coach of the United States men's team from 2007-08 and helped them to a gold medal at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. He previously had stints as an assistant coach of the US boy's youth national team in 1998, 2001 and 2007, and performed a similar role with the national squad at the 1999 World University Games. He took over as head coach of the men's team during the group stage of the 2013 World League when incumbent Alan Knipe had to leave the team due to a family emergency. Speraw has enjoyed great success at US collegiate level. He won two national championships with the UCLA Bruins during his playing career and added three more as coach of UC Irvine.

**TEAM ROSTER**

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	Club
1	Anderson Matthew	Anderson	18.04.87	202	100	360	332	Zenit Kazan (RUS)
C 2	Rooney Sean	Rooney	13.11.82	206	100	354	336	Woori Card Hansae
3	Sander Taylor	Sander	17.03.92	196	80	345	320	BYU
4	Lee David	Lee	08.03.82	203	105	350	325	Shanghai Volleyball Club (CHN)
5	Ammerman Ryan	Ammerman	30.12.85	205	90	340	330	National Team
6	Lotman Paul	Lotman	03.11.85	200	102	336	312	Asseco Resovia SA (POL)
7	Shoji Kawika	K. Shoji	11.11.87	190	79	331	315	SCC Berlin (GER)
8	Priddy William	Priddy	01.10.77	194	89	353	330	National Team
9	Troy Murphy	Troy	31.05.89	202	99	360	350	St. Nazaire VB Atlantique (FRA)
10	Ciarelli Antonio	Ciarelli	13.04.90	183	95	335	304	National Team
11	Christenson Micah	Christenson	08.05.93	198	88	349	340	Univ. of Southern California
12	Holmes Russell	Holmes	01.07.82	205	95	352	335	Istanbul BBSK (TUR)
13	Tavana Vaafuti	Tavana	25.09.87	200	110	360	340	Toulouse OAC-TUC (FRA)
14	Menzel Jeffrey	Menzel	31.10.88	199	92	365	360	L0334 Maaseik (BEL)
15	Clark Carson	Clark	20.01.89	205	93	365	360	Lucznicka Bydgoszcz SA (POL)
16	Watten Dustin	Watten	27.10.86	182	80	306	295	AS Orange Nassau (FRA)
17	Holt Maxwell	Holt	12.03.87	205	90	351	333	Dinamo Moscow (RUS)
18	Muagututia Garrett	Muagututia	26.02.88	205	92	359	345	Konak Belediye Spor (TUR)
19	Reft Alfredo	Reft	15.12.82	178	83	319	309	National Team
20	Smith David	Smith	15.05.85	201	86	348	314	Tours Volleyball (FRA)
21	Shaw James	Shaw	05.03.94	203	98	354	338	Stanford University
22	Shoji Erik	E. Shoji	24.08.89	184	83	330	321	VT Hypo Tirol (AUT)

C=Captain, L=Libero, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

**LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS**

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
24.11.13	RUS	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	27-29	22-25	19-25		
23.11.13	IRI	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	2-3	26-28	25-19	25-19	27-25	16-18
22.11.13	ITA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-2	25-21	20-25	22-25	26-28	15-13
20.11.13	BRA	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Kyoto	0-3	29-31	23-25	23-25		
19.11.13	JPN	GCC 2013	Round Robin	Kyoto	3-1	25-17	25-17	21-25	20-25	
14.07.13	BRA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Rio de Janeiro	0-3	21-25	24-26	23-25		
13.07.13	BRA	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Rio de Janeiro	1-3	22-25	18-25	25-20	26-28	
07.07.13	POL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Wroclaw	1-3	23-25	25-17	21-25	23-25	
05.07.13	POL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Katowice	2-3	22-25	25-19	25-13	28-30	16-18
29.06.13	BUL	WL 2013	Prel. Round	Reno	1-3	20-25	25-18	23-25	21-25	

**STATISTICS**

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Priddy	01.10.77 (36y7m)	Youngest	Shaw	05.03.94 (20y2m)	<b>27y2m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Rooney	206cm	Shortest	Reft	178cm	<b>198cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Menzel	365cm	Shortest	Watten	306cm	<b>346cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Menzel	360cm	Shortest	Watten	295cm	<b>329cm</b>





## PLAYER STATS TOP 20

Rank	Tallest	Shortest	Oldest	Youngest
1	Muserskiy (RUS) 218cm	F. Zarif (IRI) 165cm	Hfaiedh N. (TUN) 40y8m	Malisse (BEL) 16y5m
2	Gustavo (BRA) 214cm	Torres (PUR) 168cm	M. Silva (POR) 40y4m	Caraballo (CUB) 17y7m
3	Vissotto (BRA) 212cm	Mulero (PUR) 170cm	Lewis (CAN) 38y1m	Chapman (CUB) 17y7m
4	Edgar (AUS) 212cm	Mendoza (MEX) 170cm	Ramirez (MEX) 37y8m	Ricardo (CUB) 17y7m
5	Mozdzzonek (POL) 211cm	Garroccq (ARG) 170cm	Rivera (PUR) 36y10m	Dosanjh (AUS) 17y9m
6	Böhme (GER) 211cm	Koga (JPN) 171cm	Sellami S. (TUN) 36y10m	Krajcovic (SVK) 17y10m
7	Van De Velde (BEL) 210cm	M. Marandi (IRI) 172cm	Depestele (BEL) 36y8m	Rendon (CUB) 17y10m
8	Bian H.M. (CHN) 210cm	Ide (JPN) 174cm	Corvetta (ITA) 36y7m	Negron (PUR) 18y3m
9	Andrei (GER) 210cm	Ren Q. (CHN) 174cm	Priddy (USA) 36y7m	Rivera (PUR) 18y4m
10	Smoliar (RUS) 209cm	Del Valle (PUR) 175cm	Zagumny (POL) 36y7m	Van De Velde (BEL) 18y4m
11	Kooistra (NED) 209cm	Bu Yongchan (KOR) 175cm	Tolvanen (FIN) 36y6m	Gulmezoglu (TUR) 18y4m
12	M. Souza (BRA) 209cm	Nagano (JPN) 176cm	Cerven (SVK) 36y5m	Stuer (BEL) 18y5m
13	Lucas (BRA) 209cm	Massimino (ARG) 177cm	Brinkman (CAN) 36y4m	Perry (AUS) 18y6m
14	Prolingheuer (GER) 209cm	Ruiz (ESP) 178cm	Ignaczak (POL) 36y0m	Jimeno (CUB) 18y6m
15	Le Roux (FRA) 209cm	Reft (USA) 178cm	J. Jose (POR) 35y11m	Enaboifo (TUR) 18y8m
16	Dagci (TUR) 209cm	Gutierrez (CUB) 178cm	Soto (PUR) 35y11m	Douglas (BRA) 18y9m
17	Volvich (RUS) 208cm	Taouerghi A. (TUN) 178cm	Esko (FIN) 35y8m	Jiménez (ESP) 18y9m
18	Walker (AUS) 208cm	Hanik (CZE) 178cm	Idner (POR) 35y5m	Kaislasalo (FIN) 18y9m
19	Piano (ITA) 208cm	Jeong Minsu (KOR) 178cm	Coskovic (TUR) 35y1m	Mcmullin (AUS) 18y9m
20	Mazzone (ITA) 208cm	Sparidans (NED) 179cm	Raphael (BRA) 34y11m	Joao (POR) 18y9m



## 2013 WORLD LEAGUE ALL STAR TEAM

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Best Outside Spiker</b>	Ivan Zaytsev	Italy
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Best Outside Spiker</b>	Ricardo Lucarelli	Brazil
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Best Middle Blocker</b>	Dmitriy Muserskiy	Russia
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Best Middle Blocker</b>	Emanuele Birarelli	Italy
<b>Best Libero</b>	Mario da Silva Pedreira Jr.	Brazil
<b>Best Setter</b>	Bruno Rezende	Brazil
<b>Best Opposite Spiker</b>	Tsvetan Sokolov	Bulgaria
<b>Most Valuable Player</b>	Nikolay Pavlov	Russia



## 2013 WORLD LEAGUE TOP PERFORMANCES

### Top Scoring Performances

- 31 – Sokolov Tsvetan of Bulgaria v Poland (July 14)
- 31 – Aleksandar Atanasijevic of Serbia v Germany (June 30)
- 30 – Aleksandar Atanasijevic of Serbia v Germany (June 29)
- 29 – Luca Vettori of Italy v Bulgaria (**Finals** bronze medal match on July 21)
- 29 – Sokolov Tsvetan of Bulgaria v Argentina (**Finals** on July 17)
- 29 – Nikolay Pavlov of Russia v Germany (July 5)
- 28 – Ivan Zaytsev of Italy v Russia (June 21)
- 28 – Wytze Kooistra of the Netherlands v Canada (May 31)
- 27 – Sokolov Tsvetan of Bulgaria v Italy (**Finals** on July 14)
- 27 – Nikolay Pavlov of Russia v Brazil (**Finals** on July 17)
- 27 – Bartosz Kurek of Poland v Argentina (June 28)
- 27 – Ivan Zaytsev of Italy v Germany (June 9)

### Top Blocking Performances

- 6 – Lucas Saatkamp of Brazil v Russia (**Finals** on July 17)
- 6 – Nikolay Apalikov of Russia v Cuba (June 28)
- 6 – Dragan Stankovic of Serbia v Iran (June 21)
- 6 – Holt Maxwell of USA v France (June 14)
- 6 – Andrey Aschchev of Russia v Serbia (June 14)
- 6 – Frederic Winters of Canada v Korea (June 14)
- 6 – Emanuele Birarelli of Italy v Germany (June 9)
- 6 – Park Sang-Ha of Korea v Japan (June 1)

### Top Blocking Performances by Team

- 20 – Iran v Serbia (June 23)
- 17 – Bulgaria v Italy (**Finals** bronze medal match on July 21)
- 17 – Brazil v Russia (**Finals** on July 17)
- 17 – USA v Poland (July 5)
- 16 – Bulgaria v Argentina (June 22)
- 16 – Italy v Russia (June 21)
- 16 – Italy v Germany (June 9)

### Top Serving Performances

- 7 – Alexandre Ferreira of Portugal v Finland (June 1)
- 6 – Ivan Zaytsev of Italy v Cuba (June 14)
- Finals: 3** – Tsvetan Sokolov of Bulgaria v Italy, Quiroga Rodrigo of Argentina v Italy, Emanuele Birarelli and Matteo Piano of Italy v Argentina

### Top Serving Performances by Team

- 11 – Poland v Bulgaria (July 12)
- 11 – Russia v Serbia (June 14)
- 10 – Italy v Argentina (**Finals** on July 19)
- 10 – USA v Argentina (June 8)

### Highest Scorer by Round

Week 1: Wytze Kooistra of Netherlands, **28** (v Canada)  
 Week 2: Ivan Zaytsev of Italy, **27** (v Germany)  
 Week 3: Tatsuya Fukuzawa of Japan, **24** (v Finland)  
 Week 4: Ivan Zaytsev of Italy, **28** (v Russia)  
 Week 5: Aleksandar Atanasijevic of Serbia, **30** (v Germany)  
 Week 6: Nikolay Pavlov of Russia, **29** (v Germany)  
 Week 7: Sokolov Tsvetan of Bulgaria, **31** (v Poland)  
**Finals:** Sokolov Tsvetan of Bulgaria, **29** (v Argentina)  
 and Luca Vettori of Italy, **29** (v Bulgaria)

### Highest Set Score

Week 1: Netherlands v Portugal, **36-34**  
 Week 2: Bulgaria v France, **31-29**  
 Week 3: USA v France, **30-28**  
 Week 4: Russia v Italy, **30-28**  
 Week 5: Iran v Italy, **32-30**  
 Week 6: Portugal v Korea, **32-34**  
 Week 7: Brazil v USA, **28-26**  
**Finals:** Brazil v Canada **30-28**

### Highest Scoring Matches

Week 1: Finland v Portugal, 3-1 (23-25, 25-23, 25-23, 23-25, 15-12) – **219** points  
 Week 2: Brazil v Poland, 3-2 (28-26, 25-22, 23-25, 20-25, 15-10) – **219** points  
 Week 3: USA v France, 3-2 (22-25, 25-22, 24-26, 30-28, 15-9) – **226** points  
 Week 4: Serbia v Iran, 3-2 (26-24, 25-23, 17-25, 14-25, 18-16) – **213** points  
 Week 5: Portugal v Japan 2-3 (25-22, 23-25, 30-28, 22-25, 10-15) – **225** points  
 Week 6: Poland v USA (25-22, 19-25, 13-25, 30-28, 18-16) – **221** points  
 Week 7: Bulgaria v Poland (20-25, 23-25, 25-21, 25-20, 19-17) – **221** points  
**Finals:** Canada v Russia 3-2 (20-25, 21-25, 25-23, 25-21, 15-11) – **211** points



## GROUP 1

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Abdullah	Alenezi	KUW
Jaafar Ebrahim	Ali	BRN
Taoufik	Boudaya	TUN
Hernan Gonzalo	Casamiquela	ARG
Denny Francisco	Cespedes Lassi	DOM
Rolando Hugo	Cholakian	ARG
Kevin	Cull	USA
Piotr	Dudek	POL
Rogerio	Espicalski	BRA
Taras	Ilkiw	CAN
Milan	Labasta	CZE
Jiang	Liu	CHN
Frans	Loderus	NED
Juraj	Mokry	SVK
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Ning	Wang	CHN
Kazuyoshi	Yamamoto	JPN
Aziz	Yener	TUR
Andrey	Zenovich	RUS

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Lotfi	Ben Youssef	TUN
Mario	Bernaola Sanchez	ESP
Ricardo	Borroto Iglesias	CUB
Taoufik	Boudaya	TUN
Pawel	Burkiewicz	POL
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Bayram	Dikmentepe	TUR
Piotr	Dudek	POL
Rogerio	Espicalski	BRA
Epaminondas	Gerothodoros	GRE
Dhevan	Govender	RSA
Goran	Gradinski	SRB
Stephan	Grieder	SUI
Nicholas	Heckford	ENG
Dusan	Hodon	SVK
Martin	Hudik	CZE
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Taras	Ilkiw	CAN
Sinisa	Isajlovic	AUT
Ivaylo	Ivanov	BUL
Sang-Chun	Jun	KOR
Charles	Kamdoum	CMR
Viktor	Kozlovskyy	UKR
Ivan	Lazarevic	SRB
Jiang	Liu	CHN
Wensheng	Luo	CHN
Luis Gerardo	Maclas	MEX
Evgeny	Makshanov	RUS
Alin	Mateizer	ROU
Scott	Mc Lean	CAN
Ayman Annis	Milad	EGY
Shin	Muranaka	JPN
Lucian-Vasile	Nastase	ROU
Toan Phong	Nguyen	AUS
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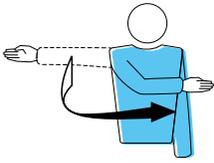
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Shin	Muranaka	JPN
Toan Phong	Nguyen	AUS
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Marcelo Enzo	Pierobon	ARG
Andrew	Robb	CAN
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## Technical indications

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Authorisation to serve



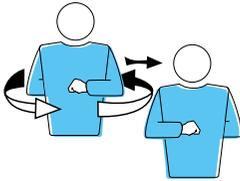
Team to serve



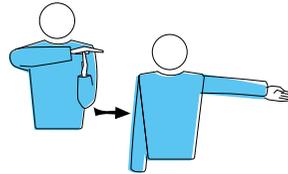
Substitution



End of set  
(or match)



Change of courts



Time-out

## Judgment on the ball by the first referee

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Ball "in"



Ball "out"



Ball touched

## Judgment on the ball by the line judges (flag signals)

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Ball "in"



Ball "out"



Ball touched

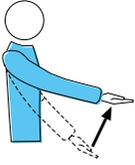


Judgement  
impossible



Ball touched an  
outside object

## Ball handling



Ball not tossed or released at the service hit



Delay in service



Catch



Double contact



Four hits

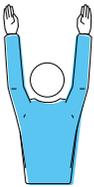


Penetration into the opponent court  
Ball crossing the lower space or  
The server touches the court (end line) or  
The player steps outside his/her court at the moment of the service hit



Double fault and replay

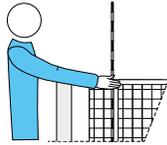
## Player's faults



Blocking fault or screening



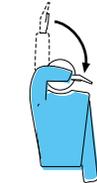
Positional or rotational fault



Net touched by player



Reaching beyond the net



Attack hit fault

## Sanctions



Misconduct warning



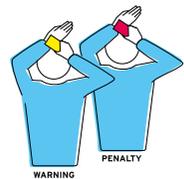
Misconduct Penalty



Expulsion



Disqualification



Delay Warning/  
Delay Penalty

## Rally point system

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With the Rally Point System – first featured at the 1998 World Championships – the team winning a rally scores a point regardless of which team is serving. When a team wins a rally, it gains a point and the right to serve. The last tournament played with the “sideout” system was the 1997 Grand Champions Cup.

## Match format

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Matches are decided over the best of five sets, to 25 points for sets one to four and to 15 points for set five, with all sets requiring a two point advantage (unlimited). This new scoring system was introduced after the 1998 FIVB World Congress held in Tokyo.

## Libero player

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The Libero is a specialist defensive player, dressed in a different colour who can replace any player in a back row position. The Libero is not allowed to serve, block or attack, and can set only from the back row.

## 'Let service in play'

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If, when serving, the ball touches the net and continues to the opposite side, the play continues.

## Touching the net

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Touching the net with the body is not a fault except when playing the ball or interfering with the play.





### Time Outs

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Each team is entitled to a maximum of two time outs and all time outs last for 30 seconds. For FIVB world and official competitions, during sets one to four, two additional 60-second technical time outs are applied automatically, when the leading team reaches the eighth and 16<sup>th</sup> points. In the deciding fifth set, there are no technical time outs, with only two time outs of 30-seconds duration allowed to be requested by each team.

### Intervals between sets

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All intervals between sets are for three minutes. The interval between the second and third set can be extended up to 10 minutes at the request of the organiser.

### Coach movements

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The coach may, as well as other team members, give instructions to players on the court while sitting on the bench. The coach may also give these instructions by standing or walking within the free zone of his or her team's bench up to the warm up area, provided that he or she does not disturb or delay the match.

### Screening

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The players of the serving team must not prevent their opponents through individual or collective screening from seeing the server or the flight path of the ball.

*The full Rules of the Game text for Volleyball can be found on the official FIVB website ([www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org)).*

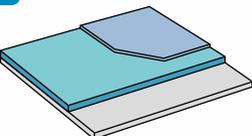
# Two of a kind

Explore the different set-ups of beach volleyball and volleyball. It's not only the sand...



**Beach Volleyball**  
 2 players per team  
 no substitutes  
 coaching **not allowed**

**The courts – two worlds**

<p><b>Beach Volleyball</b></p> <p>4 x</p>  <p>40 cm of sand =  <b>100 tons</b> (4 trucks) per court</p>	<p><b>Volleyball</b></p>  <p><b>Synthetic or wooden</b> playing surface on cushioned floor system</p>
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## The balls – not quite the same

### Beach Volleyball

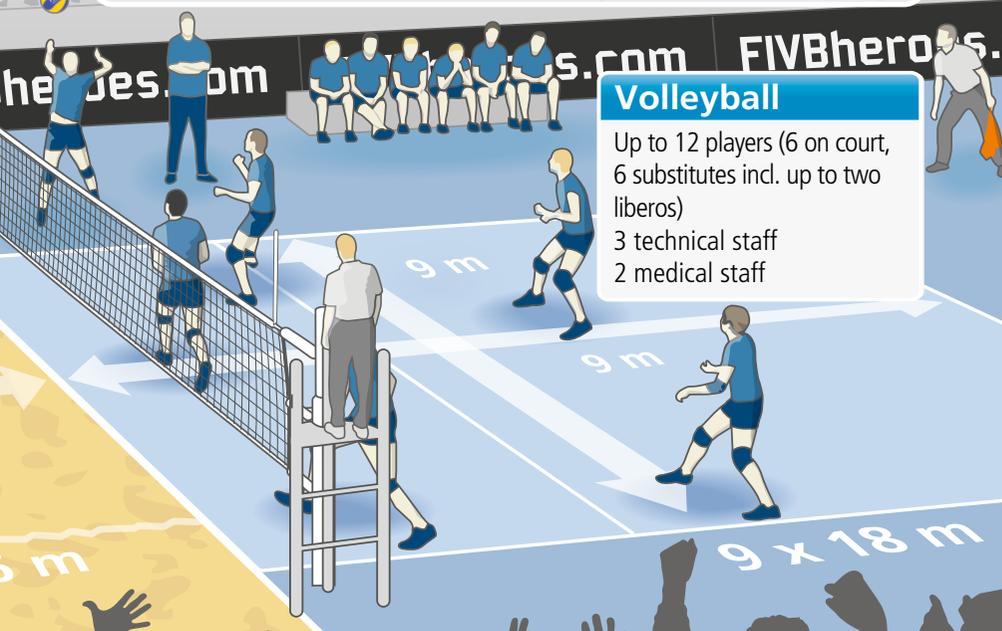


### Volleyball



Both balls are made of a synthetic leather case with a rubber-like bladder inside.

<b>Circumference</b>	66 – 68 cm	65 – 67 cm
<b>Weight</b>	260 – 280 g	
<b>Inside pressure</b>	0.175 – 0.225 kg <sup>2</sup>	0.300 – 0.325 kg <sup>2</sup>



### Volleyball

Up to 12 players (6 on court, 6 substitutes incl. up to two liberos)  
3 technical staff  
2 medical staff

### Both disciplines

Height of net ♂ 2,43 m ♀ 2,24 m

2 referees

2 line judges (up to 4)

2 scorers

Side area min. 5m

(from field of play to the players' bench)

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# An overview of volleyball

Save the ball from touching your court and return it forcing a fault by your opponent – all with three hits maximum.

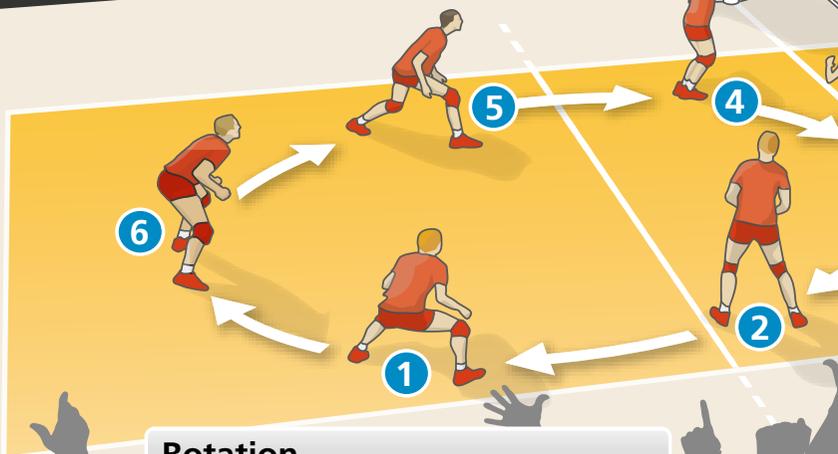
## Scoring system

A match win = 3 sets  
25 points are available per set  
(15 in 5<sup>th</sup> set)  
Minimum lead of 2 points needed  
Maximum of 2 time outs  
allowed per set

Height of net:  
♂ 2,43 m ♀ 2,24 m

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## Rotation

Whenever a team has gained the right to serve, its players rotate one position clock-wise. As soon as the ball is in play, all players can freely choose their positions on the court.

## Ball

The ball is made of a leather or vulcanised synthetic case with a rubber-like bladder inside.



<b>Circumference</b>	65 – 67 cm
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## Set-up

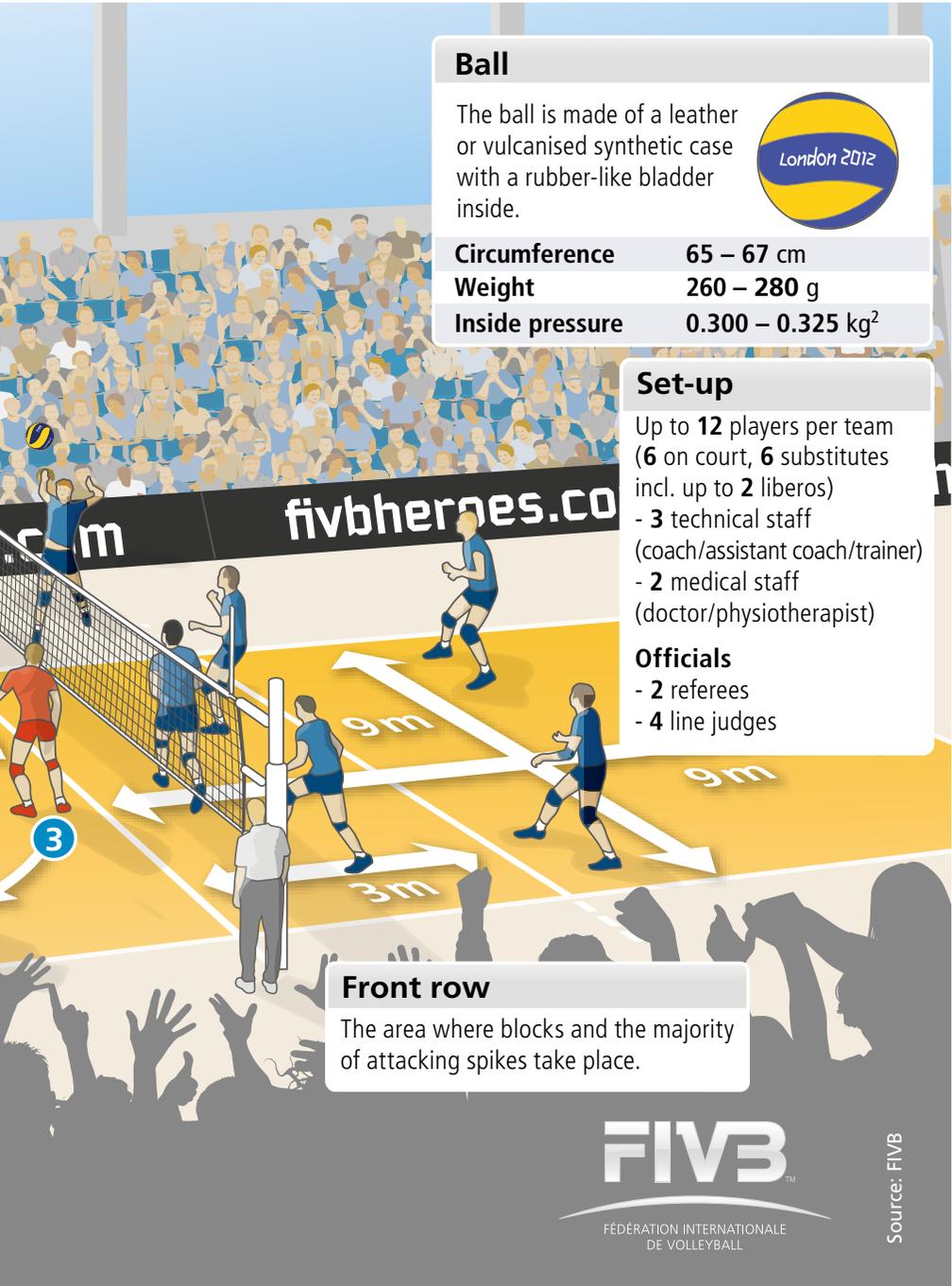
Up to **12** players per team  
(**6** on court, **6** substitutes incl. up to **2** liberos)  
- **3** technical staff  
(coach/assistant coach/trainer)  
- **2** medical staff  
(doctor/physiotherapist)

## Officials

- **2** referees  
- **4** line judges

## Front row

The area where blocks and the majority of attacking spikes take place.



# It's all about positional play

Volleyball is a physically challenging, strategic team sport that suits both specialist players and all-rounders.

## Rotation

Whenever a team has gained the right to serve, its players rotate one position clock-wise. As soon as the ball is in play, all players can freely choose their positions on the court. A team usually starts a set with a specialist player in each position.

## The libero (6)



Defensive specialist for receiving a serve or attack. He/she can replace any back-row player and can only play in the back-row positions. He/she cannot serve and wears a different colour shirt to his/her team.

## The setter (1)



The playmaker of the team. He/she coordinates the offence and sets the ball to the attacker. The setter is usually responsible for the second touch.

## The back row

Defence zone. A back-row player may attempt an attack only if he/she jumps from behind the attack-line.





### The opposite (4)



Positioned diagonally opposite the setter, the opposite is the team's main attacking player, seen as a regular contributor of points, especially at key moments of a match.

### The middle blocker (3)



A blocking specialist in the middle of the front row, the middle blocker can also be used on attack, usually at the middle of the net either to execute a quick attack or lure the opposition defence. The middle blocker is usually replaced by the libero when rotating to the back row.

### The wing spiker (2/5)



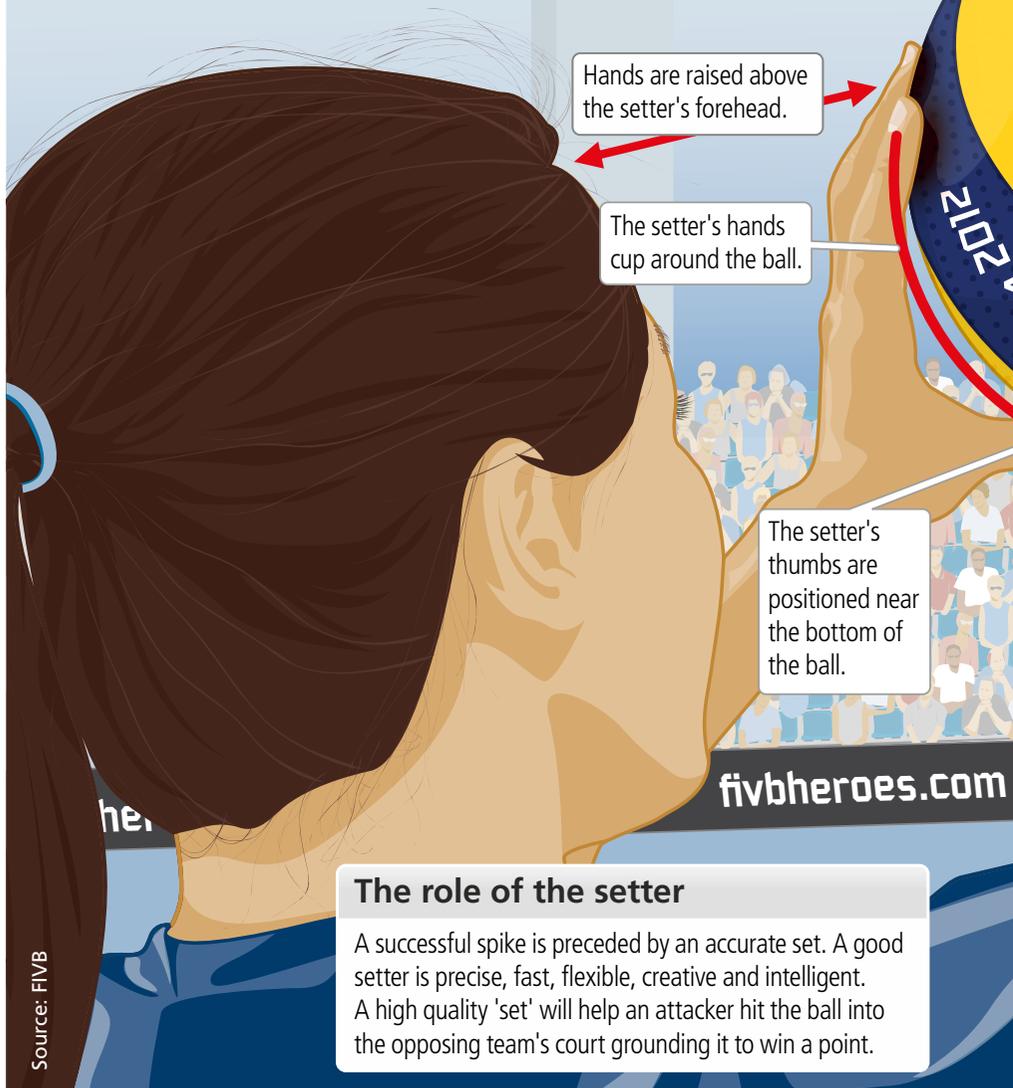
Also known as a receiver/attacker. He/she can receive the opponent's serve but is also an attacking force principally at the sides of the net, either from the front zone (2) or the back zone (5). There are two on the court in each team.

### The front row

The attack zone where the attacking play is most often executed. It is also the zone where the block is performed when a team is defending.

# The setter is the playmaker of the team

Technique is essential: a good setter handles the ball with accuracy and is agile on his/her feet.



Hands are raised above the setter's forehead.

The setter's hands cup around the ball.

The setter's thumbs are positioned near the bottom of the ball.

## The role of the setter

A successful spike is preceded by an accurate set. A good setter is precise, fast, flexible, creative and intelligent. A high quality 'set' will help an attacker hit the ball into the opposing team's court grounding it to win a point.



Tape is sometimes used to protect joints from injury.

The setter only uses his/her fingers to touch the ball, never his/her palms.

### Common faults made by a setter

-  The ball is caught and thrown rather than set.
-  The setter's hands don't touch the ball simultaneously, which is known as a 'double touch'.

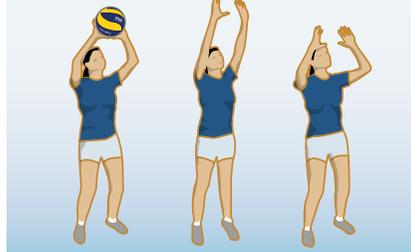
### The setting action

Preparing the set.



The setter moves towards the ball, stops, squares his/her body with knees slightly bent and raises their hands above their forehead.

Action.



The setter's fingers come into contact with the ball and his/her arms extend quickly to the ball.

# The Libero is a key defender

The libero is a skilled defensive player who is fast and is usually first to the ball.

## The libero helps keep the rally alive

The libero's main responsibilities are to receive service and defend opposition attacks in a controlled manner in order to enable subsequent attacking options for his/her own team.

**"Dive":** enables a player to get low to the ground to pull off a great dig or save.

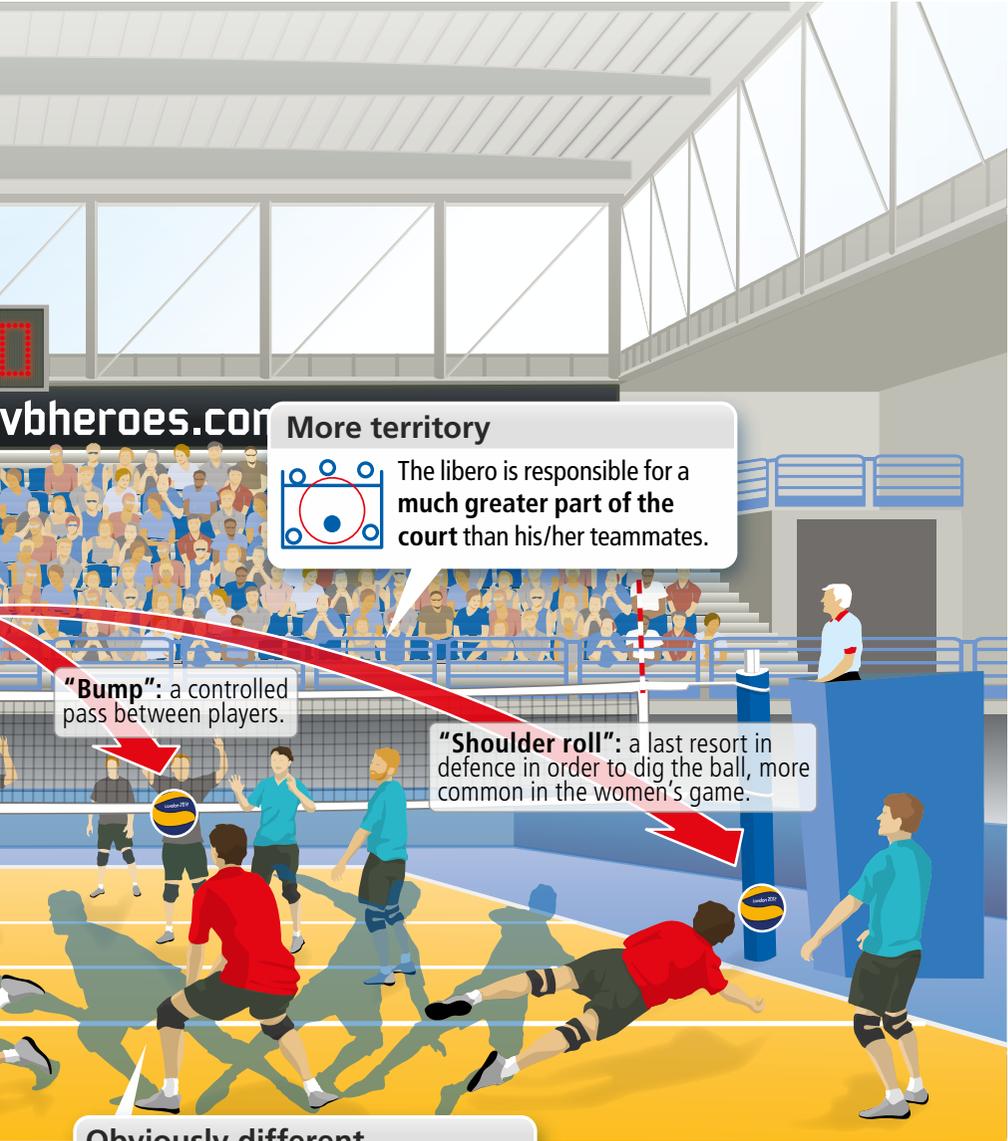
## The libero has a special set of rules



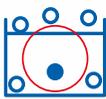
The libero can replace any back-row player but only when the ball is out of play.



The libero may only perform as a back-row player, therefore cannot serve, block or hit the ball when it is higher than the top of the net.



**More territory**  
The libero is responsible for a **much greater part of the court** than his/her teammates.



**"Bump":** a controlled pass between players.

**"Shoulder roll":** a last resort in defence in order to dig the ball, more common in the women's game.

**Obviously different**  
The libero wears a different colour shirt in order to stand out. Though performing as a leader, the libero cannot be team captain.

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## 1895

- Volleyball is born at the YMCA in Holyoke, Massachusetts, by William G. Morgan, a New Yorker born in 1870.



William Morgan (far left, back row) with the 1895 Holyoke YMCA team in Massachusetts, USA

## 1896

- Another American, Alfred T. Halstead, proposes "volleyball" as a more appropriate name for the sport instead of the original "Mintonette."

## 1898

- Canada adopts volleyball for its recreational programs.

## 1908

- Franklin H. Brown introduces volleyball in Japan.

## 1910

- Elwood S. Brown introduces volleyball in the Philippines and Dr J. Howard Croker introduces volleyball in China.

## 1913

- Volleyball is adopted at the first Far Eastern Games in Manila, Philippines.

## 1915

- Beach volleyball, a descendant of volleyball, begins life on the beaches of Waikiki beach in Hawaii, USA.

## 1918

- Introduction of six-a-side volleyball.

## 1922

- The three hits per side rule is adopted.
- The first known volleyball and basketball association is created in Czechoslovakia.

## 1928

- The American Volleyball Association is created. The first USA National Volleyball Championships are played at the Brooklyn Central YMCA.

## 1929

- Men's volleyball is adopted at the second Central American and Caribbean Games in Havana, Cuba.

## 1930

- The first two-man beach volleyball game is played in Santa Monica, California.

## 1933

- Women's volleyball is played at the Central American and Caribbean Games in San Salvador.

## 1934

- The first volleyball international committee is created under the Field Handball Federation.

## 1946

- Poland, France, Czechoslovakia, USA, USSR and Romania set up the first Autonomous Volleyball Commission.

## 1947

- The Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) is founded by 14 National Federations in Paris and elects Paul Libaud as its first President. The founders are USA, France, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Egypt, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal, Romania, Turkey, Brazil, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

## 1948

- First Men's European Championships are held in Rome, Italy.

## 1949

- The International Olympic Committee adopts volleyball as a non Olympic sport.
- First Men's World Championships in Prague.



The first Volleyball Men's World Championship in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Russia claimed the inaugural title.

- First Women's European Championships in Prague.
- Introduction of the three player attack and the penetration of the back court setter.

## 1951

- Hands can pass over the net under certain conditions (block).

## 1952

- First Women's World Championship held in Moscow.

## 1955

- Volleyball enters the program of the second Pan American Games in Mexico City.

## 1956

- Men's and Women's World Championships are held together for the first time in Paris with 24 Men's and 17 Women's teams.

## 1957

- IOC session in Sofia recognizes volleyball as an Olympic sport and FIVB as the sole worldwide volleyball governing body in all its disciplines on September 24.

## 1961

- IOC sessions and Japan OCOG in Athens add volleyball to the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

## 1964

- First Olympic volleyball competitions for men and women are held in Tokyo.
- Adoption of the new blocking rule (hands over the net, block multiple contacts allowed).

## 1965

- The first Men's World Cup is held in Warsaw, Poland.

## 1973

- The first Women's World Cup is held in Uruguay.

## 1974

- Men's and Women's World Championships are broadcast on live TV from Mexico to Japan and many other countries for the first time.

## 1975

- Africa Women's Championships start in Dakar, Senegal.

## 1976

- Olympic Games are played in Montreal for the first time with the three-ball system and three hits after the block are permitted.
- Width of the net is reduced to nine metres.

## 1977

- First Junior (Under-21) Men's and Women's World Championships are held in Brazil.

## 1980

- First FIVB Rules of the Game are adopted in French and Spanish at Moscow Congress.

## 1985

- The first major Volleyball World Plan is approved to bring volleyball into the professional sports arena.
- The first World Gala is held in Beijing and Shanghai with China Women's Olympic champions facing the All Stars World team.

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## 1989

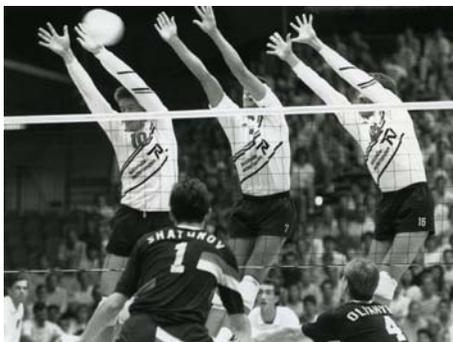
- The first Club World Championship for men takes place in Parma, Italy while the Boys' and Girls' Youth World Championships makes their debut in United Arab Emirates and Brazil respectively.
- The Beach Volleyball FIVB World Series for men is launched.

## 1990

- First Men's World League with eight countries and \$1 million in prize money.

## 1991

- The first women's Club World Championship is held in São Paulo, Brazil.



A solid block in the first Volleyball Men's World League in 1990. The Finals were held in Osaka, Japan.

## 1992

- Beach Volleyball FIVB World Series is recreated as a World Tour for both men and women to determine the world champions (men and women). Events are held in Japan, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Italy and Australia.

## 1993

- First Grand Champions Cup for men and women is held in Japan.

- The first Women's World Grand Prix with eight countries and \$1 million in prize money is held in eight Asian cities.
- IOC session in Monte Carlo includes beach volleyball into the 1996 Olympic Games program as a full medal discipline for women (16 pairs) and men (24 pairs).

## 1994

- The ball can touch any part of the body including the feet. The service zone is extended to the full outline.

## 1995

- Volleyball celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## 1996

- Beach volleyball makes its debut in the Atlanta Olympics.

## 1997

- The first Beach Volleyball World Championships in its current (double gender) format are held in Los Angeles, USA with total prize money of \$600,000 for both genders.
- The eighth edition of the World League increases its Prize Money to \$8 million.

## 1998

- The Rally Point System and Libero are officially accepted and played at the World Championships in Tokyo, following the 26<sup>th</sup> FIVB World Congress.

## 2000

- The Rally Point System is extended to beach volleyball. The rule allowing play to continue when a serve hits the net and continues to the opposition court is adopted.
- Karch Kiraly of USA, Lorenzo Bernardi of Italy and three-time Olympic champion Regla Torres of Cuba are celebrated as best players of the century.

## 2001

- The Beach Volleyball Junior World Championships make their debut in Le Lavandou, France.

## 2002

- The FIVB World Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina introduces height limit competitions (185cm for men, 175cm for women).
- The Beach Volleyball Youth World Championships are held for the first time in Xylokaastro, Greece.

## 2009

- The FIVB Men's Club World Championship returns to the international volleyball calendar after last featuring in 1992.

## 2010

- Volleyball is a huge success at the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in Singapore.
- The FIVB Women's Club World Championship also makes its return to the calendar for the first time since 1994 following the successful reincarnation of the men's event a year earlier.
- The Continental Cup makes its debut as a new qualifying event for beach volleyball at the London 2012 Olympic Games with record breaking levels of participation.



Polish duo Piotr Kantor and Bartosz Losiak made history when they won the inaugural FIVB U23 Beach Volleyball World Championships

## 2011

- Following extensive trialing a new point allocation system was confirmed by the FIVB Board of Administration for all competitions where matches which are won 3-0 or 3-1 will see the winners come away with three points and the losers zero and those won 3-2 mean the winners come away with two points and the losers one. In the event of a tie in the group, the teams will be separated on set ratio as opposed to points ratio as in the past. Additionally, in the case of a tie in the number of points, sides are divided by number of wins, then set ratio (as opposed to points ratio in the past), then point ratio.

## 2012

- The FIVB amends its regulations for uniform choices for female players, giving athletes three extra choices. Players can wear shorts of a maximum length of 3cm above the knee with sleeved or sleeveless tops or a full body suit. This is to respect the customs and/or religious beliefs of countries. Previously there were two uniform choices for female players, a one-piece bathing suit or a bikini with a maximum side width of 7cm. A full body suit could also be used under the bikini in cold weather.

## 2013

- The FIVB includes a new championship to the age-group tournaments – the Under 23 Volleyball and Beach Volleyball Championships – in order to reduce the gap between age-group and senior level volleyball. It is also the first year that the Video Challenge System is used, in the World League and World Grand Prix Finals.
- The Beach Volleyball World Cup Final brings to a close the incredibly successful first Continental Cup cycle, featuring the Continental champions and countries who qualified to teams to the Olympic Games.
- In a new and enhanced World Tour, Grand Slams are clearly established as the core events while the number of Open events is expanded for the year, giving teams more opportunities to participate.
- 21 points per set rule is tested at the FIVB Volleyball U23 Men's World Championship.

# A brief history of Volleyball

In 1895 William G. Morgan from the USA invented the game, originally known as "Mintonette," which has developed into one of the most all round athletic, entertaining and challenging team sports.

## Olympics

For the first time Volleyball is officially included in the programme for the **1964 Summer Olympics**. 

## Hands over net

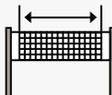
The player's hands are allowed to **pass over the net during blocking action**.



## Blocks & net width

A **block doesn't count as a hit** anymore. After the block there are still three hits permitted.

The **width of the net is reduced** to nine metres.



1964

1951

1976

1994

## Touch & Service

The ball can **touch any part of the body** including the feet.

The **service zone is extended** to anywhere behind the end line.



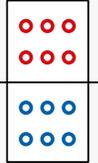
### Three hits

A new rule limits the regular ball contacts to **three hits per side**.



### Six-a-side

The **set-up changes to six-a-side**. Formerly each team was made up of five players.



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1918

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1998

### Scoring, libero & more

The newly introduced **rally point system** and the **libero** player increase the appeal and suspense of the whole game. Further innovations include **coloured balls** and the allowance of **interactive coaches**.



**Every year the FIVB puts on top class events showcasing the best in both men's and women's volleyball and beach volleyball around the world.**

## **FIVB Volleyball World Championships**

As the original FIVB tournament, the Men's and Women's World Championships are staged every four years and are the most prestigious in international volleyball. The first World Championships were organised in 1949 for men and 1952 for women and have remained the biggest event in volleyball, alongside the Olympic Games. A record number of 295 teams registered to enter the qualification process for the 2014 FIVB Volleyball World Championships. This total, coming from 162 national federations across the five FIVB confederations, represents an increase of 81 teams from the previous best of 214 teams from 119 federations for the 2010 World Championships (compared with 102 in 2006, 72 in 2002 and 63 in 1998). The world's best 24 teams in each gender will compete in the Finals. Brazil sealed their third straight Men's World Championship title in Italy in 2010 after beating Cuba in the final. Serbia completed the podium after beating the home side in the bronze medal match. The 2010 Women's World Championship took place in Japan with Russia clinching their seventh gold medal with victory over Brazil in the gold medal match, while Japan won their first medal in the competition since 1978 as they beat USA to bronze. The 2014 Men's World Championship will take place in Poland from August 30 to September 21 while the women's edition is set to be hosted by Italy from September 23 to October 12.



## **FIVB Volleyball World Cup**

The road to the Olympic Games commences with the World Cup, the quadrennial round-robin event that showcases the very best 12 men's and 12 women's national teams in the world. Japan and television partner Fuji TV host an event that grips the nation and produces incredible television ratings. Traditionally, the top three teams in the men's and women's competitions at the World Cup had earned berths in the Olympic Games volleyball tournaments however the 2015 edition will offer that reward to the top two sides only. Poland hosted the first World Cup in 1965 for men only before Uruguay hosted the first World Cup for women in 1973. Following the first two editions for men and the first edition for women, Japan gave new life to the men's and women's World Cups by staging the third and second editions respectively in 1977 before going on to host every edition since. Italy's women successfully defended their title in 2011, with USA clinching silver and China following with the bronze. Russia picked up their second gold in a row in the men's event with Poland finishing second and Brazil third.

## **FIVB Volleyball Grand Champions Cup**

Hosts Japan, the continental champions from four or five confederations based on results and a wild card come together for this quadrennial round-robin competition for men and women. The hosts and television partner NTV produce a stunning volleyball spectacle to determine the champion of champions. The last edition of the tournament was in 2013 with the women's event taking place in Nagoya and Tokyo and the men's in Kyoto and Tokyo. Brazil came away with the men's title for the fourth consecutive time as well as the women's gold medal.

## **FIVB Volleyball World League**

Volleyball's flagship annual event, started by the FIVB in 1990, is a spectacular showcase for the crème de la crème of men's volleyball. The 2014 edition of the World League features 28 teams – 10 more than in 2013 – split into seven pools of four for the first time in its history. At the Finals in Mar del Plata, Argentina in 2013, Olympic

champions Russia took the top spot in the tournament after beating Brazil in the gold medal match, in a repeat result of the 2012 Olympic Games final at Earls Court in London. Italy completed the podium with a bronze medal after they defeated Bulgaria.



### **FIVB Volleyball World Grand Prix**

The annual international volleyball competition involving the world's best female players will feature an unprecedented 28 teams in 2014. The World Grand Prix featured eight teams in its debut season in 1993 and from 1995 to 2002, while 12 teams were in action in 1994 and from 2003 to 2010. Sixteen teams took part in the 2011 and 2012 editions, with an increase to 18 in the 2013 edition. The 2013 World Grand Prix saw Brazil break China's almost perfect record of wins to take the gold medal, while Serbia rounded off the medal wins with bronze.

### **FIVB Volleyball Club World Championships**

The annual FIVB men's and women's Club World Championships, which returned to the international volleyball calendar in 2009 and 2010 after featuring in 1992 and 1994 respectively, showcases the best club from each continent. The 2010 edition marked the return of the double gender event after 18 years and, for the first time, featured alternate men's and women's matches in the same venue on the same day. Brazil's Sada Cruzeiro took the title in the 2013 edition of the men's tournament,

and Italian club Trentino's four consecutive victories (2009-2012) in the tournament. Russia made a clean sweep of the gold medals in the men's and women's edition of the tournament in 2014. Belogorie Belgorod take the title for the first time event in the men's competition, which took place in Belo Horizonte, Brazil from May 5 to 10 while Dinamo Kazan took the top prize in the women's competition held in Zurich from May 7 to 11.

### **FIVB Volleyball Age Group World Championships**

The FIVB Age Group World Championships are held every two years with all four in action in 2013 with a new competition joining them – the FIVB Under 23 World Championships Open. Five countries, spanning four continents between welcomed the world's top teams in 2013. The Girls' Under 18 World Championship was held in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand, the Boys' Under 19 World Championship in Mexicali and Tijuana, Mexico, the Women's Under 20 World Championship in Brno, Czech Republic and the Men's Under 21 World Championship in Ankara and Izmir, Turkey. The cities of Mexicali and Tijuana in Mexico hosted the Women's Under 23 World Championship Open while the Men's Under 23 edition was staged in Uberlandia, Brazil. The first Under 20 and 21 World Championships were held in 1977 followed by the Under 18 and 19 World Championships, which were inaugurated in 1989. In the age group World Championships in 2013, Russia beat Brazil to claim their ninth gold medal at the Men's Under 21 World Championship while China beat Japan to claim their second Women's Under 20 World Championship title. Russia beat China to clinch the Boys' Under 19 World Championship crown and China defeated the USA to take the gold medal at the Girls' Under 18 World Championship. China won the inaugural Women's U23 World Championship Open that was held in Mexicali and Tijuana in Mexico, while Brazil took the title in the men's competition much to the delight of the home crowd in Uberlandia.

**Beach volleyball has an equally prolific annual calendar with its World Tour action. Complementing the yearly Grand Slam and Open competitions are the World Championships and age-group tournaments held every two years as well as the World Cup.**

## **FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour**

The FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour, first organised in 1989 with just three participating countries (Brazil, Japan and Italy), is now in its 25<sup>th</sup> season. The World Tour is an annual series of international beach volleyball tournaments for men and women, comprising the Grand Slam competitions sanctioned and promoted by the FIVB and its organisers as well as Open events, which aim to provide players more opportunity to participate at the international level.

A record \$10.2m in prize money, 10 Grand Slams, an inaugural FIVB Grand Slam Final and 10 Open tournaments are the highlights of a record-breaking 2014 beach volleyball calendar.

For the first time in FIVB history, two of the Grand Slams (The Hague and Long Beach) will have a prize pot of \$1m, while the other eight will feature a total purse of \$800,000 – nearly double the prize money of \$440,000 on offer for Grand Slams in 2013.



## **FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships**

Staged every two years, the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships feature the brightest stars of the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour, with 48 teams in each gender taking part. The 2013 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships took place in Stare Jablonki, Poland from July 1 to 7. Alexander Brouwer and Robert Meeuwse made history when they became the first Dutch pair to win gold in the men’s competition while China’s Chen Xue and Zhang Xi lived up to their billing as the tournament favourites when they topped the podium in the women’s competition.



## **FIVB Beach Volleyball Age Group World Championships**

The FIVB Beach Volleyball age-group World Championships provide an amazing opportunity for athletes to test themselves against the best in the world in their own age group. Along with the U19 and U21 World Championships, the FIVB Beach Volleyball Commission announced the introduction of the FIVB Beach Volleyball U23 World Championships for 2013.

For 2014, the FIVB administration announced that a fourth age-group World Championship will be held for the U17 age group in Acapulco, Mexico from July 15 to 20. This year the FIVB Beach Volleyball U23 World Championships will return to Myslowice, Poland from June 10 to 15, while the two long-standing U21 and U19 World Championships will be held in cities that have hosted other age group events in the past. The 2014 FIVB Beach Volleyball U21 World Championships will be held in Larnaka, Cyprus, with the

event set to take place from July 22 to 27. With this age group World Championship held every year since 2001, this will be the 14<sup>th</sup> annual U21 World Championships. The 2014 FIVB Beach Volleyball U19 World Championships will take place in Porto, Portugal on July 29 to August 3. First being held in 2002, this year will be the 13<sup>th</sup> annual U19 World Championships.



### Continental Cup and FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup

The ground breaking Beach Volleyball Continental Cup and the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup provided a new opportunity for countries to qualify for the Olympic Games, in addition to the 16 vacancies offered on the FIVB World Tour. The first edition of the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup was launched in 2010, building up to the London 2012 Olympic Games. A country versus country Olympic qualifying event, it was staged from June 25, 2010 to July 1, 2012 and disputed at the continental level (subzonal, zonal, final). The five winners of the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup – one from each Continent – qualified for the Olympic Games. The 2012 Beach Volleyball World Cup Final Olympic Qualification tournament took place in Moscow, Russia and offered two additional Olympic berths for countries which had not qualified through either the FIVB World Tour or the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup. The Continental Cup cycle ended with the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup Final,

which took place in Campinas, Brazil held from May 29 to June 2, 2013. Much to the delight of the home crowd Brazil took gold in both the men's and women's competition. Alison Cerutti and Emanuel Rego claimed men's gold and the title of the Continental Cup champions, while compatriots Maria Antonelli and Talita Da Rocha Antunes took the women's title. The next Continental Cup cycle will run from 2014 to 2016.



### Other Events

The FIVB is also responsible for developing and managing events such as Challenger, Satellite (whenever under the jurisdiction of the FIVB), Exhibitions and Country versus Country. These events have boomed in recent years and are the perfect platform for creating the next generation of sporting stars and personalities. Challenger and Satellite events are part of a successful FIVB and Confederations development program which aims to provide countries with the opportunity to promote an international event within a limited budget.



## WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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Year	Organiser	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year	Organiser	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2010	Tokyo (JPN)	RUS	BRA	JPN	1978	Leningrad (URS)	CUB	JPN	URS
2006	Osaka (JPN)	RUS	BRA	SCG	1974	Guadalajara (MEX)	JPN	URS	KOR
2002	Berlin (GER)	ITA	USA	RUS	1970	Varna (BUL)	URS	JPN	KOR
1998	Tokyo (JPN)	CUB	CHN	RUS	1967	Tokyo (JPN)	JPN	USA	KOR
1994	São Paulo (BRA)	CUB	BRA	RUS	1962	Moscow (URS)	JPN	URS	POL
1990	Beijing (CHN)	URS	CHN	USA	1960	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	URS	JPN	TCH
1986	Prague (TCH)	CHN	CUB	PER	1956	Paris (FRA)	URS	ROM	POL
1982	Lima (PER)	CHN	PER	USA	1952	Moscow (URS)	URS	POL	TCH

RANKINGS

Country	Nb part.	Results																Medal Total	Podium		
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Australia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Austria	2	-	15	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Azerbaijan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	
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Canada	7	-	-	-	-	-	11	14	11	15	14	-	-	17	-	21	-	-	-	-	
Chile	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
China	12	-	6	-	9	-	14	6	1	1	2	8	2	4	5	10	4	2	2	-	
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Costa Rica	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	17	-	-	-	-	
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Israel	1	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Italy	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	15	9	10	13	5	1	4	5	1	1	-	-	
Japan	14	-	-	2	1	1	2	1	2	4	7	8	7	8	13	6	3	7	3	3	

Country	Nb part.	Results														Medal			Podium		
		1952	1956	1960	1962	1967	1970	1974	1978	1982	1986	1990	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010	Total	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Kazakhstan	2															17	21	-	-	-	-
Kenya	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	13	21	21	21	-	-	-	-
Korea	11	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	4	7	8	5	4	9	6	13	13	-	-	-	2
Korea (DPR)	4		8		10		3					14						1			1
Luxembourg	1	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mexico	6	-	-	-	-	-	12	10	15	13	-	-	-	-	21	21	-	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	1	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	12	-	10	-	12	-	15	16	17	16	-	9	9	7	9	8	11	-	-	-	-
Nigeria	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paraguay	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peru	12	-	-	7	-	4	14	8	10	2	3	6	13	9	-	17	15	2	-	1	1
Philippines	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poland	10	2	3	4	3	-	9	9	11	-	-	-	-	-	13	15	9	3	-	1	2
Puerto Rico	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	17	-	-	-	-	10	15	17	-	-	-	-
Romania	7	5	2	-	5	-	7	5	-	-	-	-	13	-	13	-	-	1	-	1	-
Russia	5												3	3	3	1	1	5	2	-	3
Serbia	1																8	-	-	-	-
Serbia & Mont.	1															3		1	-	-	1
Spain	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thailand	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	17	-	13	-	-	-	-
Tunisia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	6	-	-	-	-
Ukraine	1												9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uruguay	1	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USA	14	-	9	6	-	2	11	12	5	3	10	3	6	13	2	9	4	4	-	2	2
USSR	10	1	1	1	2	-	1	2	3	6	6	1					8	5	2	1	
Yugoslavia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



## MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

HONOURS

Year	Organiser	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year	Organiser	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2010	Rome (ITA)	BRA	CUB	SRB	1974	Mexico City (MEX)	POL	URS	JPN
2006	Tokyo (JPN)	BRA	POL	BUL	1970	Sofia (BUL)	GDR	BUL	JPN
2002	Buenos Aires (ARG)	BRA	RUS	FRA	1966	Prague (TCH)	TCH	ROM	URS
1998	Tokyo (JPN)	ITA	YUG	CUB	1962	Moscow (URS)	URS	TCH	ROM
1994	Athens (GRE)	ITA	NED	USA	1960	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	URS	TCH	ROM
1990	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	ITA	CUB	URS	1956	Paris (FRA)	TCH	ROM	URS
1986	Paris (FRA)	USA	URS	BUL	1952	Moscow (URS)	URS	TCH	BUL
1982	Buenos Aires (ARG)	URS	BRA	ARG	1949	Prague (TCH)	URS	TCH	BUL
1978	Rome (ITA)	URS	ITA	CUB					

RANKINGS

Country	Nb part.	Results																Medal			Podium																		
		1949	1952	1956	1960	1962	1967	1970	1974	1978	1982	1986	1990	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010	Total	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>																	
Albania	1	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Algeria	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Argentina	10	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	22	3	7	6	13	11	6	13	9	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Australia	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	17	19	21	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Austria	2	-	-	20	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Belgium	6	9	-	17	-	14	8	11	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Brazil	15	-	-	11	5	10	13	12	9	6	2	4	4	5	4	1	1	1	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bulgaria	16	3	3	5	-	4	7	2	7	10	5	3	5	9	7	13	3	7	5	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cameroon	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Canada	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	20	11	-	12	9	12	17	11	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chile	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
China	12	-	-	9	-	9	9	-	15	7	7	12	-	13	13	15	17	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chinese Taipei	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Croatia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cuba	13	-	-	19	-	17	13	8	3	10	5	2	4	3	19	15	2	4	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Czechoslovakia	12	2	2	1	2	2	1	4	5	5	9	8	9	-	-	-	-	6	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Czech Republic	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	13	13	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denmark	1	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dominican Rep.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Egypt	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	23	-	14	-	19	19	21	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Finland	6	-	11	-	-	18	19	20	-	17	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
France	14	6	6	7	9	-	18	17	16	15	16	6	8	-	-	3	6	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Germany	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	9	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Germany (GDR)	7	-	-	12	-	11	4	1	4	9	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Germany (FRG)	2	-	-	24	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Greece	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	6	13	7	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Guinea	1	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Hungary	8	7	5	8	6	7	10	11	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
India	2	-	8	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Iran	4	-	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	21	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Iraq	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Israel	4	-	10	16	-	15	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

Country	Nb part.	Results																			Medal Podium			
		1949	1952	1956	1960	1962	1967	1970	1974	1978	1982	1986	1990	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010	Total	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Italy	15	8	-	14	-	14	16	15	19	2	14	11	1	1	1	5	5	4	4	3	1	-		
Japan	14	-	-	-	8	5	5	3	3	11	4	10	11	9	15	9	8	13	2	-	-	2		
Kazakhstan	2															19	21	-	-	-	-	-		
Korea	8	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	13	4	8	-	14	8	13	-	17	-	-	-	-	-		
Korea (DPR)	2				-	13	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Lebanon	1	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Libya	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Luxembourg	1	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Mexico	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	12	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-		
Mongolia	3	-	-	-	-	17	21	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Netherlands	11	10	-	13	-	12	12	14	12	16	-	-	7	2	6	9	-	-	1	-	1	-		
Panama	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Paraguay	1	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Peru	1	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Poland	15	4	7	4	4	6	6	5	1	8	6	9	-	-	17	9	2	13	2	1	1	-		
Portugal	2	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Puerto Rico	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13	-	-	-	-		
Romania	10	5	4	2	3	3	2	7	6	13	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	2	-		
Russia	5													7	5	2	7	5	1	-	1	-		
Serbia	1																	3	1	-	-	1		
Serbia & Mont.	1																4		-	-	-	-		
Spain	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	13	-	12	-	-	-	-		
Sweden	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Thailand	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Tunisia	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	18	24	21	-	-	-	-	19	15	19	-	-	-	-		
Turkey	3	-	-	22	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Ukraine	1														10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Uruguay	1	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
USA	14	-	-	6	7	-	11	18	14	19	13	1	13	3	9	9	10	6	2	1	-	1		
USSR	12	1	1	3	1	1	3	6	2	1	1	2	3					11	6	2	3			
Venezuela	10	-	-	-	10	-	-	23	21	21	19	16	16	-	-	17	17	19	-	-	-	-		
Yugoslavia	6	-	-	10	-	8	8	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4			1	-	1	-		



## WOMEN'S OLYMPIC GAMES

HONOURS

Year	Organiser	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year	Organiser	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2012	London (GBR)	BRA	USA	JPN	1984	Los Angeles (USA)	CHN	USA	JPN
2008	Beijing (CHN)	BRA	USA	CHN	1980	Moscow (URS)	URS	FRG	BUL
2004	Athens (GRE)	CHN	RUS	CUB	1976	Montreal (CAN)	JPN	URS	KOR
2000	Sydney (AUS)	CUB	RUS	BRA	1972	Munich (GER)	URS	JPN	PRK
1996	Atlanta (USA)	CUB	CHN	BRA	1968	Mexico (MEX)	URS	JPN	POL
1992	Barcelona (ESP)	CUB	CIS	USA	1964	Tokyo (JPN)	JPN	URS	POL
1988	Seoul (KOR)	URS	PER	CHN					

RANKINGS

Country	Nb part.	Results													Medal Total	Podium							
		1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>					
Algeria	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11	-	-	-	-				
Australia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Brazil	9	-	-	-	-	7	7	6	4	3	3	4	1	1	4	2	-	2					
Bulgaria	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1					
Canada	3	-	-	-	8	-	8	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
China	8	-	-	-	-	1	3	7	2	5	1	3	5	5	2	1	2						
Croatia	1														-	-	-	-					
Cuba	8	-	-	6	5	5	-	1	1	1	3	4	-	4	3	-	1						
Czechoslovakia	2	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	-							-	-	-	-				
Dominican Republic	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	5	-	-	-	-					
EUN	1														2	1	-	1	-				
Germany	3														-	8	6	9	-	-	-	-	
Germany (GDR)	3	-	-	-	6	2	-	5							1	-	1	-					
Germany (FRG)	2	-	-	8	-	-	6	-							-	-	-	-					
Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-					
Greece	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Hungary	3	-	-	5	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Italy	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-					
Japan	11	1	2	2	1	-	3	4	5	9	-	5	5	3	6	2	2	2					
Kazakhstan	1														-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	
Kenya	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Korea	10	6	5	4	3	-	5	8	-	6	8	5	-	4	1	-	-	1					
Korea (DPR)	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1					
Mexico	1	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Netherlands	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Peru	7	-	4	-	7	6	4	2	-	11	11	-	-	-	1	-	1	-					
Poland	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	2	-	-	2					
Romania	2	4	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Russia	5														4	2	2	5	5	2	-	2	-
Serbia	2														5	11	-	-	-	-	-		
Spain	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Turkey	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-					
Ukraine	1														11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
USA	10	5	8	-	-	-	2	7	3	7	4	5	2	2	4	-	3	1					
USSR	6	2	1	1	2	1	-	1							6	4	2	-					
Venezuela	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-					

**MEN'S OLYMPIC GAMES**

HONOURS	Year	Organiser	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year	Organiser	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	2012	London (GBR)	RUS	BRA	ITA	1984	Los Angeles (USA)	USA	BRA	ITA
	2008	Beijing (CHN)	USA	BRA	RUS	1980	Moscow (URS)	URS	BUL	ROU
	2004	Athens (GRE)	BRA	ITA	RUS	1976	Montreal (CAN)	POL	URS	CUB
	2000	Sydney (AUS)	YUG	RUS	ITA	1972	Munich (BRD)	JPN	FRG	URS
	1996	Atlanta (USA)	NED	ITA	YUG	1968	Mexico (MEX)	URS	JPN	TCH
	1992	Barcelona (ESP)	BRA	NED	USA	1964	Tokyo (JPN)	URS	TCH	JPN
	1988	Seoul (KOR)	USA	URS	ARG					

RANKINGS	Country	Nb part.	Results													Medal Total	Podium 1 <sup>st</sup>	Podium 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Podium 3 <sup>rd</sup>
			1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012				
	Algeria	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Argentina	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	8	4	5	-	5	1	-	-	1
	Australia	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	11	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
	Belgium	1	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Brazil	13	7	9	8	7	5	2	4	1	5	6	1	2	2	5	2	3	-
	Bulgaria	8	5	6	4	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	5	4	1	-	1	-
	Canada	3	-	-	-	9	-	4	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	China	2	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
	Cuba	6	-	-	10	3	7	-	-	4	6	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Czechoslovakia	5	2	3	6	5	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-
	Egypt	3	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	11	-	11	-	-	-	-	-
	EUN	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	France	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	11	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Germany	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	5	-	-	-	-
	Germany (GDR)	2	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
	Germany (FRG)	1	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-
	Greece	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hungary	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Italy	10	-	-	-	8	9	3	9	5	2	3	2	4	3	5	-	2	3
	Japan	8	3	2	1	4	-	7	10	6	-	-	-	11	-	3	1	1	1
	Korea	8	10	-	7	6	-	5	11	9	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Libya	1	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Mexico	1	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Netherlands	6	8	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	1	5	9	-	-	2	1	1	-
	Poland	8	-	5	9	1	4	-	-	-	11	-	5	5	5	1	1	-	-
	Romania	3	4	-	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Russia	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	3	3	1	4	1	1	2
	Serbia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	9	-	-	-
	Serbia & Montenegro	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
	Spain	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Sweden	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Tunisia	6	-	-	12	-	-	9	12	-	11	-	11	-	11	-	-	-	-
	USA	10	9	7	-	-	-	1	1	3	9	11	4	1	5	4	3	-	1
	USSR	6	1	1	3	2	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	2	1
	Venezuela	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
	Yugoslavia	3	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	Excl.	3	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	1

## WORLD GRAND PRIX

HONOURS

Year	Organiser	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2013	Sapporo (CHN)	BRA	CHN	SRB
2012	Ningbo (CHN)	USA	BRA	TUR
2011	Macau (CHN)	USA	BRA	SRB
2010	Ningbo (CHN)	USA	BRA	ITA
2009	Tokyo (JPN)	BRA	RUS	GER
2008	Yokohama (JPN)	BRA	CUB	ITA
2007	Ningbo (CHN)	NED	CHN	ITA
2006	Reggio Calabria (ITA)	BRA	RUS	ITA
2005	Sendai (JPN)	BRA	ITA	CHN
2004	Reggio Calabria (ITA)	BRA	ITA	USA
2003	Andria (ITA)	CHN	RUS	USA
2002	Hong Kong (CHN)	RUS	CHN	GER
2001	Macau (CHN)	USA	CHN	RUS
2000	Manila (PHI)	CUB	RUS	BRA
1999	Yu Xi (CHN)	RUS	BRA	CHN
1998	Hong Kong (CHN)	BRA	RUS	CUB

Year	Organiser	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1997	Kobe (JPN)	RUS	CUB	KOR
1996	Shanghai (CHN)	BRA	CUB	RUS
1995	Shanghai (CHN)	USA	BRA	CUB
1994	Shanghai (CHN)	BRA	CUB	CHN
1993	Hong Kong (HKG)	CUB	CHN	RUS



RANKINGS

Country	Nb part.	Results													Medal Total	Podium											
		'93	'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	'02	'03	'04	'05		'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Algeria	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-
Argentina	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	15	16	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	20	4	1	2	1	-	1	2	3	5	4	7	1	1	1	5	1	1	2	2	2	1	15	9	5	1	
Bulgaria	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-
Canada	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
China	21	2	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	2	2	1	5	3	5	2	5	5	4	8	5	2	9	1	5	3	
Chinese Taipei	4	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	12	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuba	19	1	2	3	2	2	3	5	1	4	7	11	4	4	4	7	2	-	-	11	6	19	8	2	4	2	
Czech Republic	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	
Dominican Rep.	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	11	8	11	9	11	8	12	12	10	-	-	-	-	
Germany	14	8	10	8	-	-	-	-	8	3	7	6	10	-	-	8	3	9	13	7	11	2	-	-	2		
Italy	15	-	8	-	-	6	5	4	7	-	-	5	2	2	3	3	3	-	3	7	10	5	6	-	2	4	
Japan	21	6	4	7	8	4	7	7	8	6	5	9	9	5	6	9	6	6	5	5	9	4	-	-	-	-	
Kazakhstan	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	12	-	-	15	-	17	-	-	-	-	
Korea	16	5	5	5	6	3	6	6	5	7	-	6	11	9	9	-	-	12	-	9	14	-	1	-	-	1	
Netherlands	10	-	9	-	7	7	-	8	-	-	-	4	-	6	-	1	-	4	7	-	-	12	1	1	-	-	
Peru	2	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Poland	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	7	12	6	10	7	6	10	8	15	-	-	-	-	
Puerto Rico	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	11	-	13	18	-	-	-	
Russia	17	3	7	6	3	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	7	-	2	4	-	2	-	4	-	7	11	3	5	3	
Serbia	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	11	3	2	-	-	2	-	
Thailand	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	9	10	12	11	-	11	8	10	6	4	13	-	-	-	-	-	
Turkey	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	3	8	1	-	-	1	
USA	20	7	6	1	5	8	8	-	6	1	6	3	3	8	7	8	4	9	1	1	1	6	7	5	-	2	

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

HONOURS

Year	Organiser	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2011	Various cities (JPN)	ITA	USA	CHN
2007	Various cities (JPN)	ITA	BRA	USA
2003	Various cities (JPN)	CHN	BRA	USA
1999	Various cities (JPN)	CUB	RUS	BRA
1995	Osaka (JPN)	CUB	BRA	CHN
1991	Osaka (JPN)	CUB	CHN	URS
1989	Nagoya (JPN)	CUB	URS	CHN
1985	Tokyo (JPN)	CHN	CUB	URS
1981	Osaka (JPN)	CHN	JPN	URS
1977	Tokyo (JPN)	JPN	CUB	KOR
1973	Montevideo (URU)	URS	JPN	KOR



RANKINGS

Country	Nb part.	Results											Medal Total	Podium			
		1973	1977	1981	1985	1989	1991	1995	1999	2003	2007	2011		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Algeria	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-
Argentina	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	9	9	-	8	6	-	8	2	3	2	2	5	4	-	3	1	1
Bulgaria	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada	4	7	-	-	-	8	10	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
China	9	-	4	1	1	3	2	3	5	1	-	3	7	3	1	3	3
Croatia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuba	10	5	2	6	2	1	1	1	1	6	4	-	6	4	2	-	-
Dominican Republic	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	9	8	-	-	-	-	-
Egypt	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany	2	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Germany (GDR)	1	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hungary	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	1	1	2	2	-	-	-
Japan	11	2	1	2	4	4	7	6	6	5	7	4	3	1	2	-	-
Kenya	4	-	-	-	-	-	12	11	-	-	12	12	-	-	-	-	-
Korea	11	3	3	5	7	7	6	5	4	9	8	9	2	-	-	2	-
Netherlands	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peru	8	4	5	-	5	5	5	10	10	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poland	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Serbia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	7	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	1	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thailand	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tunisia	2	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uruguay	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USA	9	6	7	4	-	-	4	7	9	3	3	2	3	-	1	2	2
USSR	6	1	8	3	3	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	1	3	3

## MEN'S WORLD CUP

HONOURS

Year	Organiser	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year	Organiser	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2011	Various cities (JPN)	RUS	POL	BRA	1989	Tokyo (JPN)	CUB	ITA	URS
2007	Various cities (JPN)	BRA	RUS	BUL	1985	Tokyo (JPN)	USA	URS	TCH
2003	Various cities (JPN)	BRA	ITA	SCG	1981	Tokyo (JPN)	URS	CUB	BRA
1999	Various cities (JPN)	RUS	CUB	ITA	1977	Tokyo (JPN)	URS	JPN	CUB
1995	Tokyo (JPN)	ITA	NED	BRA	1969	East Berlin (GDR)	GDR	JPN	URS
1991	Tokyo (JPN)	URS	CUB	USA	1965	Warsaw (POL)	URS	POL	TCH

RANKINGS

Country	Nb part.	Results										Medal		Podium				
		1965	1969	1977	1981	1985	1989	1991	1995	1999	2003	2007	2011	Total	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Algeria	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Argentina	5	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	7	9	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	11	-	6	8	3	4	5	6	3	5	1	1	3	5	2	-	3	-
Bulgaria	4	9	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	1
Cameroon	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada	4	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	10	8	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chile	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
China	6	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	9	11	10	-	11	-	-	-	-	-
Cuba	8	-	9	3	2	-	1	2	6	2	-	-	5	5	1	3	1	-
Czechoslovakia	3	3	5	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Egypt	6	-	-	11	-	8	-	-	11	-	12	10	12	-	-	-	-	-
France	2	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany (GDR)	2	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Germany (GDR) Jr.	1	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany (FRG)	1	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hungary	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iran	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	6	-	-	-	7	-	2	-	1	3	2	-	4	4	1	2	1	-
Japan	12	4	2	2	6	6	6	4	5	10	9	9	10	2	-	2	-	-
Korea	8	-	-	7	-	7	7	5	8	7	6	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mexico	2	-	-	9	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Poland	5	2	8	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	2	-	-
Puerto Rico	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Romania	2	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russia	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	3	2	1	-	-
Serbia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
Serbia & Montenegro	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Spain	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tunisia	7	-	11	-	8	-	-	8	12	12	11	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
USA	9	-	-	10	-	1	4	3	4	4	4	4	6	2	1	-	1	-
USSR	7	1	3	1	1	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	1	2	-
Venezuela	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yugoslavia	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

# OVERALL HONOURS

## RUSSIA

(USSR)



## BRAZIL



## ITALY



## CUBA



## USA



## SERBIA

(Serbia and Montenegro, Yugoslavia)



## CZECH REPUBLIC

(Czechoslovakia)



## NETHERLANDS



## JAPAN



## POLAND



## BULGARIA



## ROMANIA\*



## GERMANY

(GDR)



## FRANCE



## ARGENTINA



\* Team not participating in FIVB World League 2014

## FIVB VOLLEYBALL WORLD LEAGUE RECORDS

		ARG		AUS		BEL		BRA		BUL		CAN		CHN		CUB		CZE		ESP		FIN		FRA		GER		
		W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	
ARG	v			0	0	0	22	0	0	3	13	2	2	0	4	2	11	0	0	3	5	6	2	7	7	0	8	
AUS	v	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
BRA	v	22	0	0	0			0	0	18	3	14	3	1	0	12	11	1	0	17	5	15	1	16	4	10	2	
BEL	v	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
BUL	v	13	3	0	0	3	18	0	0			0	0	4	0	10	14	0	0	7	1	2	2	6	5	5	4	
CAN	v	2	2	0	0	3	14	0	0	0	0			0	0	1	7	0	0	1	3	5	5	1	3	4	0	
CHN	v	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0			3	6	0	0	2	6	4	0	1	7	0	0	
CUB	v	11	2	0	0	11	12	0	0	14	10	7	1	6	3			0	0	8	5	4	0	16	4	13	5	
CZE	v	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	
ESP	v	5	3	0	0	5	17	0	0	1	7	3	1	6	2	5	8	0	1			2	2	0	4	0	0	
FIN	v	2	6	0	0	1	15	0	0	2	2	5	5	0	4	0	4	0	0	2	2			0	0	0	0	
FRA	v	7	7	0	0	4	16	0	0	5	6	3	1	7	1	4	16	2	2	4	0	0	0			0	0	
GER	v	8	0	0	0	2	10	0	0	4	5	0	4	0	0	5	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
IRI	v	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
ITA	v	10	5	4	0	12	12	0	0	12	8	4	0	30	3	26	8	1	0	10	2	4	0	24	14	4	2	
JPN	v	0	4	0	0	1	12	0	0	2	14	0	2	17	9	0	12	0	4	0	0	2	0	3	13	4	4	
KOR	v	2	2	0	0	1	12	0	0	0	13	3	3	3	5	1	28	0	0	2	2	3	7	5	11	2	2	
MEX	v	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NED	v	4	0	0	0	7	15	0	0	6	12	9	5	11	2	14	22	0	0	2	4	5	1	6	2	15	1	
POL	v	18	2	4	0	8	21	0	0	7	5	4	0	7	1	3	4	0	0	5	3	4	4	4	5	1	3	
POR	v	5	15	0	0	1	19	0	0	0	4	1	1	1	1	0	8	0	0	1	3	4	6	1	3	2	6	
PUR	v	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
RUS	v	0	0	4	0	13	19	0	0	10	4	0	1	25	1	26	20	0	0	6	1	3	1	5	4	12	2	
SRB	v	11	6	0	0	3	15	0	0	3	4	3	1	11	1	16	9	1	0	4	1	2	2	12	7	1	1	
SVK	v	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TUN	v	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TUR	v	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
USA	v	1	1	0	0	9	26	0	0	3	8	0	0	6	2	4	2	0	0	9	3	7	1	8	7	6	3	

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# 2014 BEACH VOLLEYBALL CALENDAR

## WORLD TOUR GRAND SLAMS

APRIL 29 - MAY 4:	SHANGHAI, CHINA
JUNE 11-15:	MOSCOW, RUSSIA
JUNE 17-22:	BERLIN, GERMANY
JUNE 24-29:	STAVANGER, NORWAY
JULY 8-13:	GSTAAD, SWITZERLAND
JULY 15-20:	THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS
JULY 22-27:	LONG BEACH, USA
JULY 29 - AUGUST 3:	KLAGENFURT, AUSTRIA
AUGUST 19-24:	STARE JABLONKI, POLAND
SEPTEMBER 23-28:	TBC, BRAZIL

## WORLD TOUR OPENS

APRIL 22-27:	FUZHOU, CHINA
MAY 6-11:	PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO
MAY 21-25:	PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC (w)
MAY 27 - JUNE 1:	ANAPA, RUSSIA
OCTOBER 7-12:	XIAMEN, CHINA
OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 2:	PARANA, ARGENTINA
NOVEMBER 4-8:	DOHA, QATAR (M)
NOVEMBER 25-30:	CHENNAI, INDIA (w)
DECEMBER 3-7:	SAINT-DENIS, RÉUNION[*] (M)
DECEMBER 9-14:	DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

## U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNE 10-15:	MYSLOWICE, POLAND
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## U17 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 15-20:	ACAPULCO, MEXICO
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## U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 23-27:	LARNACA, CYPRUS
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## U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 29 - AUGUST 3:	PORTO, PORTUGAL
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## YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

AUGUST 17-27:	NANJING, CHINA
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\* = To be confirmed

(w) = Women (M) = Men (All other events are double-gender)

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# 2014 VOLLEYBALL CALENDAR

## MEN'S CLUB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

MAY 5-10:	BELO HORIZONTE, BRAZIL
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## WOMEN'S CLUB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

MAY 7 - 11:	ZURICH, SWITZERLAND
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## WORLD LEAGUE

MAY 23 - JULY 6:	INTERCONTINENTAL ROUND
JUNE 27-29:	FINAL ROUND (3 <sup>RD</sup> GROUP)
JULY 11-13:	WORLD LEAGUE FINAL ROUND (2 <sup>ND</sup> GROUP)
JULY 16-20:	FINAL ROUND (1 <sup>ST</sup> GROUP)

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## WORLD GRAND PRIX

JULY 25 - AUGUST 17:	PRELIMINARY ROUND
AUGUST 15-17:	FINAL ROUND (2 <sup>ND</sup> - 3 <sup>RD</sup> GROUP)
AUGUST 20-24:	FINAL ROUND (1 <sup>ST</sup> GROUP)

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## MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 21:	POLAND
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## WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 12:	ITALY
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# FIVB MEN'S WORLD RANKING (as per January 2014)



Rk	Teams	Points	+/- Rk. July 2013	Continental Championship 2013		World League 2013		Olympic Games 2012		World Cup 2011		World Championship 2010		
				Diff.	Rk.	Tot.	Rk.	Tot.	Rk.	Tot.	Rk.	Tot.	Rk.	Tot.
q 1	Brazil	345	0	↔	1	30	2	45	2	90	3	80	1	100
q 2	Russia	342	0	↔	1	30	1	50	1	100	1	100	5	62
q 3	Italy	286	0	↔	2	26	3	40	3	80	4	70	4	70
q 4	USA	183	1	↗	1	30	12	7	5	50	6	40	6	56
q 5	Poland	176	-1	↘	9	3	11	8	5	50	2	90	13	25
q 6	Bulgaria	173	3	↗	4	18	4	35	4	70			7	50
q 7	Cuba	171	-2	↘	3	22	13	6	wq1	3	5	50	2	90
q 7	Argentina	171	1	↗	2	26	6	25	5	50	7	30	9	40
q 9	Serbia	169	-2	↘	3	22	8	12	9	30	8	25	3	80
q 10	Germany	120	0	↔	6	10	7	15	5	50			8	45
q 11	Canada	79	0	↔	2	26	5	30	cq1	3			19	20
q 12	Iran	68	0	↔	1	30	9	10	cq1	3	9	5	19	20
q 13	Tunisia	66	2	↗	2	26			11	20			19	20
q 14	Australia	64	-2	↘	5	14			9	30			19	20
15	Egypt	63	-1	↘	1	30			cq1	3	12	5	13	25
q 16	France	59	2	↗	5	14	10	9	wq1	3			11	33
q 17	Japan	51	2	↗	4	18	18	1	cq2	2	10	5	13	25
q 18	China	49	-2	↘	3	22			cq3	2	11	5	19	20
19	Cameroon	45	-3	↘	4	18			cq2	2			13	25
q 20	Puerto Rico	45	0	↔	4	18			cq3	2			13	25
q 21	Korea	44	2	↗	2	26	15	4	cq4	1			AS-H3	13
q 22	Czech Republic	40	0	↔	16	2			wq2	2			10	36
q 22	Mexico	40	1	↗	5	14			cq4	1			13	25
24	Colombia	33	4	↗	3	22			cq2	2			SA-A2	9
q 25	Spain	32	0	↔	Eur-q2	1			cq4	1			12	30
26	Morocco	31	8	↗	3	22							AF-C3	9
27	Algeria	26	-1	↘	5	14			cq3	2			AF-D2	10
27	Chile	26	5	↗	4	18			cq3	2			SA-A3	6
29	Dominican Rep.	25	12	↗	6	10			cq5	1			NO-PO3	14
q 30	Finland	24	1	↗	8	5	16	3	cq6	1			EU-I3	15
31	Venezuela	23	-11	↘					cq1	3			19	20
q 31	The Netherlands	23	2	↗	10	3	14	5					EU-J3	15
31	Paraguay	23	3	↗	5	14							SA-B2	9
34	India	20	-4	↘	7	5			wq3	2			AS-G3	13
34	Thailand	20	14	↗	6	10							AS-G4	10
q 36	Slovakia	19	-10	↘	11	3			cq5	1			EU-K3	15
q 37	Belgium	18	4	↗	7	5							EU-I4	13
38	Slovenia	16	-1	↘	13	2			cq7	1			EU-K4	13
q 38	Portugal	16	-1	↘	Eur-q2	1	17	2					EU-J4	13
38	Romania	16	1	↗	Eur-2	1							EU-L3	15
41	Bahamas	15	12	↗	7	5							NO-H3	10
42	Estonia	14	-3	↘	Eur-q2	1							EU-L4	13
42	Panama	14	-1	↘									NO-PO4	14
44	Kazakhstan	13	4	↗	10	3							AS-H4	10
q 45	Turkey	12	3	↗	14	2							EU-F3	10
45	Chinese Taipei	12	8	↗	9	3							AS-F2	9
45	Belarus	12	8	↗	15	2							EU-E3	10
45	Guatemala	12	15	↗	9	3							NO-F4	9

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				Diff.	Rk.	Tot.	Rk.	Tot.	Rk.	Tot.	Rk.	Tot.	Rk.
49	Saint Lucia	11	4	➔	8	5						NO-D5	6
49	Qatar	11	4	➔	11	3						AS-E3	8
49	Denmark	11	19	➔	12	3						EU-G5	8
52	Pakistan	10	-11	➔				wq3	2			AS-D3	8
52	South Africa	10	-11	➔								AF-E2	10
52	Barbados	10	1	➔								NO-G3	10
52	Greece	10	8	➔	Eur-q3	1						EU-G4	9
52	Ukraine	10	8	➔	Eur-q2	1						EU-H4	9
52	Latvia	10	8	➔	Eur-q3	1						EU-F4	9
52	Croatia	10	8	➔	Eur-q3	1						EU-E4	9
52	Nigeria	10	8	➔								AF-C2	10
52	United Arab Emirates	10	22	➔	14	2						AS-F3	8
52	Libya	10	70	➔	6	10							0
62	Trinidad & Tobago	9	-28	➔				cq6	1			NO-C3	8
62	Costa Rica	9	-16	➔				cq7	1			NO-E3	8
62	Indonesia	9	-10	➔								AS-E2	9
62	Surinam	9	-2	➔								NO-H4	9
62	US Virgin Islands	9	-2	➔								NO-G4	9
62	Montenegro	9	6	➔	Eur-q2	1						EU-H5	8
62	Mauritius	9	6	➔								AF-E3	9
62	Kenya	9	6	➔								AF-D3	9
70	Botswana	8	-22	➔								AF-C4	8
70	Austria	8	-2	➔	Eur-q2	1						EU-C2	7
70	Jamaica	8	-2	➔								NO-D3	8
70	Mozambique	8	4	➔								AF-D4	8
70	Zimbabwe	8	4	➔								AF-E4	8
70	Albania	8	8	➔	Eur-q1	1						EU-D2	7
70	Oman	8	8	➔	19	1						AS-D4	7
77	El Salvador	7	-3	➔								NO-E4	7
77	Israel	7	1	➔	Eur-q2	1						EU-A2	6
77	Sweden	7	1	➔	Eur-q2	1						EU-B2	6
77	Neth. Antilles	7	1	➔								NO-C4	7
77	Tonga	7	1	➔								AS-F4	7
77	New Zealand	7	1	➔								AS-A2	7
77	Bangladesh	7	1	➔								AS-E4	7
77	Haiti	7	1	➔								NO-D4	7
85	Uruguay	6	-32	➔								SA-B3	6
85	Honduras	6	-7	➔								NO-E6	6
85	Nicaragua	6	-7	➔								NO-E5	6
85	Antigua & Barbuda	6	-7	➔								NO-C6	6
85	Moldova	6	-7	➔								EU-D3	6
85	Bosnia Herzeg.	6	-7	➔								EU-C3	6
85	Hungary	6	7	➔	Eur-q2	1						EU-C4	5
85	Maldives	6	7	➔								AS-B3	6
85	Cayman Islands	6	7	➔								NO-D6	6
85	Aruba	6	7	➔								NO-C5	6
85	Samoa Islands	6	7	➔								AS-A3	6
96	Saint Kitts	5	-4	➔								NO-B2	5

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				Diff.	Rk.	Tot.	Rk.	Tot.	Rk.	Tot.	Rk.	Tot.	Rk.
96	Dominica	5	-4	🔴								NO-A2	5
96	Anguilla	5	-4	🔴								NO-A3	5
96	St Vincent & Gren.	5	-4	🔴								NO-A3	5
96	Grenada	5	-4	🔴								NO-A5	5
96	Belize	5	-4	🔴								NO-E7	5
96	Azerbaijan	5	-4	🔴								EU-D4	5
96	Norway	5	8	🔵								EU-B3	5
96	British V. Islands	5	8	🔵								NO-B4	5
96	Macau	5	8	🔵								AS-B4	5
96	Ecuador	5	8	🔵								SA-B4	5
96	Bolivia	5	8	🔵								SA-A4	5
96	Malawi	5	8	🔵								AF-B4	5
96	Fiji Islands	5	8	🔵								AS-A4	5
96	Bermuda	5	8	🔵								NO-A4	5
96	Montserrat	5	8	🔵								NO-B5	5
96	Lebanon	5	26	🔵	8	5							
113	Bahrain	3	9	🔵	12	3							
114	Sri Lanka	2	-10	🔴	15	2							
114	Uzbekistan	2	0	🟢	16	2							
114	Iraq	2	8	🔵	13	2							
117	Afghanistan	1	-3	🔴	20	1							
117	Ghana	1	0	🟢				cq4	1				
117	Luxembourg	1	0	🟢	Eur-q1	1							
117	FYR Macedonia	1	0	🟢	Eur-q2	1							
117	Myanmar	1	5	🔵	18	1							
117	Cyprus	1	5	🔵	Eur-q1	1							
117	Saudi Arabia	1	5	🔵	21	1							
117	Kuwait	1	5	🔵	17	1							
117	Switzerland	1	5	🔵	Eur-q1	1							
117	Andorra	1	5	🔵	Eur-q1	1							
127	Rep. of the Congo	0	-81	🔴									
127	Turkmenistan	0	-13	🔴									
127	Curaçao	0	-10	🔴									
127	Georgia	0	-10	🔴									
127	Gabon	0	-5	🔴									
127	Rwanda	0	-5	🔴									
127	Peru	0	-5	🔴									
127	Vietnam	0	-5	🔴									
127	Philippines	0	-5	🔴									
127	Hong Kong	0	-5	🔴									
127	England	0	-5	🔴									
127	Sudan	0	-5	🔴									
127	Jordan	0	-5	🔴									
127	Scotland	0	-5	🔴									
127	Uganda	0	-5	🔴									
127	Eritrea	0	-5	🔴									
127	Northern Ireland	0	-5	🔴									



**The FIVB's medical and anti-doping programme focuses on education, ways to keep the sport of volleyball clean and the protection of athletes' and referees' health.**

The FIVB developed an online anti-doping programme – 'FIVB Play Clean' – to educate volleyball, beach volleyball athletes and medical officials on their rights and responsibilities. The programme also provides guidance on healthy lifestyle attitudes in order to deter athletes from doping. The course exists in several languages and so far more than 7,000 users have completed the programme.

The FIVB's anti-doping programme seeks to preserve the spirit of volleyball and beach volleyball while maintaining the ideals of ethics, fair play and honesty as well as the athletes' health. As doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport, one of the FIVB's goals is to keep the playing field clean and level. To this end, the FIVB conducts regular

and random anti-doping tests and has an extensive testing programme in place, both during and out-of-competition.

As the FIVB is committed to the protection of its athletes' health, it has established several programmes, ranging from injury prevention to heat stress. The FIVB has focused primarily on the prevention of injuries and illness, the reduction of long-term disability through proper diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation, and ways of maintaining volleyball as a drug-free sport. FIVB studies have been published in renowned sport medicine journals.

For more information, please visit the medical section on [www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org).



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## MEDIA ACCREDITATION

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Once registered, journalists will receive a log in and password to maintain their online details as well as apply for accreditation for FIVB tournaments. For more details visit <http://www.fivb.org/en/media>.



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Media representatives who are not yet registered with the FIVB via the online accreditation system will not be able to apply for accreditation until they have completed the registration procedure via the online system here below, and their registration has been accepted by the FIVB.

**ALREADY AN FIVB MEDIA CLUB MEMBER?**  
Click on the login button below to access your personal account and apply for accreditation.

**Login**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES**  
Click [here](#) to read the FIVB Terms and Conditions for all media representatives applying for accreditation for an FIVB event.

**USER REFERENCE GUIDE**  
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## Social Media and the FIVB World League

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For more information, please see page 205.

## Media Channels Links

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## SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE FIVB WORLD LEAGUE

It is now easier than ever to keep on top of all the tournament news through the FIVB's online and social media channels.

### FIVB.org

The official FIVB website provides detailed coverage of the competition of the FIVB World League through live scoring, live streaming, photo slideshows and detailed match information.

### Twitter

Join the FIVB Twitter channel for up-to-the-minute information on each match during the FIVB World League. Tweets will be brought to you by the FIVB editorial team, the national federation press officers and athletes.



### Facebook

Feel the excitement of the tournament through the FIVB Facebook page, which connects volleyball fans from around the world, and helps to enhance the spectator experience.

### YouTube

Check out the FIVB YouTube video channel for exclusive interviews with volleyball stars and other behind-the-scenes footage of the FIVB World League.

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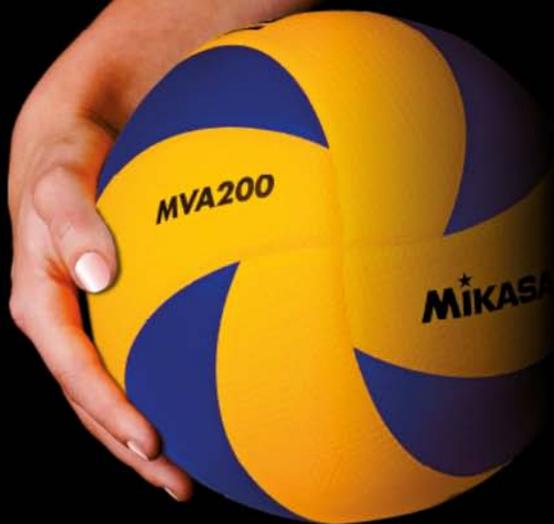
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