



Beach Tour 2026-2027

Tournament Manual

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Regulations

1. Team Registrations

- Teams must be registered by the designated registration date.
- Registration priority will be by a first in basis
- Championships entry will be by a points basis

2. Team Composition

A team is made up of 2 players. Changes to the team composition after the registration deadline will only be allowed under exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Tournament Director.



3. Uniforms

- Playing tops should be numbered 1 & 2. (numbers not required)
- The team must wear matching uniforms during matches. The pair can choose to play in either singlets, crop tops, shorts, or bikini bottoms, decided before each game.
- Shorts and bottoms must match in design or color/shade.

4. Net Height

- **Open Men:** 2.43m
- **Open Women:** 2.24m

5. Match Ball

- Only the official VNZ match ball (Mikasa VLS300) will be used for matches.
- Three match balls per court will be provided.

6. Set Format

- All matches will be best of 3 sets (2 sets to 21, 3rd set to 15) with a 2-point advantage in all sets.
- Adjustments to match length may be made by the organizers to meet draw requirements.
- End switch every 7 points in sets to 21 and every 5 points in sets to 15.
- No cap.

7. Match Protocol

- Teams must be present at the court at least 10 minutes before their match.
- Teams will have a minimum of 5 minutes warm-up with balls on their side of the court.
- Teams will then have 5 minutes warm-up together at the net.
- Matches may be moved to a different court at the organizer's discretion.

8. Coaching

- Coaching is allowed and encouraged before and after the game.
- Coaching during the game is only allowed between sets and during timeouts (including medical).
- Encouragement to players is allowed at any time as long as it does not include coaching instructions.
- Referees will supervise and enforce these rules. Timeouts can only be called by the team captain.



9. Match/Set Defaults

- Any team not ready to take the court (2 players) at the scheduled start time will lose the first set by default.
- If the team is not present 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, the match is forfeited.
- Extenuating circumstances will be considered by the Tournament Director to delay or reschedule a match if warranted.
- All defaults must be handled with a tournament official. Duty teams cannot decide on defaults without informing the tournament office.

10. Official Protest

- The Team Captain must immediately notify the 1st Referee of any protest.
- The match will be frozen, and the Court Controller will notify the Tournament Director or Referee Delegate.
- If the protest cannot be resolved by the Referee Delegate/Tournament Director, a Disputes Committee will be formed. The committee may include the Tournament Director, Tournament Controllers, and an independent party.
- The Disputes Committee's decision is final.

11. Duty

- Each team is required to provide a first referee and a second referee/scorer.
- Failure to properly complete duty will result in a default of a match.
- Teams must supply their own whistles.

12. Adult Duty Responsibilities

- Duty teams should be aware of the whereabouts of the Association's head of delegation. The head of delegation should be the first point of contact if a duty team feels out of their depth. If a solution cannot be found, they should support the duty team and inform the tournament staff if needed.



13. Pool Rankings

Rankings will be determined as follows, in order of priority:

- **Number of Victories:** Teams will be classified in descending order by the number of matches won.
- **Set Quotient:** In case of a tie in matches won, teams will be classified by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of sets won by the number of sets lost.
- **Points Quotient:** If still tied, teams will be classified by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total points lost during all sets involving the tied teams.
- If the tie persists, a new classification of these teams' point quotient will be made to include all pool matches. If still tied, the team that won the last game between the tied teams will be ranked higher.

14. Player and Coach Behaviour

Players and coaches are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and appropriate behavior at all times.

15. Ranking Points

In each event of the Beach Tour, teams will earn ranking points based on their final placement. The points awarded are outlined in the table below:

Placement	Points
1st	100
2nd	90
3rd	70
4th	65
5th	60
6th	55
7th	50
8th	45
9th	40
10th	35

