



Competition Format and Rules

Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Competition Format

The beach volleyball program at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games consists of a men's and women's tournament:

| Men's medal events: one | Women's medal events: one |
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| Twelve teams | Twelve teams |

Competition format:

A total of 48 athletes, 24 men and 24 women, take part, with numbers limited to two players per team – 12 teams in each competition.

The tournament consists of two phases: pool play in the preliminary phase and the second phase in single elimination format.

The teams in each gender will be seeded into pools, with the top teams advancing to the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals. Teams will be placed into three pools of four teams each. Within each pool, all teams will play each other (three matches per team/six matches per pool).

Competition progression

Ranking:

The ranking of teams within their pools will be determined by the total number of match points, with the following points awarded per match to each team:

- Match won = two points
- Match lost = one point
- Match forfeited = zero points

Following the completion of the preliminary phase, the following rules will be used to populate the final phase brackets:

- Teams will be ranked in their pool according to their total number of match points
- In the case of two or more teams having equal total match points, refer to tiebreak rules
- The top-two teams in each pool, along with the two best ranked third teams will progress to the final phase
- A draw will take place to determine the bracket of the final phase

Single elimination:

Following preliminary (pool play) phase, teams progress to a single elimination phase.

Note: in the quarterfinals of the single elimination phase, no team can play a team from their same pool from the preliminary phase.

- First in each pool to be allocated positions 1 -3 (i.e. First Pool A=1 First B=2, First C=3)
- Draw one: Second in each pool to be drawn for positions four, five and six. Teams to be drawn down the bracket, not by position number
- Draw two: for positions 7 – 8 from best two ranked teams (by point ratio) from third ranked team in each pool teams to be drawn down the bracket, not by position number.



During the preliminary phase:

Between two teams:

- The team with the higher rally point ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool, will be ranked higher
- If still tied, then the teams will share the same rank

Between three teams:

- If three teams are tied by Match points, their ranking is determined by the rally point ratio in the matches between the three tied teams
- If still tied, then the tied teams are ranked by the rally point ratio between all teams in the pool
- If still tied, then the teams will share the same rank

Between four teams:

- The ranking is determined by the rally point ratio between all teams in the pool
- If still tied, then the teams will share the same rank

At the end of the preliminary phase:

Between two teams:

- The team with the higher rally point ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool, will be ranked higher
- If still tied, then the team with the better head-to-head win is ranked higher

Between three teams:

- If three teams are tied by points, their ranking is determined by the rally point ratio in the matches between the three tied teams
- If still tied, then the tied teams are ranked by the rally point ratio between all teams in the pool
- If still tied, then the ranking is determined by which team is seeded highest

Penalties/disqualification rules:

In accordance with FIVB official rules.