



2012 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Beach Regulations (previously known as USA Beach Volleyball Rules), as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).

2. TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

a. Two pools in men's competition and two pools in women's competition playing a single round-robin within each pool. Top three teams from each pool will advance to bracket play with the number one team from each pool granted a bye. Team number two from pool A will play team number three from pool B.

b. Two of three set wins in a match constitute a win. A set is won by the team that first scores 21 points with a minimum lead of two points. In the case of a 1-1 tie, the deciding set is played to 15 points with a minimum lead of 2 points.

c. There are NO substitutes or replacement of players.

d. Each team is entitled to a maximum of one time-out per set.

e. In sets 1 and 2 one additional 30-second "technical" time out will be automatically allocated when the sum of points scored by each team equals 21 points.

f. Prior to the match, teams will share a 5 minute warm-up period on the court.

NOTE: Format subject to change based on the number of Service entries.

3. SCORING AND SCOREKEEPING: IAW current USA Beach Volleyball DCR Regulations.

4. DRAW: Open draw for pool positions will be conducted at the Organizational Meeting. Number one and number two Service teams will not be placed in the same pool. Example: If Army #1 draw Pool A, Army #2 will automatically be placed in Pool B.

5. TIE- BREAKER POLICY: Breaking a tie at the conclusion of match pool play for placement in a bracket, is determined by:

a. Two teams tied and two teams advance:

* Head-to-head results (based on matches won, NOT sets won).

b. Three teams tied and two teams advance (3-way-tie for 1st) in priority order:

(1) Overall set winning percentage.

(2) Overall point differential.

(3) Coin toss.

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(4) Then the top seed advances automatically, while the two remaining teams play one 15 point set with the winner advancing.

c. Three teams tied and one team advances (3-way-tie for 2nd) in priority order.

(1) Overall set winning percentage.

(2) Overall point differential.

(3) Coin toss.

(4) There will be two 15 point tie-breakers sets. The second and third seeded teams play the first set. The winner then plays the top seeded team in the second tie-breaker. This winner then advance to bracket play as the two seed.

6. GAME BALL: FIVB specified for both men and women.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

a. Day One Beach Personnel Arrive (Teams and Officials)

Beach Organizational Meeting*

*NOTE: Team entries (not names of team members) will be declared at the Indoor Organizational Meeting. See Indoor Volleyball Procedures. Schedule will be completed once teams are declared.

b. Day Two First Day of Beach Play

c. Day Three Second Day of Beach Play

d. Day Four Final Day of Beach Play and Awards Ceremony**

** Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependant on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ceremony.

e. Day Five Beach Personnel Depart

8. TEAM STANDINGS: Final team standings are determined by results of Semi-Final Bracket play. NOTE: All four Service Branches may not be represented in final four standings.

9. AWARDS:

a. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the entire team composition) receives individual awards.

b. Team: No team trophy is presented.

c. All-Tournament: No teams are selected

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10. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Combined Men and Women Service Roster not to exceed 9 individuals:

Women's #1 Team: 2 players

Women's #2 Team: 2 players

Men's #1 Team: 2 players

Men's #2 Team: 2 players

*1 Coach (for all four teams)

*The coach may sit in the player's box; however, he/she cannot give signals, call plays, or even cheer. The coach can only talk to players in between sets. If both Service teams are playing, the coach must determine which player's box he/she will sit in.

11. ROSTERS: Rosters will be finalized at the Organizational Meeting.

12. UNIFORMS: Uniform tops should be numbered 1 and 2 for each team in accordance with FIVB Beach Volleyball Rules (www.fivb.org). Tops are mandatory for men's play.

13. FORMS AND ROSTERS:

a. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form for consideration of selection to the Armed Forces Team. All Higher Advancement Forms must be submitted by the Officer in Charge of the respective Service at or before the organizational meeting at the Armed Forces Championship.

b. All delegation members of the U.S. Armed Forces Team advancing must sign the Armed Forces Sports Code of Conduct prior to the start of training camp or departure to higher level competition if a training camp is not conducted. Team Captains shall hold the signed code of conduct forms until the conclusion of the championship, or until all related actions of the championship are finalized.

14. ALCOHOL POLICY: There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. More restrictive installation policies in regards to alcohol will take precedence.

15. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS: If there is a violation of the SOP or specific sport rule, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game.