



Volleyball Canada Internal Nomination Procedures (INP) for Beach Volleyball at the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games

Preliminary Information

The following is a summary of the PASO Qualification System (QS) (See Appendix A). In the event of a discrepancy between this INP and the QS, the QS will prevail. In the event of changes by PASO to the selection and eligibility criteria, Volleyball Canada is bound by these changes and will inform its membership as soon as possible.

- The Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games will be held from October 21-27, 2023.
- The three best placed teams per gender on the FIVB World Ranking on June 30, 2023 that are not already qualified for Santiago 2023 (CUB & BRA men plus PUR & BRA Women have already qualified) shall earn a Santiago 2023 berth for their National Federation.
- After the top three National Federations from the FIVB World Ranking are determined above then the top 5 National Federations per gender on the NORCECA Continental Ranking shall earn a Santiago 2023 berth.
- Six other teams per gender will fill out the 16-team draw with the Host Country (Chile) and the top 5 CSV National Federations not in the three best teams on the FIVB World Ranking from above.
- A National Federation cannot enter more than one team per gender.

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Athlete Eligibility

In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for Olympic or Pan-Am Team selection, all athletes must:

1. Be Canadian Citizens (this refers to Rule 42 of the Olympic Charter and the Regulations of the Pan American Games).
2. Have a Canadian Passport valid until May 8, 2024.
3. Be a member in good standing of Volleyball Canada.
4. Be in compliance with all relevant FIVB and PASO requirements for eligibility.
5. Sign, submit and comply with the COC athlete agreement and Santiago 2023 Conditions of Participation form no later than September 15, 2023.

Team Selection

- Volleyball Canada will nominate one male beach volleyball team and one female beach volleyball team.
- Volleyball Canada will assign a Team Leader (On-site decision-making authority) and Team coaches and staff (Therapist, Performance Analyst...etc.) in order to support the teams at the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games

(Subject to COC Approval). Pending the accreditation allocation from the COC, it is possible that not all selected support team will have full access to the field of play and/or Pan American Games Village.

- Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games Beach Volleyball Team Selection Criteria:
 - a. The top team in terms of best four results (determined by accumulation of FIVB Points) on the Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour (Elite 16, Challenge and Future events) between January 1, 2023, and September 10, 2023 will be offered the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games Berth.
 - b. Should the top team from point a. above decline the selection to the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games team, the second team in terms of best four Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour (Elite 16, Challenge and Future events) between January 1, 2023 and September 10, 2023 will be offered the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games Berth.
 - c. Should the second team from point b. above decline the selection to the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games team the third team in terms of best four Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour (Elite 16, Challenge and Future events) between January 1, 2023 and September 10, 2023 will be offered the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games Berth.
 - d. Should any of the top three teams be tied in terms of best four Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour (Elite 16, Challenge and Future events) between January 1, 2023 and September 10, 2023 (From points a., b. and c. above) the following tie-breaking criteria shall be used in the order listed:
 1. Total 2023 FIVB World Tour points between January 1, 2023, and September 10, 2023.
 2. Draw.
 - e. If the top three teams from point a., b., and c. above each decline the selection to participate in the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games then Volleyball Canada will award the berth based on international potential as determined by the Volleyball Canada Beach High Performance Director after consultation with the VC Beach High Performance Manager and the VC Beach Next Gen Coaches.
- Deadline for Volleyball Canada to submit the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games selected beach volleyball teams and support staff to the Canadian Olympic Committee: **September 26, 2023**

Injury Clause:

- Each athlete from the selected teams (2 female athletes and 2 male athletes) shall designate a replacement partner should their partner suffer an injury on or after September 29, 2023 that prevents them from taking part in the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games. The replacement partner has to be a member of one of the top three teams from point a., b., and c. above.
- All changes after nomination to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. After September 29, 2023 all changes are also subject to PASO's Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Appeals

If an athlete wishes to appeal a decision from Volleyball Canada's Internal Nomination Procedures for Beach Volleyball at the Santiago 2023 Pan Am games, the appeal will be dealt with as outlined in the Volleyball Canada Appeals Policy, found on the Volleyball Canada website at the following link:

<https://www.volleyball.ca/en/about/governance/policies>

If both parties are in agreement, the Volleyball Canada Appeals Policy can be bypassed, and the matter brought directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will then manage the appeal.

Language

Where there is a discrepancy between the French and the English versions of this document then the English version shall prevail.