



2010 World Championship 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Tournaments in 2008/2009

Specific Competition Regulations (as per 16th Jan.09)

(The FIVB reserves the right to update these regulations as and when required)

These Specific Competition Regulations for the 2010 World Championship 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournaments in 2008/2009 should be read in conjunction with the appropriate 'Specific 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournament Schedule.'

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1. ORGANIZER

The organization of 2010 World Championship 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournaments in 2008/2009 has been entrusted to National Federations affiliated to the FIVB (or other organizations as approved by the FIVB).

[*>>>Please refer to Specific 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournament Schedule.*](#)

2. COMPETITION CALENDAR AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The general competition calendar for each 2010 World Championship 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournament in 2008/2009 will be as follows adjusting to the number of competition days for the specific group (3 days, 4 days or 5 days):

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Competition days</u>
-3 days from competition (-3d)	Arrival of FIVB Technical Delegate (if assigned)
-2 days from competition (-2d)	Arrival of FIVB International Referees Joint FIVB Technical Delegate/OC Meeting Technical Delegate Inspection - Hotel Technical Delegate Inspection - Competition Hall Technical Delegate Inspection - Training Gym(s) Arrival of Teams Preliminary Enquiry (teams hotel) Training
-1 day from competition (-1d)	Refereeing and VIS Clinics Morning - Theoretical part Afternoon - Practical Part + VIS clinic Final Inspection visit of the Competition Hall Training General Technical Meeting (teams hotel)
Competition Day 1 (d1)	Joint FIVB TD/OC Meeting (morning - officials hotel) Day 1 – Competition (round robin) 2 matches
Competition Day 2 (d2)	Joint FIVB TD/OC Meeting (morning - officials hotel) Day 2 – Competition (round robin) 2 matches
Competition Day 3 (d3)	Joint FIVB TD/OC Meeting (morning - officials hotel) Day 3 – Competition (round robin) 2 matches
Competition Day 4 (d4)	Joint FIVB TD/OC Meeting (morning - officials hotel) Day 4 – Competition (round robin) 2 matches
Competition Day 5 (d5)	Joint FIVB TD/OC Meeting (morning - officials hotel) Day 5 – Competition (round robin) 2 matches
+1 day after competition (d6)	Departure of FIVB Officials, Referees and Teams

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3. HOST CITY, HALLS, AIRPORT AND HOTELS

3.1 City

3.2 Competition Hall

3.3 Airport of arrival and departure

3.4 Hotels for Officials and Participants

[>>>Please refer to Specific 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournament Schedule.](#)

4. PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- 4.1 The 2010 FIVB World Championship 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournaments in 2008/2009 are open to the National Teams of those National Volleyball Federations that are affiliated to the FIVB and respect their obligations and financial responsibilities with regard to the FIVB and their Confederations and have sent to FIVB the Official Entry for the 2010 World Championships according to FIVB Regulations.
- 4.2 The players must have the nationality of the country they represent, justifying it by means of a passport or other authentic document.
- 4.3 Naturalized players through a change of federation of origin must have been proven resident in the country of their new nationality for not less than two years (up to the opening day of the competition) from the date of issue of the official document granting the new citizenship. They are only eligible to play for the national team of the new country two years after the FIVB Board of Administrations authorization.

Only one naturalized player having previously played for another National Team of the same category can be a part of a team.

- 4.4 Once the passports or other legal documents have been checked and accepted by FIVB Technical Delegate, the Organizer will issue the ID/accreditation cards valid for the respective 2010 FIVB World Championship 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournament.
- 4.5 Three to five teams will participate in any decisive 2010 FIVB World Championship 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournament.

[>>>Please refer to Specific 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournament Schedule.](#)

4.6 Substitution of teams

4.6.1 If a National Federation declares the non-participation of its duly qualified team or simply does not send its National Entry Form before the deadline of the Championship (Section I, Art. 4.9 of the FIVB Sports Regulations for International Volleyball Competitions), the team will be replaced only by the one directly following it in the classification of the competition in which the defaulting team obtained its qualification except when the FIVB Board of Administration decides otherwise (Section I, Art. 4.9.1 SR).

4.6.2 If a National Federation(s) withdraws its team(s) from the competition after having entered it within the deadline, the team will be replaced by one designated by the FIVB after consultation with the Organisers (Section I, Art. 4.9.2 SR)

- 4.7 Teams may change up to two players registered on the O-2 form, due to medical reasons, upon presentation of a medical certificate (which includes a medical

diagnosis) to the FIVB and the organizers, within 21 days before the start of the competition. The change of players will be subject to final FIVB approval.

- 4.8 Teams may change up to two players registered on the O-2bis form, due to medical reasons or force majeure duly proven, in the period between the Preliminary Enquiry and the General Technical Meeting. In this case, the new player must have been listed on the O-2 form and can play at any moment upon arrival after having been accredited by the Organizing Committee. The expenses incurred in changing the players are at full cost to the National Federation. No changes will be allowed after the commencement of the General Technical Meeting.
- 4.9 Twelve players are compulsory for all FIVB competitions.

5. **ENTRIES, TEAM INFORMATION**

- 5.1 Each team must submit electronically via the VIS (Volleyball Information System) its required team information in accordance with instructions circulated to each National Federation. The reports generated from the VIS system (including the team member application **O-2 form** with 19 players must be signed and sent to the FIVB and to the Organiser. The team biography also needs to be electronically submitted via the VIS.
- 5.2 Each team must upload the players' portrait photos, the team photo, team official portrait photos, coach portrait photo and action photos via the web-registration. All photos need to have a minimum 300dpi resolution.

[>>>Please refer to Specific 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournament Schedule.](#)

- 5.3 **During the Preliminary Enquiry**, each participating team must submit its final list of 12 (twelve) players (**O-2 bis form**). These 12 players must be chosen from among the 19 players indicated in the **O-2 form**. The Technical Delegate/Supervisor must fax to the FIVB, the **O-2 bis forms** immediately after the Preliminary Enquiry and send all original documentation to the FIVB together with the Final Report.
- 5.4 Publicity on uniforms will be allowed without fee for **1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff round events** only, in accordance with the FIVB Regulations and subject to FIVB approval.

A fee will be required and must be paid by the participating team's National Federation to the FIVB for the right to have publicity on uniforms during the 2010 World Championships in Italy (Men) and Japan (Women)

[>>>Please refer to Specific 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournament Schedule. for exact dates.](#)

6. **COMPETITION SYSTEM**

The competition system for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff round tournaments will be a single round robin format without playoff unless otherwise approved by FIVB.

7. DRAWING OF LOTS & DISTRIBUTION OF TEAMS

The drawing of lots to determine the groups for the 2010 World Championship 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff round tournaments was conducted on [29 September 2008 in Torino, Italy](#)

8. ORDER OF MATCHES AND ORGANIZER'S RIGHTS

- 8.1 The daily timetable of matches is fixed by the FIVB considering a proposal by the Organizer to be received by the FIVB as per dates notified (together with the training schedule).

[>>>Please refer to Specific 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournament Schedule for exact dates.](#)

- 8.2 The Organizer has the right to change the timetable and order of matches for TV broadcasting reasons with the approval of the FIVB. Each team must be informed of the timetable changes at least 24 hours before the match.

9. CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

- 9.1 By the number of points gained among teams during the Round-Robin.

9.1.1 The following points will be gained by each team:

Match won	2 points
Match lost	1 point
Match forfeited	0 points

9.1.2 In the case of matches won and loss by two or more teams (match points) the points ratio (points quotient) instead of the set ratio (set quotient) will be applied to establish the final ranking. FIVB Sports Regulations, Section I, art 8.3.

- 9.2 If a team voluntarily declares its forfeit or is not in condition to start the match on time, the team will be sanctioned in accordance with the FIVB Code of Conduct Art. 4.3.5.1.
- 9.3 The teams that will qualify for the 2010 World Championship Final Rounds will be as described in Article 25 'Distribution of Vacancies'.

10. CONDUCTING OF THE COMPETITIONS

10.1 The 2010 World Championship 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff round tournaments will be conducted by the FIVB Technical Delegate as a representative of the FIVB President. Should a FIVB Technical Delegate not be able to do its tasks, then the President of the National Federation of the host country will act as the FIVB President's representative.

10.2 International Referees one from each participating team (approved by FIVB upon proposal of the respective Confederation and one neutral International Referee

appointed by the FIVB upon proposal of the respective Confederation will officiate in the 2010 FIVB World Championship 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff round tournaments in 2008/2009.

11. MEDICAL SERVICES AND CONTROL

- 11.1 All players are obliged to present a health certificate (**M-3 form**, called **M-4** before the 01/01/09) issued no more than two months before the competition by the competent authority in their country in which the health of the competitor and the absence of signs of use, or the lack of equipment to detect the use of forbidden substances is clearly stated. This health certificate must be countersigned by the National Federation and the competitor who thus both take the responsibility for the validity of such certificate.
- 11.2 Antidoping control may be conducted under the supervision of the FIVB Medical Delegate in accordance with the FIVB Medical Regulations.
- 11.3 First aid and medical treatment will be provided by the Organizer.
- 11.4 Referees' control will be organized in accordance with the FIVB Medical Regulations.
- 11.5 All team delegations are recommended to take out their own liability and medical insurance.
- 11.6 Nominated referees are obliged to present an annual health certificate (**M-4 form**) to the FIVB and the certificate must be issued by a certified medical doctor.
- 11.7 Nominated officials are obliged to present an annual health certificate (**M-7 form** called **M-9** before the 01/01/09) to the FIVB and the certificate must be issued by a certified medical doctor.
- 11.8 TUE application process. Athletes and their medical doctor are allowed to apply for the Therapeutic Use of Exemptions (**M-8 form**), i.e. permission to use, for therapeutic purposes, substances contained in the list of Prohibited Substances.

Every application must be sent confidentially to the FIVB and no less than 21 days before the start of the competition.

All these forms can be downloaded from the FIVB website: www.fivb.org > Volleyball > Official Forms.

12. PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY

- 12.1 Team delegations must arrive at least 48 hours before the start of the competition and be available for the Preliminary Enquiry.

12.2 Team Managers, Head Coaches and Doctors must be present at the Preliminary Enquiry and must bring the following documents:

- § O2 form
- § O2-bis form
- § Passport of all players
- § Health Certificate for all players (M3)
- § Doctor's FIVB ID-card
- § Samples of captain's uniforms (3 colors)
- § Journalist's Accreditation

12.3 The Preliminary Enquiry will be carried out in accordance with the FIVB Regulations.

13. GENERAL TECHNICAL MEETING

13.1 Team Managers, Head Coaches and Doctors must be present at the General Technical Meeting.

13.2 The General Technical Meeting will be carried out in accordance with the FIVB Sports Regulations.

14. TRAINING

14.1 The Organizer must prepare a training schedule, in which each team is guaranteed the exclusive use of a training gym for 1.5 hours per day. This training schedule must be submitted to the FIVB for approval as per dates notified (together with the match schedule).

[>>>Please refer to Specific 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff Round Tournament Schedule for exact dates.](#)

14.2 Each team will have at least one hour training on the competition court before their first match.

14.3 Training must not be scheduled at the same time as the Preliminary Enquiry or the General Technical Meeting.

15. MIXED ZONE AND PRESS CONFERENCES

15.1 All players departing the competition area must exit through the mixed zone, allowing brief interactions with the press. Players and coaches must be available for flash interviews when requested by the Host TV Broadcaster's court manager.

15.2 The head coach and team captain (and/or the player requested by the press as approved by Game Jury President) must be available for the press conference immediately after each match.

15.3 The head coach must be available for the press conferences immediately after the General Technical Meeting and Team Briefings.

16. **OFFICIAL VOLLEYBALL RULES AND BALLS**

16.1 The competition shall be played in accordance with the FIVB Rules of the Game in force. All necessary interpretations will be made before the competition during the Refereeing Clinic and General Technical Meeting.

16.2 MIKASA Ball Type MVA-200 will be used for the second and third round tournaments. For the 1st round tournaments the Mikasa MVP-200 can still be used.

17. **UNIFORMS (see FIVB Website)**

17.1 The playing uniform must be in conformity with the Section I, Art. 4.8 of the FIVB Sports Regulations and the FIVB Sports Material, Team Equipment and Advertising Guidelines (incorporating uniform standards) previously circulated, where the location of the country and family name and the size of the numbers are clearly indicated. Each team must have available three sets of playing uniforms of a different color. The player's numbers must be the same on the **O-2, O-2bis forms** and uniforms. The playing uniforms of the team captain must be presented during the preliminary enquiry.

17.2 Only FIVB homologated uniforms and shoes may be used.

17.3 The four officials on the bench (as approved in the Preliminary Enquiry) must conform to either of the following dress code options:

- a) all to wear their official warming up suit and polo shirt of the same color and style, OR
- b) all to wear dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks of the same color and style, OR
- c) all to wear dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks of the same color and style except the trainer who may wear the official warming up suit and polo shirt.

Any officials wearing dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks will not be allowed on the playing court during the warm up.

The penalty for non-compliance of the dress code for team officials on the bench will be that the team official(s) concerned will not be allowed to sit on the team bench and must leave the competition control area and thus will have no further contact with the team until they respect the approved dress code.

17.4. Publicity on playing uniform: teams are allowed to wear publicity on the playing uniforms without paying a fee to FIVB for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and playoff round tournaments. Before concluding sponsorship contracts National Federations should contact the FIVB to determine restricted categories of sponsors. The FIVB has final authority to refuse all advertising.

18. COMPLAINTS

- 18.1 All complaints must be presented in writing to the FIVB Technical Delegate within one hour after the end of the match concerned. The complaints procedure to be followed can be found in Section I, Art. 9 of the FIVB Sports Regulations.
- 18.2 Once the scoresheet is checked and signed by all relevant participants without protest, no further team protest on technical aspects can be accepted, e.g. substitutions, scorer's error, referee's error, etc.
- 18.2 Complaints about the result of a match must be worded in English and accompanied by a deposit of USD 300 cash (or the equivalent in local currency) for each complaint.

19. SANCTIONS

- 19.1 If a National Federation declares the non-participation of its duly qualified team or simply does not send its team to participate in the 2010 World Championship 1st, 2nd, 3rd and playoff round tournaments in 2008/2009, it will be sanctioned in accordance with FIVB Regulations and the decision of the FIVB Board of Administration.
- 19.2 The National Federation will incur a USD 1,000 fine in the case of non (or incomplete) remittance of the O-2 form, team and players photographs, or sports biographies.
- 19.3 The National Federation will incur a USD 500 fine in the case of negligence in the delivery of the final list of 12 players in the Preliminary Enquiry.
- 19.4 Sanctions relating to uniforms:
- 19.4.1 Teams not presenting the samples of their uniforms during the Preliminary Enquiry as required in Article 4.8 of the the FIVB Sports Regulations for International Competitions will have to present uniforms or obtain new uniforms within 24 hours and the National Federation will incur a fine of USD 5,000.
- 19.4.2 The National Federation will be subject to a fine of USD 5,000 where its National Team presents uniforms that do not comply with the official FIVB uniform standards as per Article 17 of these regulations.
- 19.4.3 Where teams do not respect the color of uniforms as indicated in the O-1 form as distributed following the preliminary enquiry, their respective National Federation will be subject to a fine of USD 1,000.
- 19.5 Players not complying with the Eligibility Rules defined by Section I, Art. 5 of the FIVB Sports Regulations for International Competitions or who do not present the

Health Certificate (**M-3 form**) as required in Art. 6.1 of the same Regulations or refuse to undergo a medical examination.

19.6 Misconduct during the competition:

- 19.6.1 In each case, the National Federation will incur a fine of USD 1,000 where Team Managers, Head Coaches or Doctors fail to attend official meetings including the Preliminary Enquiry, General Technical Meeting and Team Briefing.
- 19.6.2 Breach of official protocol may be subject to fines and suspension during the competition or for future activities as determined by the FIVB.
- 19.6.3 Players who refuse to undergo the anti-doping test will be automatically disqualified. The team concerned will lose the match to its opponent 0-3 (0-25, 0-25, 0-25).
- 19.6.4 Withdrawal of the team before the tournament will be sanctioned according to the FIVB Code of Conduct (Art. 4.4.3.7) depending on the date of withdrawal.
- 19.6.5 Withdrawal during the course of the tournament or no show at the beginning of the tournament by a National Team, the National Federation shall be punished by according to the FIVB Code of Conduct (Art.4.4.3.7) by:
- a) A fine of USD 40,000.
 - b) Suspension from all official FIVB Events for two (2) years.
 - c) Obligation to reimburse the Organizing Committee and the FIVB for the expenses borne on behalf of the withdrawing delegation and team plus damages for loss of income and financial consequences.
 - d) All matches previously played will be declared forfeited 0-3 (0-25, 0-25, 0-25).
- 19.6.6 Twelve players are compulsory for all FIVB competitions. The following sanctions will apply:
- a) if a team arrives with only ten or eleven players, the National Federation will receive a fine of USD 1,000 per player payable to the FIVB.
 - b) if a team arrives with less than ten players, the National Federation will receive a two-year suspension from FIVB competitions and any economical assistance provided to the team by the FIVB for the competition will be withdrawn.

19.7 All sanctions are cumulative.

20. COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION

20.1 Team delegations will consist of 19 persons comprising 12 players, 6 Officials and 1 International Referee. The 6 officials comprise of 1 Team Manager, 1 Head Coach, 1 Assistant Coach, 1 Doctor (FIVB Accredited), 1 Trainer/Physiotherapist and 1 journalist accredited by FIVB. Only journalists of a national media or a national press agency will be accepted, a National Federation press officer will not be accredited. Should one of these functional positions not be filled by the properly authorized or accredited person, this position cannot be transferred to another function or person; therefore the official delegation will be reduced accordingly.

20.2 An International Referee approved by the FIVB, upon proposal of the respective Confederation, from each participating country will accompany the delegation (mandatory).

In the case no International Referee is available from the participating National Federation an International Referee from a neighboring country must be used and the Participating National federation will bear the costs of the international round trip travel for the International Referee from/to their respective country.

20.3 Up to two extra officials may be added to the delegation of a team. They will be accredited if their expenses have been paid before the tournament, as stipulated in point 21.2 b). The Organizer will take care of all reservations requested in advance. If no notice has been given in time, the Organizer will not accept any responsibility for the provision of reservation for extra persons.

20.4 The Medical Doctor must be previously accredited by the FIVB to have the right to sit on the team's bench during a match.

21. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

21.1 The expenses covered by the **Organizer**:

- a) To bear all the living expenses (lodging and meals in a minimum 4-star hotel), USD 75 per diem and local transportation for one FIVB Technical Delegate (i.e. arriving -3 days) and one neutral International Referee (i.e. arriving -2 days) and concluding the day after the competition.
- b) To bear all the living expenses (lodging and meals in a minimum 4-star hotel) and local transportation for a maximum 19 people for each participating delegation (including one International Referee and one FIVB accredited journalist) starting two days before the competition (i.e. arriving -2 days) and concluding the day after the competition.

- c) Before the competition, an inspection visit (normally three days inclusive of travel days) may take place as decided by the FIVB. The FIVB will pay for international travel expenses and the Organizer will bear all the living expenses (lodging and meals in a minimum 4-star hotel), USD 100 per diem and local transportation from and to the airport plus entry visas for a Technical Delegate as nominated by the FIVB.
- d) Internal transportation as well as accommodation for those persons mentioned under point a) and b) from their arrival to departure according to the general competition calendar in Article 2 and the Specific Qualification Tournament Schedule as follows:
 - Single rooms for FIVB Officials (Technical Delegate and Neutral Referee(s))
 - Single rooms for Referees accompanying teams
 - Two (2) single rooms and eight (9) twin rooms per delegation
 - Room charges with three (3) regular meals per day
 - Snack for each match day for athletes
 - Laundry for players' game uniforms (one pair of socks/ one pair of shorts/three shirts per playing and training day)
 - Internal transportation (in / out of the city) for practice and matches only
- f) Medicare in accordance with FIVB Medical Regulations
- g) Medical controls
- h) All necessary insurance covering risks as organizer including but not limited to liability, invalidity, death and medical insurance, based on independent professional advice received for insurance needs within the host country.

21.2 **Each participating delegation** will take care of the following expenses:

- a) International travel expenses to and from the airport of arrival and departure of the Host Country or central train station of the host city.

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- b) All extra people exceeding number of 19 persons per team (as per Article 20.1) must pay their expenses for hotel accommodation and meals to and as instructed by the Organizer.
- c) Penalties incurred as per Article 19.
- d) A per diem of USD 75\$ for the accompanying referee, from the day of arrival to one day after the competition.
- e) Publicity on uniforms will be allowed without fee for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Playoff round events only, in accordance with the FIVB Regulations and subject to FIVB approval.

A fee will be required and must be paid by the participating team's National Federation to the FIVB for the right to have publicity on uniforms during the 2010 World Championships in Italy (Men) and Japan (Women).

- f) All necessary insurance covering risks as a participating team delegation including travel, medical, accident and liability insurance, based on independent professional advice received for insurance needs for the participating team delegation.

21.3 **The FIVB** will cover the following expenses:

- a) International travel expenses of the FIVB Technical Delegate and One neutral International Referee as and when appointed.
- b) Provide the on-court advertising banners of 1.00 m high and 3.40 m long for FIVB sponsors involved in the 2010 World Championships as per the FIVB court layout plan as and when required.
- c) Insurance cover for FIVB Officials and International Referees including travel, illness and accident insurance.
- d) Any other expenses approved by the FIVB Board of Administration.

22. **RESULTS SYSTEM & DISTRIBUTION**

All results must be produced in accordance with VIS (Volleyball Information System). Any software, hardware or other issues relating to VIS should be directed to the Information Technology Coordinator at the FIVB Headquarters in Lausanne.

Copies of a Daily Bulletin will be distributed by the organizer to all participating teams, referees and officials, from the day before the start of competition (i.e. at the General Technical Meeting) until the day after competition.

23. **VISA & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

The Organizer must guarantee entry to the host country for all participants and provide advance notice as to all entry requirements and also send the appropriate invitation letters to Officials, Referees and to teams once the participating teams are known.

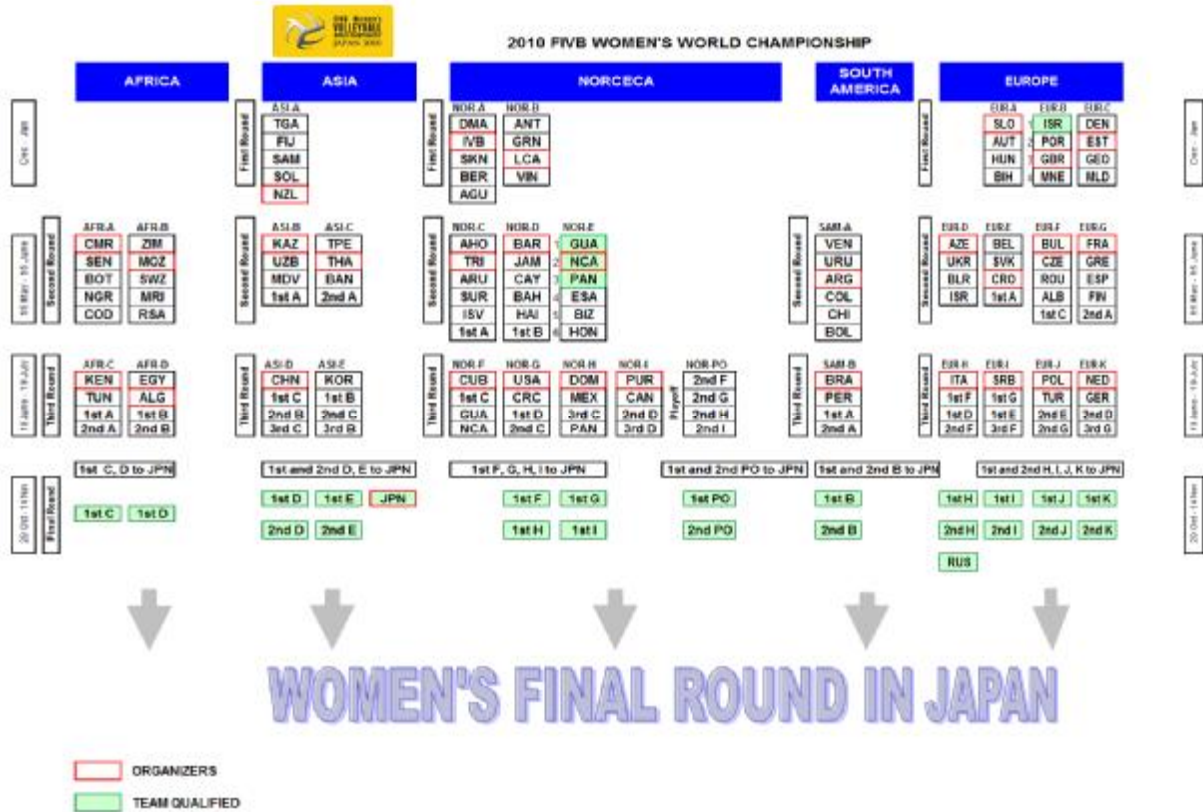
24. **UNFORESEEN ITEMS**

As regards specific items not expressly foreseen in the present Regulations, reference is to be made to the general rules and guidelines contained in FIVB Regulations.

25. **DISTRIBUTION OF VACANCIES**

Distribution of Vacancies - Women's Qualification Tournaments

A total 24 vacancies will be distributed on a continental basis as follows:



WOMEN - AFRICA

Africa - 14 TEAMS, 2 VACANCIES

The TWO vacancies will be distributed as follows:

- the winners of POOL C and POOL D will qualify for the 2010 World Championships

WOMEN - ASIA

Asia - 13 TEAMS, 5 VACANCIES

The FIVE vacancies will be distributed as follows:

- The organizer JAPAN
- The 1st and 2nd ranked teams of POOL D and POOL E will qualify for the 2010 World Championships.

WOMEN - NORCECA

Norceca - 32 TEAMS, 6 VACANCIES

The SIX vacancies will be distributed as follows:

- The 1st ranked teams of pools POOL F, POOL G and POOL H will qualify for the 2010 World Championships and the 1st and 2nd teams from the Play Off will qualify for the 2010 World Championship.

WOMEN - EUROPE

Europe - 33 TEAMS, 9 VACANCIES

The NINE vacancies will be distributed as follows:

- The 2006 World Champions RUSSIA
- The 1st and 2nd ranked teams of POOL H, POOL I, POOL J and POOL K will qualify for the 2010 World Championships.

WOMEN – SOUTH AMERICA

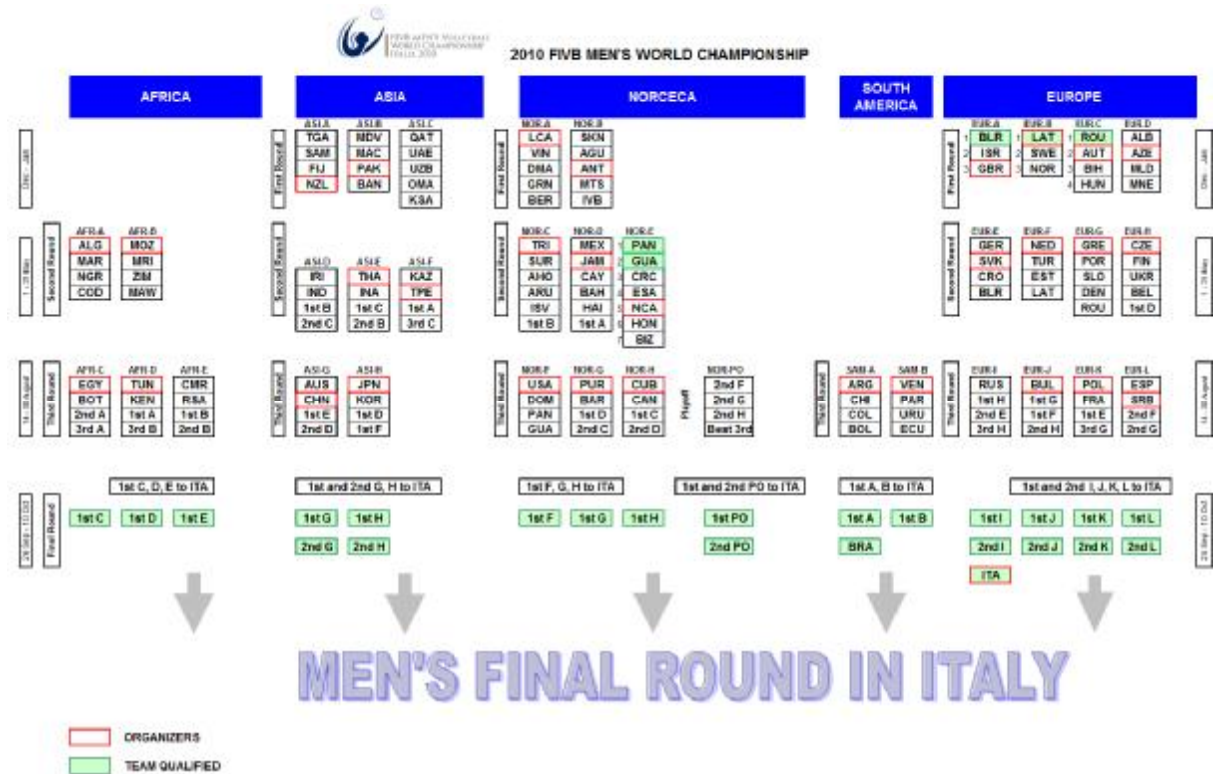
South America - 8 TEAMS, 2 VACANCIES

The TWO vacancies will be distributed as follows:

- The 1st and 2nd ranked teams of POOL B will qualify for the 2010 World Championships.

Distribution of Vacancies - Men's Qualification Tournaments

A total 24 vacancies will be distributed on a continental basis as follows:



MEN – AFRICA

Africa - 14 TEAMS, 3 VACANCIES

The THREE vacancies will be distributed as follows:

- The winner of POOL A, POOL B and POOL C will qualify for the 2010 World Championships

MEN – ASIA

Asia - 21 TEAMS, 4 VACANCIES

The FOUR vacancies will be distributed as follows:

- The 1st and 2nd ranked teams of POOL G and POOL H will qualify for the 2010 World Championships

MEN – NORCECA

Norceca - 33 TEAMS, 5 VACANCIES

The FIVE vacancies will be distributed as follows:

- The 1st ranked teams of POOL F, POOL G and POOL H and the 1st and 2nd ranked teams of the PLAYOFF

will qualify for the 2010 World Championships.

MEN – EUROPE

Europe - 35 TEAMS, 9 VACANCIES

The NINE vacancies will be distributed as follows:

- The Organizer ITALY
- The 1st and 2nd ranked teams of POOL I, POOL J, POOL K and POOL L will qualify for the 2010 World Championships.

MEN - SOUTH AMERICA

South America - 9 TEAMS, 3 VACANCIES

The THREE vacancies will be distributed as follows:

- The 2006 World Champions BRAZIL
- The winner of POOL A and the winner of POOL B will qualify for the 2010 World Championships.