



**Sitting Volleyball
Paris 2024 Paralympic Games
Men and Women**



**Competition dates:
29 August to 7 September 2024**

Specific Competition Regulations

1. Competition Information – Paralympic Games – Men and Women

- 1.1. Eight (8) Men’s teams will participate in the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games (PG or The Event), these being, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Egypt, France, Germany, I.R. Iran, Kazakhstan and Ukraine.
Eight (8) Women’s teams will participate, these being, Brazil, Canada, P.R. of China, France, Italy, Rwanda, Slovenia and United States of America.
- 1.2. Team Eligibility for the Paralympic Games has been determined according to the previously published IPC Qualification Regulations and the relevant qualifying events.
 - 1.2.1. Participation of the team in The Event is allocated to the NPC who must be in “good standing” as a member of World ParaVolley prior to the allocation of slots and the commencement of competition.
 - 1.2.2. An NPC may only enter one (1) Men’s team and one (1) Women’s team dependent on the allocation of qualification slots.
- 1.3. In the event that a Team withdraws from the Paralympic Games, efforts will be made to reallocate the qualification slot.
 - 1.3.1. Should a withdrawal occur at a point whereby it is no longer possible to reallocate the qualification slot the Competition Schedule will be adjusted accordingly. The Technical Delegate will advise Teams of any changes required in these circumstances.
- 1.4. The Paralympic Games shall be played according to World ParaVolley’s [“Official Sitting Volleyball Rules 2022-2024”](#).
 - 1.4.1. It should be noted that if there is a request from Broadcast to reduce the number of Team Timeouts per set to 1, as per the Rules, World ParaVolley will consider this request and inform the Teams of the decision accordingly.
- 1.5. The Serpentine System has been used to allocate the teams of each gender into two (2) pools of four (4) teams each;
 - 1.5.1. The Host NPC has been allocated position 1 in Pool A.
 - 1.5.2. The other qualified NPCs have been allocated their position according to the World ParaVolley World Rankings updated on 1st March 2024.
 - 1.5.3. The Pool Groups are confirmed as below;

Men’s Pool Groups:

Pool A (seeding)	Pool B (seeding)
France (1)	I R Iran (2)
Egypt (4)	Brazil (3)
Bosnia and Herzegovina(5)	Germany (6)
Kazakhstan (8)	Ukraine (7)

Women’s Pool Groups:

Pool A (seeding)	Pool B (seeding)
France (1)	Canada (2)
USA (4)	Brazil (3)
China (5)	Rwanda (6)
Italy (8)	Slovenia (7)

- 1.6. The Berger Table provided the basis for the order of matches in the Pool phase. The IPC, Paris 2024 and OBS, under World ParaVolley Regulations, may change the order of matches to meet the needs of television broadcasters and the potential for local spectator attendance. Changes can be made at any point until the end of the Competition.
- 1.7. Matches shall commence as described in the match schedule published by Paris 2024 unless otherwise determined by the Technical Delegate (or appointed representative), Paris 2024, and the IPC.
 - 1.7.1. In the event that the published match schedule needs to be amended, for whatever reason, the Technical Delegate (or appointed representative) will update the Teams as soon as practically possible.
- 1.8. A minimum of five hours shall be allowed between the commencement time of any two matches for a team if they are required to play two matches on the same day.
- 1.9. The teams will play as described below:
 - 1.9.1. Both the Men's and Women's Tournaments will play a round robin pool (preliminary) phase and a direct elimination (knockout) phase. Two Pools of four (4) teams will play a round robin format within each Pool where all teams play each other once. The top two (2) teams in each pool will advance to the semi-finals.
 - 1.9.2. Teams finishing third in each Pool will playoff against each other to determine 5th and 6th place. Teams finishing fourth in each Pool will playoff against each other to determine 7th and 8th place.
 - 1.9.3. Semi-final Phase:
 - 1.9.3.1. The first placed team in Pool A will play the second placed team in Pool B in a semi-final.
 - 1.9.3.2. The first placed team in Pool B will play the second placed team in Pool A in a semi-final.
 - 1.9.3.3. The order of the matches to be played in the semi-finals will be determined by World ParaVolley, Paris 2024 and the IPC, once requests from Broadcasters have been considered.
 - 1.9.4. The losers of the semi-finals will playoff for 3rd and 4th in the Bronze Medal Match.
 - 1.9.5. The winners of the semi-finals will playoff for 1st and 2nd place in the Gold Medal Match.
- 1.10. Matters not covered in these Regulations shall be resolved by reference to World ParaVolley, IPC and Paris 2024 documentation, where relevant.

2. Teams Ranking System during the Event

2.1. Ranking by matches won and lost

The ranking of teams during the Preliminary Phase is determined by the results of matches on the basis of matches won as the first criteria.

2.2. In the case of a tie between two teams

2.2.1. **Number of points gained** - If two (2) or more teams have the same number of victories (match won, match lost), they will be classified in descending order by the points gained by each team per match as follows:

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| 2.2.1.1. | Match won 3-0; 3-1 | 3 points |
| 2.2.1.2. | Match won 3-2 | 2 points |
| 2.2.1.3. | Match lost 2-3 | 1 point |
| 2.2.1.4. | Match lost 0-3; 1-3 | 0 point |
| 2.2.1.5. | Match forfeited | 0 points (25-0;25-0;25-0) |

2.2.2. **Sets quotient** In the case of equality in the number of points gained, the teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost.

2.2.3. **Points quotient** In the case of equality in the sets quotient, they will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of all points lost during all sets.

2.2.4. If the tie continues as per the points quotient (2.2.3) between the two teams, the ranking priority will be given to the team that won the last match between them.

2.3. In the case of a tie between three or more teams

2.3.1. When the tie in matches won, points gained, sets quotients and points quotient is between three or more teams, a new classification of these teams will be made taking into consideration only the matches in which they were opposed to each other. In the case that the tie is still not resolved the team(s) will be ranked according to their current World ParaVolley World Ranking.

2.4. Results Table

The Results Table shall contain the following elements:

- Matches played
- Matches won
- Number of points gained
- Sets Quotient
- Points Quotient
- Rank position within the Pool

2.5. Forfeits

2.5.1. If a team voluntarily declares a forfeit or refuses to play a match (except for clause 2.5.1.4) or does not appear on the competition court on time (see 2.5.1.5) it will be declared in default **and** excluded from the competition and:

2.5.1.1. All the team's remaining results during the respective round or section of the competition will be nullified;

2.5.1.2. The opposing team will be declared the winner of the match 3 sets to 0 and 25-0 for each set;

2.5.1.3. The team may face disciplinary action by the Technical Committee of the event and the World ParaVolley Board following the event.

2.5.1.4. If a team is declared incomplete for the set or the match, the team loses the set or the match and the opposing team is given the points, or the points and the sets needed to win the set or match. The incomplete team keeps its points and sets.

2.5.1.5. If a team does not appear on the competition court on time, the Technical Delegate will decide the penalty for the offence.

2.6. Disqualification

- 2.6.1. If a team is disqualified from the competition as a result of breaching World ParaVolley competition rules or unsportsmanlike behaviour;
- 2.6.1.1. All the team's results during the competition will be nullified;
- 2.6.1.2. The opposing team(s) will be declared the winner(s) of the match(es) 3 sets to 0 and 25-0 for each set;
- 2.6.1.3. The team shall face disciplinary action by the Technical Committee of the event and the World ParaVolley Board following the event.

3. Team Quotas

- 3.1. The Team Delegation is comprised of up to eighteen (18) persons, including the Team Manager.
- 3.2. The Team Manager may not sit on or behind the bench in the Control Area during matches.
- 3.3. Teams are permitted to have up to twelve (12) athletes.
- 3.4. Up to two (2) athletes may be designated as Libero players for a match, with only one (1) being allowed on the court at a time. Libero players designation may be changed not later than 60 minutes before each match. Upon entry to the Competition Venue and during the process to confirm the Team Roster for the match, the Coach must indicate Libero 1 (starting Libero) and Libero 2.
- 3.5. Up to two (2) athletes may be classified as the team's VS2 players, with only one being allowed on the court at a time.
- 3.6. Teams may have one (1) Coach.
- 3.7. Teams may have up to two (2) Assistant Coaches.
- 3.8. Teams may have one (1) qualified Team Doctor who has been accredited by World ParaVolley.
- 3.9. Teams may have one (1) qualified Team Therapist who has been accredited by World ParaVolley.
- 3.10. Teams may designate a person from the above or an additional person to be the Team Manager. When an additional person is named see point 3.2.
- 3.11. The following personnel may sit on the bench during matches (up to 17 people)
 - 12 Players (also allowed to sit in the warm-up zone)
 - 1 Coach
 - 2 Assistant Coaches
 - 1 Accredited Doctor
 - 1 Accredited Therapist
- 3.12. Team members may change up to the General Technical Meeting in line with the Late Athlete Replacement process. Replacements may only be made for athletes who withdraw due to injury, illness, or other special circumstances. All replacements are subject to review and approval by World ParaVolley and the IPC.

- 3.13. Teams are additionally allowed to have Team Statisticians. The Team Statisticians should sit at the Team Statistician table provided. Team Managers are not allowed to sit at the Team Statistician table, unless they are also a Team Statistician.
- 3.14. Following approval of the Technical Delegate (or appointed representative), where justified, the team may have an Interpreter who shall be located behind the team bench.
- 3.15. To be eligible for The Event an athlete must:
- 3.15.1. Be internationally classified, in accordance with the World ParaVolley Classification System, with a 'Confirmed' Sport Class status or a 'Review' Sport Class status with a fixed review date post 31st December 2024.
 - 3.15.2. have played in at least one international, sanctioned World ParaVolley Sitting competition between 1st January 2022 and 30th June 2024
 - 3.15.3. Be a national of the country he/she is representing. As per the IPC and World ParaVolley Athlete Nationality Policies, the appropriate evidence that a competitor is a national of any country will be that he/she holds an official passport issued by the respective country. Evidence of legal residence or domicile will not be accepted as evidence of 'nationality'.

4. Volleyball Equipment

- 4.1. Teams will have the use of court equipment supplied by Paris 2024 for training, warm-up and matches.
- 4.2. The **Molten V5M5000 Flistatec volleyball** will be used for training, warm-up and matches. Training sessions will utilize the same volleyball and no other volleyball brand may be used by any teams.
- 4.2.1. Teams should be aware that a "Special Edition" Molten V5M5000 Flistatec volleyball will be utilised with extended Games Look applied.
- 4.3. There will be one (1) competition court and two (2) warm-up courts, and three (3) training courts available for both the Men's and Women's competitions.

5. Team Familiarisation and Training

Team familiarisation sessions will take place on the competition court at North Paris Arena.

- 5.1. Each session comprises two (2) hours, of which one (1) hour on the warm-up court and one (1) hour on the competition court, prior to the commencement of the Event.
- 5.1.1. A schedule for Team familiarisation will be published in due course.
- 5.2. Teams may share training times and/or their familiarisation time.
- 5.3. Teams shall have equal access to the Training Courts in terms of allotted total time and the time of the day according to the Competition Schedule.
- 5.4. Paris 2024 will allocate Training sessions.
- 5.5. Training will be limited to 90 minutes per session.
- 5.6. On the day of the Opening Ceremony training will be limited to 60 minutes per session due to transport restrictions.

5.7. World ParaVolley and Paris 2024 reserve the right to amend the length of training sessions.

6. Classification

- 6.1. All athletes must have a designated sport class and sport class status according to 3.15.1 above.
- 6.2. There will be no opportunity for athletes to attend classification evaluation at the competition.

7. Anti-Doping

- 7.1. The IPC will be applying an anti-doping programme at the Paralympic Games. You can find more information on the [IPC Paris 2024 anti-doping dedicated webpage](#), please ensure that you read this information in full (including the [IPC Anti-Doping Code](#) and [Paris 2024 Anti-Doping Guide](#)) published by the Paris 2024 Organising Committee.
- 7.2. You should pay specific attention to the Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) requirements. An athlete who has received a TUE from her/his NADO or IF, that has not yet been recognised by the IPC must submit a request for recognition to the IPC (by email to tue@paralympic.org) by 5th August 2024 quoting the TUE reference number in ADAMS. The IPC will only recognise TUEs that are recorded in ADAMS. The National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) or IF that approved the TUE must ensure the TUE application and supporting materials are entered in ADAMS and accessible to the IPC. The IPC will notify the athlete whether the TUE is recognised. Particular care should be given to any TUEs that may expire during the Games Period. Prior to 5th August, athletes must submit any new TUE application to World ParaVolley. From 5th August 2024, all athletes must apply to the IPC TUE Committee by submitting the completed TUE application with supporting medical documentation either via ADAMS, or by email to tue@paralympic.org. Submissions must be in English.
- 7.3. Individual athletes are held totally responsible for any substance entering their bodies. Athletes are subject to testing at any time during the Games, not just after matches.
- 7.4. Teams will be notified which of their players have been selected for anti-doping testing by the Game Jury Member.
- 7.5. All Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel are required to complete the [WADA ADEL for Paris 2024 Paralympic Games e-learning course](#) (the course is currently available in a number of different languages).
- 7.6. NPCs must send confirmation of completion of ADEL for Paris 2024 Paralympic Games e-learning course in the form of a letter to World ParaVolley that their participants, including Athletes, Coaches and Athlete Support Personnel have completed both programs. The letter should be sent via email to paralympictd@worldparavolley.org and medicaldirector@worldparavolley.org by **15 July 2024**.

8. Preliminary Inquiry

- 8.1. Preliminary Inquiries will be scheduled to take place at the at the Competition Venue on 27 August 2024

- 8.1.1. A schedule for Preliminary Inquiries will be published in due course.
 - 8.2. At the beginning of the Preliminary Inquiry, the Team Manager must present the following to the Jury member(s):
 - 8.2.1. Passport of each player and member of the delegation.
 - 8.2.2. Accreditation cards.
 - 8.2.3. Samples of the Captain's playing uniform in all colours.
 - 8.2.4. Samples of the Libero's playing uniform in all colours.
 - 8.2.5. One sample of shorts, long pants, socks, compression garments, e.g., cycling shorts, leggings, for each set of kit – as applicable.
 - 8.2.6. Any equipment or clothing that has any advertisement on it.
- Teams are reminded that all Uniform and Equipment must adhere to the IPC Manufacturer Identification Guidelines which can be found here - <https://www.paralympic.org/paris-2024/guides-and-policies>

9. General Technical Meeting

- 9.1. The General Technical Meeting will take place at 10:00 on 28 August 2024 at the Competition Venue.
 - 9.1.1. Team Managers and Head Coaches (or their representative such as Assistant Coach) will be required to attend. Names of those who will be attending are to be confirmed at the Preliminary Inquiry.
 - 9.1.2. Captains and Assistant Coaches are not required to attend, however, should any Captains or Assistant Coaches wish to attend, this must be confirmed at the Preliminary Inquiry.

10. Protests

10.1. Lodging a Protest

- 10.1.1. All protests concerning the result of a match must be presented in writing to the Technical Delegate (or designated representative) within one hour after the end of the match concerned, after having been indicated on the scoresheet by the Captain as per Rules of the Game 5.1.3.2.
- 10.1.2. 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., 7 substitutions, Scorer's error, Referee's error, etc.

10.2. Fees to Lodge a Protest

- 10.2.1. Any protest must be worded in English and be accompanied by a deposit of EUR 250 - in cash.
- 10.2.2. The deposit will be refunded immediately if the protest is upheld.

10.3. The Protest Committee

- 10.3.1. The Protest Committee shall be established at the General Technical Meeting by the Technical Delegate and be comprised of the Technical Delegate (the Chair), a senior member of the LOC and a team representative voted by the teams.
- 10.3.2. The Protest Committee must produce a written report within twelve hours from the lodging of the protest and the payment of the deposit.
- 10.3.3. The Protest Committee must convene to consider the protest within eight hours after the presentation of the complaint and render its verdict.

- 10.3.4. A member of the Protest Committee who is of the same nationality as either of the relevant teams will not be admitted to the meeting. This person's position will be replaced by another person as decided by the Technical Delegate.
- 10.3.5. The decision of the Protest Committee may be arrived at either by consensus or majority vote and cannot be contrary to the Rules of the Game, World ParaVolley Regulations, and the World ParaVolley Constitution.
- 10.3.6. The Chair of the Protest Committee may call all persons involved in the case and/or their representatives to give testimony and also consider videotape evidence.
- 10.3.7. All complaints concerning medical controls and classification must be made in accordance with the Medical and Classification Regulations as per the Medical Handbook.

10.4. Verdict of the Protest Committee

- 10.4.1. The verdict of the Protest Committee must be made within twelve hours of the lodgement of the protest and the payment of the deposit.
- 10.4.2. The Protest Committee must communicate in writing in English its verdict without delay to the interested parties.
- 10.4.3. The Technical Delegate, in the name of the Protest Committee, is the sole judge of whether or not to make a report to the press about the protest.
- 10.4.4. If the protesting team does not accept the decision of the Protest Committee, in the interests of "natural justice", this decision may be taken to the Jury of Appeal for further consideration by payment of EUR 600 that will be refunded if the Jury of Appeal rules in favour of the protesting team.
- 10.4.5. The request for this process must be made in writing to the Technical Delegate within four hours of the verdict of the Protest Committee being made.

10.5. Jury of Appeal

- 10.5.1. shall be established at the General Technical Meeting by the Technical Delegate and be comprised of the Assistant Technical Delegate (the Chair), a senior member of the LOC and a team representative voted by the teams.
- 10.5.2. A member of the Jury of Appeal who is of the same nationality as either of the relevant teams will not be admitted to the meeting. This person's position will be replaced by another person as decided by the Technical Delegate.
- 10.5.3. No member of a team involved in the protest may be a member of the Jury of Appeal and this person's position will be replaced by another person as decided by the Technical Delegate.
- 10.5.4. The processes of the Jury of Appeal will follow those of the Protest Committee, except those decisions shall be reached within six hours of receipt of the appeal.

10.6. Verdict of Jury of Appeal

- 10.6.1. The Jury of Appeal must communicate in writing in English its verdict without delay to the interested parties.
- 10.6.2. The Technical Delegate, in the name of the Jury of Appeal, is the sole judge of whether or not to make a report to the Press about the Appeal.
- 10.6.3. The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final.

11. Disciplinary Regulations

- 11.1. The [World ParaVolley Discipline Regulations](#) will apply to the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

11.2.All Expulsions and Disqualifications from matches will automatically be reviewed in line with the Discipline Regulations and could result in further sanctions.

12. Best Player Awards

12.1. There will be no Best Player Awards given out at the Paralympic Games.

12.1.1. A 'Dream Team' of the following will be identified through the Statistics for men and women and World ParaVolley will publish the 'Dream Team';

- Best Server
- Best Receiver
- Best Setter
- Best Spiker
- Best Blocker
- Best Libero
- Most Valuable Player.