

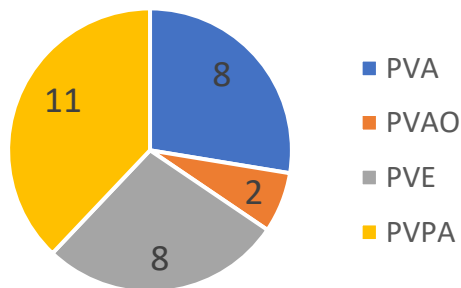
Para Volley Sport Development Survey 2022-2023 Report

14 November 2023



Summary of Respondents

Total Respondents: 29



Response	SV Team (Men)	SV Team (Women)	# SV Men Athletes	# SV Women Athletes	SV National Team (Men)	SV National Team (Women)
Numbers	205	89	2327	1076		
Yes					18	12
No					9	15
Blanks					2	2



There is a sizeable number of male athletes compared to female athletes playing Sitting Volleyball.

Response	# Beach PV Teams (Men)	# Beach PV Teams (Women)	# of BPV Men Athletes	# of BPV Women Athletes	National Beach PV Team (Men)	National Beach PV Team (Women)
Numbers	57	23	282	127		
Yes					9	5
No					18	21
Blanks					2	3



There is a smaller number of playing Beach Para Volley compared to Sitting Volleyball. Similarly, more males than female teams.

SN	Zone	Country
1	PVAO	India
2	PVAO	China
3	PVE	Spain
4	PVE	Estonia
5	PVE	France
6	PVE	Germany
7	PVE	Greece
8	PVE	Malta
9	PVE	Serbia
10	PVE	Slovakia
11	PVPA	Colombia
12	PVPA	Peru
13	PVPA	Ecuador
14	PVPA	Uruguay
15	PVPA	Chile
16	PVPA	Venezuela
17	PVPA	Argentina
18	PVPA	Mexico
19	PVPA	Costa Rica
20	PVPA	Guatemala
21	PVPA	Panama
22	PVA	South Africa
23	PVA	Burundi
24	PVA	Morocco
25	PVA	Mozambique
26	PVA	Nigeria
27	PVA	Rwanda
28	PVA	Kenya
29	PVA	Zimbabwe

Sitting Volleyball Courses

Response	SV Joint Training Camps	SV Referee Course (L1)	SV Referee Course (L2)	SV Referee Course (HOST)	SV Classification Course (L1)	SV Classification Course (L2)	SV Classification Course (HOST)	SV TO Course (L1)	SV TO Course (L2)	SV TO Course (HOST)	SV Coach Course (L1)	SV Coach Course (L2)	SV Coach Course (HOST)
		136	52		94	36		106	49		186	68	
Yes	24			21			21			20			23
No	1			6			5			6			3
Blanks	4			1			2			2			2

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Beach Para Volley Courses

Response	BPV Joint Training Camps	BPV Referee Course	BPV Referee Course HOST	BPV Classification Course	BPV Classification Course HOST	BPV TO Course	BPV TO Course HOST	BPV Coach Course	BPV Coach Course HOST
Yes	25	23	21	19	19	20	19	22	19
No	3	2	6	6	8	5	8	3	8
Blanks	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

Almost all members would like to have joint training camps and education courses to help improve their coaching/officiating/classification knowledge in Beach Para Volley. However, many also do not have or sizeable beach para volley team.



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Challenges/Difficulties faced by Countries

Challenges/Difficulties

1. Lack of sustained funding from the government, sponsorship. Even more for developing countries. Funding for Paralympic sports but not for Para Beach Volley
2. Budget funding only for sport/athletes that had proven records.
3. Volleyball and Para Volleyball are different management (competing resources or that it is given to the mainstream sport). E.g. Local federation and also FIVB & WPV
4. Lack of eligible young players (current players are aging)
5. Geographic challenges for players to train (distance/transport)
6. Lack of youth development pathway and regional/international competitions sanctioned by PVE/WPV
7. Challenge of team sport vs individual sport for persons with disabilities
8. Infrastructure like training facilities. Sport equipment are lacking, no access for persons with disabilities
9. Lack of government and policies to support para sport volleyball development
10. Lack of trained personnels and training opportunities to enhance the capabilities of coaches/referees/officials

Summary of Key Challenges/Difficulties

1. **Financial Constraints:** The lack of sustained funding from governments and sponsorships, particularly acute in developing countries, poses a significant hurdle for Para Volley development. Moreover, the discrepancy in funding between Paralympic sports and Para Beach Volley exacerbates the financial challenges.
2. **Youth Development and Competition Structure:** The absence of a structured youth development pathway and the scarcity of regional/international competitions sanctioned by PVE/WPV impede the growth and talent pipeline for Para Volley, exacerbating the challenge of an aging player population.
3. **Management Disparity and Resource Competition:** The separate management of Volleyball and Para Volleyball, with competing resources between local federations and international bodies like FIVB & WPV, creates organizational challenges that hinder the coordinated development of Para Volley at various levels.

Suggestions to develop PV in Countries

Recommendations by Countries

1. Promote integration of Volleyball and Para Volley in competition/sport system
2. Capability development by regions to train up personnels in coaching/officiating/etc
3. Conducting more regional/international competitions
4. Availability of grants for development courses
5. Link the benefits of sport for persons with disabilities to the social/medical field
6. Quality development of human resource/league/youth and women championships/leagues/friendly matches/local federation development
7. Social media exposure for Para Volley
8. Working with sport government agency/companies to establish policies/support to push for support to persons with disabilities in sport
9. School programmes/Public Awareness Programmes
10. Promoting 3x3 models for mass participation first to growing of the sport since 6x6 has its difficulties
11. Sport equipment support

Summary of Key Suggestions

1. **Integration and Awareness:** Prioritize promoting the integration of Volleyball and Para Volley in the competition and sport system, emphasizing the benefits for persons with disabilities and linking these benefits to the social and medical fields.
2. **Capability Development:** Focus on regional capability development, training personnel in coaching, officiating, and related areas to ensure a skilled and knowledgeable workforce.
3. **Global Support Infrastructure:** Establish a global support infrastructure by collaborating with sport government agencies and companies to formulate policies and provide necessary support for persons with disabilities in sports, fostering the development of Para Volley at both local and international levels.

Suggestions to develop PV in Zone

Recommendations by Countries

1. Conduct zonal events among members
2. Acceptance of more members to WPV
3. Networking opportunities for region to promote the sport
4. Youth competitions and regional competitions by levels (not only elite)
5. Social media and marketing of the sport
6. Sport development camps
7. Frequent capability courses to enhance the skills and development of coaches/officials/classifiers/competition management, etc (physical or virtual options)
8. Strengthen the relationship with the government with visits to countries to garner support for the local NPCs/ federations
9. Capacity building of running federations
10. Development and sharing of training resources

Summary of Key Suggestions

- 1. Inclusivity and Grassroots Development:** Prioritize the promotion of Para Volley at various levels, including youth and non-elite competitions, ensuring inclusivity and widespread participation to build a strong foundation for the sport.
- 2. Capacity Building and Networking:** Focus on continuous capacity building through regular capability courses, fostering the development of coaches, officials, classifiers, and competition management. Additionally, create networking opportunities within the region to facilitate knowledge exchange and collaboration.
- 3. Advocacy and Government Relations:** Strengthen relationships with governments by conducting visits to countries, garnering support for local National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) and federations. Advocate for policies that support Para Volley development and ensure the availability of resources for running federations.