Volleyball



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How Olympic Volleyball Works

The goal of volleyball is to return the ball to the opponent's side of the court while using no more than three hits and without letting the ball touch on your side of the court until the opponent fails to return the ball.

A set is played to 25 points (with a point being scored every serve, regardless of which team is serving) and the team that wins three sets wins the match. If the match two sets each, a fifth set is played to 15 points.



Six players play on a team at the same time. The player who is wearing a different colored jersey is called the libero. The **libero** can sub in for any member of the backcourt. They aren't allowed to block or attack shots by reaching over the net, so their primary purpose is to pass and help the team on defense.

Tournament Format

The event begins with **group play**. The 12 teams are divided into three groups of four teams. Each team will compete against the other three teams in their group. The top two teams in each group advance to the quarterfinals (as well as the top two third-place teams) and the competition then shifts to a single-elimination bracket to determine the winner.

Groups







Men's Volleyball Schedule

Events in ET, medal events in **bold, Team USA in blue**

Date	Time	Group	Event
Sat, July 27	3:00 AM	С	Japan vs. Germany
Sat, July 27	7:00 AM	В	Italy vs. Brazil
Sat, July 27	11:00 AM	В	Poland vs. Egypt
Sat, July 27	3:00 PM	С	United States vs. Argentina
Sun, July 28	11:00 AM	Α	France vs. Serbia
Sun, July 28	3:00 PM	А	Slovenia vs. Canada
Tue, July 30	3:00 AM	В	Italy vs. Egypt
Tue, July 30	7:00 AM	С	United States vs. Germany
Tue, July 30	11:00 AM	Α	Slovenia vs. Serbia
Tue, July 30	3:00 PM	А	France vs. Canada
Wed, July 31	3:00 AM	В	Poland vs. Brazil
Wed, July 31	7:00 AM	С	Japan vs. Argentina
Fri, Aug 2	3:00 AM	С	Argentina vs. Germany
Fri, Aug 2	7:00 AM	В	Brazil vs. Egypt
Fri, Aug 2	11:00 AM	А	France vs. Slovenia
Fri, Aug 2	3:00 PM	С	Japan vs. United States
Sat, Aug 3	11:00 AM	В	Poland vs. Italy
Sat, Aug 3	3:00 PM	А	Canada vs. Serbia
Mon, Aug 5	3:00 AM	Quarterfinal #1	
Mon, Aug 5	7:00 AM	Quarterfinal #2	
Mon, Aug 5	11:00 AM	Quarterfinal #3	
Mon, Aug 5	3:00 PM	Quarterfinal #4	
Wed, Aug 7	10:00 AM	Semifinal #1	
Wed, Aug 7	2:00 PM	Semifinal #2	
Fri, Aug 9	10:00 AM	Bronze Medal Match	
Sat, Aug 10	7:00 AM	Gold Medal Match	



Women's Volleyball Schedule

Events in ET, medal events in **bold, Team USA in blue**

Date	Time	Group	Event
Sun, July 28	3:00 AM	С	Italy vs. Dominican Republic
Sun, July 28	7:00 AM	В	Poland vs. Japan
Mon, July 29	3:00 AM	С	Türkiye vs. Netherlands
Mon, July 29	7:00 AM	В	Brazil vs. Kenya
Mon, July 29	11:00 AM	А	United States vs. China
Mon, July 29	3:00 PM	А	France vs. Serbia
Wed, July 31	11:00 AM	А	United States vs. Serbia
Wed, July 31	3:00 PM	В	Poland vs. Kenya
Thu, Aug 1	3:00 AM	С	Türkiye vs. Dominican Republic
Thu, Aug 1	7:00 AM	В	Brazil vs. Japan
Thu, Aug 1	11:00 AM	С	Italy vs. Netherlands
Thu, Aug 1	3:00 PM	А	France vs. China
Sat, Aug 3	3:00 AM	С	Netherlands vs. Dominican Republic
Sat, Aug 3	7:00 AM	В	Japan vs. Kenya
Sun, Aug 4	3:00 AM	С	Italy vs. Türkiye
Sun, Aug 4	7:00 AM	А	France vs. United States
Sun, Aug 4	11:00 AM	А	China vs. Serbia
Sun, Aug 4	3:00 PM	В	Brazil vs. Poland
Tue, Aug 6	3:00 AM	Quarterfinal #1	
Tue, Aug 6	7:00 AM	Quarterfinal #2	
Tue, Aug 6	11:00 AM	Quarterfinal #3	
Tue, Aug 6	3:00 PM	Quarterfinal #4	
Thu, Aug 8	10:00 AM	Semifinal #1	
Thu, Aug 8	2:00 PM	Semifinal #2	
Sat, Aug 10	11:15 AM	Bronze Medal Match	
Sun, Aug 11	7:00 AM	Gold Medal Match	

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