Beach Volleyball — 2024 Paris Olympics

Beach Volleyball Events (2)

Men's | **Women's**

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How Olympic Beach Volleyball Works

The goal of beach 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.

Beach volleyball is played with two players on a team. The first team to win two sets wins the match. Sets are normally played to 21 points (win by 2), but if the match is tied at one set each, the third set is played to 15 points.

Tournament Format

The 24 teams on both the men's and women's side are broken down into six pools. A team will play the other three teams in their pool and the top two teams advance to the round of 16. The top third place teams will also make the knockout stage. The competition then shifts to a single-elimination bracket to determine the winner.

Men's Groups

Pool A

AUS   **ITA**   **QAT**   **SWE**

AUS - Nicolaidis/Carracher
ITA - Cottafava/Nicolai
QAT - Cherif/Ahmed
SWE - Ahman/Hellvig

Pool B

CHI   **ITA**   **NED**   **NOR**

CHI - M. Grimalt/E. Grimalt
ITA - Ranghieri/Carambula
NED - Van De Velde/immers
NOR - Mol/Sorum

Pool C

AUS   **FRA**   **GER**   **POL**

AUS - Hodges/Schubert
FRA - Bassereau/Lyneel
GER - Ehlers/Wickler
POL - Bryl/Losiak

Pool D

BRA   **CUB**   **MAR**   **USA**

BRA - George/Andre
CUB - Diaz/Alayo
MAR - Abicha/Elgraouri
USA - Partain/Benesh

Pool E

AUS   **BRA**   **CAN**   **CZE**

AUT - Horl/Horst
BRA - Evandro/Arthur
CAN - Schachter/Dearing
CZE - Perusic/Schweiner

Pool F

FRA   **NED**   **ESP**   **USA**

FRA - Krou/Gauthier-Rat
NED - Boermans/De Groot
ESP - Herrera/Gavira
USA - Evans/Budinger

Women's Groups

Pool A

BRA **EGY** **ITA** **ESP**

BRA - Ana Patricia/Duda
EGY - Marwa/D. Elghobashy
ITA - Gottardi/Menegatti
ESP - Liliana/Paula

Pool B

AUS **CAN** **CHN** **USA**

AUS - Mariafe/Clancy
CAN - Bansley/Bukovec
CHN - Xue/X.Y. Xia
USA - Nuss/Kloth

Pool C

CZE **FRA** **GER** **USA**

CZE - Hermannova/Stochlova
FRA - Vieira/Chamereau
GER - Muller/Tillmann
USA - Hughes/Cheng

Pool D

CAN **LAT** **PAR** **SUI**

CAN - Melissa/Brandie
LAT - Tina/Anastasija
PAR - Poletti/Michelle
SUI - Esmee/Zoe

Pool E

BRA **JPN** **LTU** **NED**

BRA - Carol/Barbara
JPN - Akiko/Ishii
LTU - Paulikiene/Raupelyte
NED - Stam/Schoon

Pool F

FRA **GER** **ESP** **SUI**

FRA - Placette/Richard
GER - Ludwig/Lippmann
ESP - Alvarez/Moreno
SUI - Huberli/Brunner

Men's Pool Play Schedule

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

Date	Time	Pool	Event
Sat, July 27	8:00 AM	D	United States vs. Cuba
Sat, July 27	9:00 AM	A	Sweden vs. Australia
Sat, July 27	1:00 PM	D	Brazil vs. Morocco
Sat, July 27	5:00 PM	A	Italy vs. Qatar
Sun, July 28	4:00 AM	B	Netherlands vs. Italy
Sun, July 28	11:00 AM	E	Czechia vs. Canada
Sun, July 28	2:00 PM	E	Brazil vs. Austria
Sun, July 28	3:00 PM	B	Norway vs. Chile
Mon, July 29	3:00 AM	A	Italy vs. Australia
Mon, July 29	4:00 AM	F	Netherlands vs. Spain
Mon, July 29	10:00 AM	F	France vs. United States
Mon, July 29	2:00 PM	A	Sweden vs. Qatar
Tue, July 30	3:00 AM	C	Poland vs. Australia
Tue, July 30	4:00 AM	C	Germany vs. France
Tue, July 30	6:00 AM	D	Brazil vs. Cuba
Tue, July 30	9:00 AM	D	United States vs. Morocco
Tue, July 30	11:00 AM	F	France vs. Spain
Tue, July 30	2:00 PM	F	Netherlands vs. United States
Wed, July 31	3:00 PM	E	Czechia vs. Austria
Wed, July 31	10:00 AM	B	Netherlands vs. Chile
Wed, July 31	2:00 PM	E	Brazil vs. Canada
Wed, July 31	4:00 PM	B	Norway vs. Italy
Thu, Aug 1	3:00 AM	C	Germany vs. Australia
Thu, Aug 1	4:00 AM	A	Qatar vs. Australia
Thu, Aug 1	6:00 AM	D	Cuba vs. Morocco
Thu, Aug 1	9:00 AM	D	Brazil vs. United States
Thu, Aug 1	11:00 AM	A	Sweden vs. Italy
Thu, Aug 1	3:00 PM	C	Poland vs. France
Fri, Aug 2	4:00 AM	B	Italy vs. Chile
Fri, Aug 2	5:00 AM	E	Austria vs. Canada
Fri, Aug 2	9:00 AM	F	Spain vs. United States
Fri, Aug 2	10:00 AM	F	France vs. Netherlands
Fri, Aug 2	2:00 PM	B	Norway vs. Netherlands
Fri, Aug 2	3:00 PM	E	Czechia vs. Brazil
Sat, Aug 3	3:00 AM	C	Germany vs. Poland
Sat, Aug 3	4:00 AM	C	Australia vs. France

Women's Pool Play Schedule

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

Date	Time	Pool	Event
Sat, July 27	12:00 PM	B	China vs. Australia
Sat, July 27	4:00 PM	B	United States vs. Canada
Sun, July 28	3:00 AM	A	Italy vs. Spain
Sun, July 28	5:00 AM	E	Brazil vs. Japan
Sun, July 28	6:00 AM	C	Germany vs. France
Sun, July 28	9:00 AM	E	Netherlands vs. Lithuania
Sun, July 28	10:00 AM	A	Brazil vs. Egypt
Sun, July 28	4:00 PM	C	United States vs. Czechia
Mon, July 29	5:00 AM	B	China vs. Canada
Mon, July 29	6:00 AM	F	Switzlerand vs. Spain
Mon, July 29	9:00 AM	D	Canada vs. Paraguay
Mon, July 29	11:00 AM	D	Latvia vs. Switzerland
Mon, July 29	3:00 PM	F	France vs. Germany
Mon, July 29	4:00 PM	B	United States vs. Australia
Tue, July 30	5:00 AM	A	Italy vs. Egypt
Tue, July 30	10:00 AM	E	Brazil vs. Lithuania
Tue, July 30	3:00 PM	A	Brazil vs. Spain
Tue, July 30	4:00 PM	E	Netherlands vs. Japan
Wed, July 31	4:00 AM	F	Switzerland vs. Germany
Wed, July 31	5:00 AM	C	Germany vs. Czechia
Wed, July 31	6:00 AM	D	Latvia vs. Paraguay
Wed, July 31	9:00 AM	C	United States vs. France
Wed, July 31	11:00 AM	F	France vs. Spain
Wed, July 31	3:00 PM	D	Canada vs. Swizterland
Thu, Aug 1	5:00 AM	A	Spain vs. Egypt
Thu, Aug 1	10:00 AM	B	Australia vs. Canada
Thu, Aug 1	2:00 PM	A	Brazil vs. Italy
Thu, Aug 1	4:00 PM	B	United States vs. China
Fri, Aug 2	3:00 AM	E	Lithuania vs. Japan
Fri, Aug 2	6:00 AM	C	France vs. Czechia
Fri, Aug 2	11:00 AM	E	Brazil vs. Netherlands
Fri, Aug 2	4:00 PM	C	United States vs. Germany
Sat, Aug 3	5:00 AM	D	Switzerland vs. Paraguay
Sat, Aug 3	6:00 AM	F	Spain vs. Germany
Sat, Aug 3	10:00 AM	F	France vs. Switzerland
Sat, Aug 3	11:00 AM	D	Canada vs. Latvia

Men's Bracket

Gold Medal

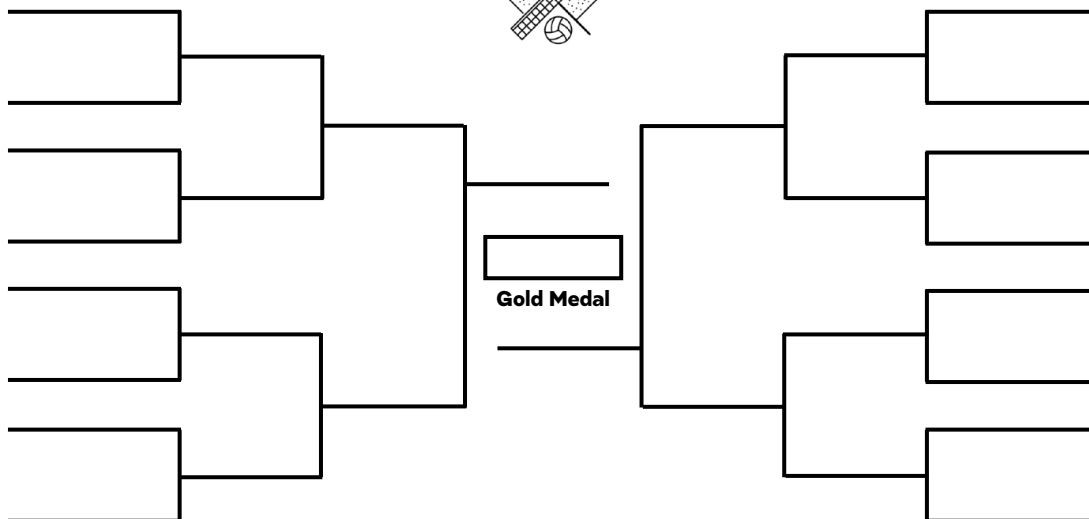| Date	Time	Event
Sun, Aug 4	3:00 AM	Round of 16
Sun, Aug 4	4:00 AM	Round of 16
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Sun, Aug 4	11:00 AM	Round of 16
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Sun, Aug 4	3:00 PM	Round of 16
Sun, Aug 4	4:00 PM	Round of 16
Mon, Aug 5	3:00 AM	Round of 16
Mon, Aug 5	4:00 AM	Round of 16
Mon, Aug 5	7:00 AM	Round of 16
Mon, Aug 5	8:00 AM	Round of 16
Mon, Aug 5	11:00 AM	Round of 16
Mon, Aug 5	12:00 PM	Round of 16
Mon, Aug 5	3:00 PM	Round of 16
Mon, Aug 5	4:00 PM	Round of 16
Tue, Aug 6	11:00 AM	Quarterfinal
Tue, Aug 6	12:00 PM	Quarterfinal
Tue, Aug 6	3:00 PM	Quarterfinal
Tue, Aug 6	4:00 PM	Quarterfinal
Wed, Aug 7	11:00 AM	Quarterfinal
Wed, Aug 7	12:00 PM	Quarterfinal
Wed, Aug 7	3:00 PM	Quarterfinal
Wed, Aug 7	4:00 PM	Quarterfinal
Thu, Aug 8	11:00 AM	Semifinal
Thu, Aug 8	12:00 PM	Semifinal
Thu, Aug 8	3:00 PM	Semifinal
Thu, Aug 8	4:00 PM	Semifinal
Fri, Aug 9	3:00 PM	**W Bronze**
Fri, Aug 9	4:30 PM	**W Gold**
Sat, Aug 10	3:00 PM	**M Bronze**
Sat, Aug 10	4:30 PM	**M Gold**

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From NBA to Team USA
Chase Budinger has one of the most unique stories heading into the 2024 Olympics. The former NBA player (who even participated in the Slam Dunk Contest) is now debuting in the Olympics with teammate Miles Evans.

Women's Bracket

Gold Medal