

## **Beach volleyball tournament 2024**

### **REGULATIONS**

#### **1. PURPOSE AND TASKS**

- 1.1.** Popularize beach volleyball, a popular and easily accessible team sport among the students of Rīga Stradiņš university (hereinafter – RSU) as an opportunity to actively relax, promoting a healthy lifestyle and fitness.
- 1.2.** Provide an environment where participants can relax from intensive studies and experience positive emotions.
- 1.3.** Involve RSU students in the Beach Volleyball tournament (hereinafter - the tournament), thereby increasing the opportunities for physical activities.

#### **2. TOURNAMENT PLACE AND TIME**

- 2.1.** Tournament time: May 25, 2024 (Saturday).
- 2.2.** Venue of the tournament: Lucavsala volleyball courts.
- 2.3.** The tournament starts at 15:00.
- 2.4.** Team registration at 14:00-14:30.

#### **3. TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT - ORGANIZERS**

- 3.1.** The tournament is organized by: the RSU Student Union (hereinafter - SU) and the International Student Association (hereinafter - ISA).
- 3.2.** Coordinator of the tournament: Ieva Veipa, Head of Culture and Sports Affairs at RSU SU.
- 3.3.** Tournament project manager: Laura Lazdāne.
- 3.4.** Organizers of the tournament: Linda Geidāne, Agate Borisova, Arnis Mežinskis, Tomas Krastiņš.

#### **4. REFEREES**

- 4.1.** During the tournament, the match referees are one of the opposing teams (a team that is not on the playing field at the time).
- 4.2.** In case of conflict situations, the final word is given to the representative of the organizing team who will be on duty in each field.
- 4.3.** A schedule will be created with the judging teams, which will be available to view at the relevant stand on the day of the event.

## **5. COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS**

- 5.1.** All RSU students and employees, as well as guests from other higher education institutions, are invited to participate in the tournament.
- 5.2.** The team consists of 4 players (at least 2 RSU students and 1 female participant).
- 5.3.** During the tournament, a participant can be part of only one team..
- 5.4.** Comfortable sports clothes and shoes should be brought, however, the games will be played with no shoes on.

## **6. TEAM APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

- 6.1.** A joint team application must be submitted electronically by filling out the online application form on the RSU SU website [sp.rsu.lv/volejbols24](http://sp.rsu.lv/volejbols24) by **May 17** at 23.59.
- 6.2.** The application form must be filled out accurately and provide true information about the student's name, surname and contact phone number. In case of falsely provided information, the organizers reserve the right to disqualify the team or participant.
- 6.3.** The maximum number of teams that can apply is **12**.
- 6.4.** Participation in the tournament is free..

## **7. TOURNAMENT RULES**

- 7.1.** Teams will be notified of the match schedule on the day of the event.
- 7.2.** A maximum of 12 teams participates in the tournament. The teams are divided into 3 groups of 4 teams each:
  - 7.2.1.** teams play a one-round tournament in subgroups;
  - 7.2.2.** games are played between 2 teams, 3 players from each team on the court, at least one of whom is a female participant.
- 7.3.** The games will be played according to the current international rules of the FIVB (*International Volleyball Federation*) with the official Mikasa game balls::
  - 7.3.1.** the server must not attack and block the opponent;
  - 7.3.2.** teams play one set for 10 minutes or up to 21 points. After 5 minutes or 10 points have been played, the teams switch sides and the set continues;
  - 7.3.3.** in case of a draw, the game is played up to 2 points difference;
  - 7.3.4.** the height of the net is 2.43 meters..
- 7.4.** It is considered that a team did not come to the game and a loss is awarded if less than 3 members of the team have come to the start of the game within 3 minutes after the scheduled time of the games - at least one member must be a female representative.
- 7.5.** Scoring system:
  - 7.5.1.** for a won game, the team receives 1 point;

**7.5.2.** for a lost game - 0 points.

## 8. VOLLEYBALL GAME SYSTEM

**8.1.** In the subgroups of the main tournament, the teams are divided according to the order of the draw on the day of the competition. Team tables will be available on the day of the event.

**8.2.** Pitch and ball advantage is drawn before the start of the game.

**8.3.** The game for bronze and the final continues until one of the teams first scores 21 points with at least 2 points advantage over the opponent. If one of the teams has scored 21 points, but the difference in points is less than 2, then the game continues until the difference in points scored between the teams is at least 2 points.

**8.4.** Other game rules are in accordance with the international beach volleyball rules: [OFFICIAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL RULES 2021-2024](#)

### **8.5. The tournament takes place in four stages:**

**8.5.1.** the main tournament, where all confirmed teams participate. They are divided into 2 subgroups. The maximum number of teams in a subgroup is 6 teams. In the main tournament, the teams will play against each other within the same subgroup;

**8.5.2.** playoff, where the 1st-4th of each subgroup place winners continue the fight for entering the final stage;

**8.5.3.** the final stage, where the fight for prizes in the Tournament takes place. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place are played;

**8.5.4.** all-star games, in which 1 participant from each *playoff* team is nominated, respectively, combining participants in 2 teams in random order. The game will continue for one set - 10 minutes or up to 21 points (21st point is the last). After 5 minutes have been played, the teams switch sides and the set continues. Participants will compete for the title of the star team.

## 9. LIABILITY OF PARTICIPANTS

**9.1.** Each participant is responsible for his health condition and personal belongings and confirms this with his signature when registering at the tournament venue before the start of the games.

**9.2.** Each participant is materially responsible for the damage caused to the venue, equipment, participants, and organizers of sports games.

**9.3.** A team is obliged to arrive at the specified place of sports games, presenting the team's uniform image, such as uniforms, slogan, and visual elements.

**9.4.** A doctor will be on duty during the tournament and can be contacted in case of need.

- 9.5.** By filling out the application form, Tournament participants agree to the condition that photography and filming takes place during the event. Materials obtained after the event can be published on social networks.
- 9.6.** A team may be disqualified from the Tournament in the following cases:
- 9.6.1.** stating false information in the application form - name, surname, student ID card number, faculty, telephone number or e-mail;
  - 9.6.2.** if one of the representatives of a particular team acts unsportsmanlike or acts against the official rules of the game.
- 9.7.** To play fair, respecting the referee's decisions.

## **10. AWARDS**

- 10.1.** The awarding ceremony will take place at the end of the tournament.
- 10.2.** Prizes are awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.
- 10.3.** The winning team of the all-star game receives promotional prizes.
- 10.4.** The best results of individual and team activities in the overall ranking will be awarded separately.

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