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**VOLLEYBALL
WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
JAPAN 2018**



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DRAWING OF LOTS
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The men's and women's FIVB Volleyball World Championships are staged every four years and are the most prestigious event in international volleyball.

The first FIVB Volleyball World Championships were organised in 1949 for men and 1952 for women and have remained the biggest event in volleyball, alongside the Olympic Games.

A total number of 244 teams, coming from 137 national federations across the five FIVB confederations participated in the qualification process for the 2018 FIVB Volleyball World Championships.

QUALIFICATION PROCESS

With each confederation responsible for organising their qualification process, the first round of elimination tournaments began in the CEV region in May 2016, followed, the same year, by the NORCECA confederation.

The other three confederations began their qualification process for the FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championship in 2017. To date, all the 24 teams have qualified for the FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championship Japan 2018.

QUALIFICATION PROCESS



TEAMS	QUALIFIED THROUGH	DATES
AVC	(Four vacancies)	
Japan	Host	-
China	FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championship Japan 2018 Asia qualifier - Pool A 1st	Kazakhstan, Sept 20-24, 2017
Kazakhstan	FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championship Japan 2018 Asia qualifier - Pool A 2nd	Kazakhstan, Sept 20-24, 2017
Korea	FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championship Japan 2018 Asia qualifier - Pool B 1st	Thailand, Sept 20-24, 2017
Thailand	FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championship Japan 2018 Asia qualifier - Pool B 2nd	Thailand, Sept 20-24, 2017
CAVB	(Two vacancies)	
Cameroon	Women's African Nations Championship - Winner	Cameroon, Oct 7-14, 2017
Kenya	Women's African Nations Championship - Runner Up	Cameroon, Oct 7-14, 2017
CEV	(Eight vacancies)	
Russia	Second round qualifier (Winner Pool A2)	Croatia, May 31-June 4, 2017
Serbia	Second round qualifier (Winner Pool B2)	Poland, May 23-28, 2017
Turkey	Second round qualifier (Winner Pool C2)	Bulgaria, May 31-June 4, 2017
Italy	Second round qualifier (Winner Pool D2)	Belgium, May 31-June 4, 2017
Azerbaijan	Second round qualifier (Winner Pool E2)	Azerbaijan, May 30-June 3, 2017
Germany	Second round qualifier (Winner Pool F2)	Portugal, May 31-June 4, 2017
Netherlands	Third round qualifier (Winner Pool A3)	August 22 - 27, 2017
Bulgaria	Third round qualifier (Second Pool A3)	August 22 - 27, 2017
CSV	(Two vacancies)	
Brazil	South American 2017 Continental Championship Winner	August 15-19, 2017
Argentina	Continental Qualification	October 11-15, 2017
NORCECA	(Six vacancies)	
USA	FIVB Volleyball World Championships Italy 2014 Winner	-
Canada	Norceca's Continental Championship World Championship Qualification (Group B) Winner	Canada, Sept 26-Oct 1, 2017
Cuba	Norceca's Continental Championship World Championship Qualification (Group B) Runner up	Canada, Sept 26-Oct 1, 2017
Dominican Republic	Norceca's Continental Championship World Championship Qualification (Group A) Winner	Dominican Republic, Oct 11-16, 2017
Puerto Rico	Norceca's Continental Championship World Championship Qualification (Group A) Runner Up	Dominican Republic, Oct 11-16, 2017
Mexico	Norceca's Continental Championship World Championship Qualification (Group C) Winner	Trinidad&Tobago, Oct 11-16, 2017
Trinidad & Tobago	Norceca's Continental Championship World Championship Qualification (Group C) Runner up	Trinidad&Tobago - Oct 11-16, 2017

DRAWING OF LOTS

The Drawing of Lots for the FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championship Japan 2018 will determine the make-up of the pools in the first round of this year's tournament. It will be carried out under the supervision of Mr Achilleas Mavromatis, member of the FIVB Board of Administration.

VENUE

The ceremony of drawing of lots shall take place in Tokyo, Japan at The Keio Plaza Hotel.

CEREMONY

The Drawing of Lots Ceremony will be organised under the supervision of the FIVB President's representative at a public session on 7 December at 13:00.

DISTRIBUTION OF TEAMS

The organiser (Japan) and 23 teams which are qualified in total 24 teams which will be distributed into Pool A, B, C and D.

The Host placed seed 1 in Pool A.

The next 7 highest ranked teams in the FIVB World Ranking are seeded in to the first and second row in serpentine system, according to the Specific Regulations and FIVB World Ranking.

The remaining 16 teams will be drawn by row in accordance with the FIVB World Ranking as of August 2017.

WOMEN'S PARTICIPATING TEAMS

The following 24 men's teams will be participating in the Drawing of Lots:

World Ranking	Teams	Country Code
WR 1	China	CHN
WR 2	Usa	USA
WR 3	Serbia	SRB
WR 4	Brazil	BRA
WR 5	Russia	RUS
WR 6	Japan	JPN
WR 7	Italy	ITA
WR 8	Netherland	NED
WR 9	Dominican Republic	DOM
WR 10	Republic of Korea	KOR
WR 11	Argentina	ARG
WR 12	Turkey	TUR
WR 13	Germany	GER
WR 13	Puerto rico	PUR
WR 16	Thailand	THA
WR 17	Bulgaria	BUL
WR 18	Cameroon	CMR
WR 19	Canada	CAN
WR 21	Kazakhstan	KAZ
WR 24	Azerbaijan	AZE
WR 25	Cuba	CUB
WR 26	Mexico	MEX
WR 33	Kenya	KEN
WR 34	Trinidad & Tobago	TTO

WOMEN'S TEAM DISTRIBUTION

	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
1 st Row	ORG JPN	WR1 CHN	WR2 USA	WR3 SRB
2 nd Row	WR8 NED	WR7 ITA	WR5 RUS	WR4 BRA
3 rd Row	Draw B1	Draw B1	Draw B1	Draw B1
4 th Row	Draw B2	Draw B2	Draw B2	Draw B2
5 th Row	Draw B3	Draw B3	Draw B3	Draw B3
6 th Row	Draw B4	Draw B4	Draw B4	Draw B4

HOST CITIES



YOKOHAMA,

a Japanese city south of Tokyo, was one of the first Japanese ports opened to foreign trade, in 1859. It contains a large Chinatown with hundreds of Chinese restaurants and shops. It's also known for Sankei-en Garden, a botanical park containing preserved Japanese residences from different eras, and the seaside Minato Mirai district, site of the 296m Landmark Tower. Yokohama was one of the volleyball venues, together with the capital, when the sport made its Olympic debut at Tokyo 1964.



SAPPORO,

capital of the mountainous northern Japanese island of Hokkaido, is famous for its beer, skiing and annual Sapporo Snow Festival featuring enormous ice sculptures. Ski hills and jumps from the 1972 Winter Olympics are scattered within the city limits, and Niseko, a renowned ski resort, is nearby.



KOBE,

is a city on Osaka Bay, in Central Japan. It is one of the largest city in Japan, one of the first to open trade with the west in the 19th Century. Well-known for its signature beef as well as for the settings of mountains around its harbour, it is also famous for the hot springs of Arima Onsen. Kobe is a thriving metropolitan city with an international feel.

HOST CITIES



HAMAMATSU,

is the central city of the western part of the Shizuoka prefecture, made famous by car manufacturers, Honda and Suzuki, and musical instrument manufacturers, Yamaha and Kawai. In addition to many musical events, Hamamatsu has hosted many volleyball events including matches of the FIVB World Championships in 1998 and the FIVB Volleyball Women's World Cup in 2007.



NAGOYA,

with a population of over two million, is Japan's fourth largest city and is the core metropolis of Japan's fourth largest city and is the core metropolis of Japan's midlands. It has flourished since the Edo era as one of the country's leading urban locations. The city is the birthplace of three notable feudal lords, Oda Nobunaga, Toyotomi Hideyoshi and Tokugawa Ieyasu and today plays an important role in Japan's ceramics, textiles and automobiles industries. Nagoya is the sister city of Los Angeles and Sydney and has long been active in hosting international events, including numerous FIVB competitions.



OSAKA,

is Japan's third largest and second most important city and has been the economic powerhouse of the Kansai region for many centuries. Many volleyball teams of the V-League, the Japanese Volleyball Premier League, are based in the Kansai-area. Amongst other major competitions, Osaka hosted the final of the 2003 FIVB Women's World Cup as well as matches of the 2007 edition.



TOURNAMENT LOGO

The competition trophy is included in the logo to distinguish it as the FIVB's top competition property.

TOURNAMENT LOGO



THE TROPHY

STORY OF THE TROPHY

The conceptual design for the trophy was provided by Marco Heer of Achtung!, a creative agency known internationally for their work in brand development. Having worked closely with the FIVB for a number of years, the company was responsible for designing the FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championship Italy 2014 logo on which the design of the trophy was based. The FIVB then mandated two young product designers from Switzerland, Thilo Alex Brunner and Jörg Mettler to create the new World Championship trophy.

With its unique contemporary design, the trophy has set itself apart from other awards in international sporting competitions. Eichenberger LTD and their mastermind, Juan Franco, were responsible for its production. The company specialises in complex metal works for the Swiss watchmaking and jewellery industry. The coming together of an open minded sports federation, two contemporary product designers and skilled production specialists have made it possible to create something truly extraordinary for the FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championship Japan 2018.



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HEIGHT

42.88 CM

WEIGHT

10 KG

PRODUCTION

120 HOURS OF
MILLING

24 HOURS OF HAND
POLISHING,
MICRO BLASTING
AND MOUNTING

60 HOURS TO
PROGRAMME 3D
FILES FOR MILLING

DESIGN

12 INDIVIDUAL PIECES
COME TOGETHER TO
CREATE THE SHAPE
OF A BALL ON THE
INSIDE OF THE
TROPHY STRUCTURE

TROPHY

CONSTRUCTED FROM
INDIVIDUAL PIECES
ASSEMBLED TOGETHER
SEAMLESSLY,
REPRESENTING THE 12
PLAYERS USING THE
ROTATION SYSTEM ON
THE COURT

DESIGN

OVERALL SHAPE
REFLECTS THE SPEED
AND ELEGANCE OF
VOLLEYBALL AS WELL
AS THE VOLLEYBALL
VALUES OF PURITY,
PERFORMANCE,
POWER, PRECISION
AND TEAMWORK

COLOUR

MOVES FROM A NICKEL
TO GOLD COLOUR
REPRESENTING THE
WINNING TEAM'S
GRADUAL RISE TO
THE WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

TROPHY BASE

HOLDS THE NAMES OF
PREVIOUS WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE
HOLDERS



CONTACT INFORMATION



INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION

The FIVB is the governing body responsible for all forms of volleyball on a global level. Working closely with national federations and private enterprises the FIVB aims to develop volleyball as a major world media and entertainment sport through world-class planning and organisation of competitions, marketing and development activities. The FIVB is part of the Olympic Movement, contributing to the success of the Olympic Games.

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