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WORLD LEAGUE COUNCIL

Lausanne, 18 August 2015

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Lic. Jesus PERALES NAVARRO  
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Mrs. Howyda MONDY  

1. **MARKETING IMPACT**

The Marketing report was presented by Mr. LIMA. The report identified the key elements which could contribute to the development and success of the World League; FIVB Calendar to be prioritised over regional/continental calendars – only top players to be used – Renaming of the Competition – Finals “Gold medal match” – Public to surround the court in Group 1 arenas - Full house (Maximum spectator capacity) - Challenge system mandatory - 3 color court recommended mandatory for Finals - LED panels mandatory - Fan engagement – Branding - Increase percentage of 3x2 matches (better show with best players).
2. VOLLEYBALL EVENTS DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

Ms. van ZWIETEN summarised the activities and highlights of the 2015 World League.

PRESIDENT GRAÇA requested that the statistics for 2015 be studied and proposals and feedback be made by the members.

Mr. PRZEDPELSKI requested that the comparison between spectator statistics and the venue capacity statistics be made available.

### PROPOSAL

- Challenge System to be also mandatory in Group 2

3. REFEREE DELEGATE REPORT

Mr. PEREYRA summarised his report and covered aspects of the number of matches (174), Number of International Referees (90), Categories of International Referees (A, B1 & B2, C), Communication and Challenge system.

4. COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL REPORT

Mr. BAKER presented the report covering aspects of new initiatives, video content and live streaming.

5. 2016 WORLD LEAGUE

PRESIDENT GRAÇA congratulated the NETHERLANDS on the excellent organisation of the Beach Volleyball World Championships.

Dr. ELWANI enquired about the new applicants for 2016 World League; Cameroon and Slovenia.

Ms. Van ZWIETEN replied that to date only an official document had been received from Qatar (AVC) but nothing from Slovenia or Cameroon.

**Drawing of Lots** for the Host Organizers (Group 1, 2 and 3) was carried out and the results were registered:
Competition Formula

**Competition formula – GROUP 1**

**Formula:**
- 12 teams divided in 3 pools per week (Pool A-I) of 4 teams
- Round Robin system each weekend
- 9 matches per team in total
- 54 matches in total for the Preliminary Rounds

**Duration:**
- 3 weeks of Preliminary Round
- 1 week for the Final Round

**Qualification to Final Round (6 teams) – Round Robin Format:**
- The five best of final ranking (5 teams)
- The host (1 team)

**Promotion – Relegation:**
- The last ranked team of the first group after the Preliminary Round will be relegated. However, if the winner of the second group cannot meet the requirements set up by the FIVB, the FIVB will decide.

**Competition formula – GROUP 2**

**Formula:**
- 12 teams divided in 3 pools per week (Pool J-R) of 4 teams
- Round Robin system each weekend
- 9 matches per team in total
- 54 matches in total for the Preliminary Rounds

**Duration:**
- 3 weeks of Preliminary Round
- 1 week for the Final Round

**Qualification to Final Round (4 teams) – Semi Finals/Finals Format:**
- The three best of the final Preliminary Round Ranking (3 teams)
- The host (1 team)

**Promotion – Relegation:**
- The last ranked team of the second group after the Preliminary Round will be relegated. However, if the winner of the second group cannot meet the requirements set up by the FIVB, the FIVB will decide.
- The winner of the Final Four of the second group will have the possibility to access to the first group, only if it can meet the contractual requirements.
Competition formula – GROUP 3

Formula:
Current Proposal TBC
- 8 teams divided in 2 pools per week (Pool S-V) of 4 teams
- Round Robin during two weeks
- 6 matches per team in total
- 24 matches in total for the Preliminary round

Duration:
- 2 weeks of Preliminary Round
- 1 week for the Final Round of the third group

Qualification to Final Round (4 teams) – Semi Finals/Finals Format:
- The three best of the final Preliminary Round Ranking (3 teams)
- The host (1 team)

Promotion – Relegation:
- In order to define the relegated teams there will be a playoff between the last team of each continent and new countries
- The winner of the Final Four of the third group will have the possibility to access to the second group, only if it can meet the contractual requirements.

INTERNAL DECISIONS

2016 WORLD LEAGUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

GROUP 1
- Fee : USD 350’000
- TV (Mandatory) : HD TV Production & Broadcasting / HD TV Light System
- Other (Mandatory) : LED Advertising System, Giant Screen, Video Challenge, Headset for Referees
- DJ & MC (announcer)
- Players : 10 players out of 14 from last event
- 0-2a : 21 players on the O2a cut to 18 players two weeks before the start
- Host Organisers : Top 8 teams from 2015 to organize Preliminary Round - last vacancy to be drawn amongst interested countries

GROUP 2
- Fee : USD 250’000
- TV (Recommended) : HD TV Production & Broadcasting
- Other (Recommended) : LED Advertising System, Giant Screen, Video Challenge

GROUP 3
- Fee : USD 250’000
- TV (Mandatory) : TV Production of all matches
- Other (Recommended) : LED Advertising System, Giant Screen, Video Challenge
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2016 World League Calendar, Competition Formula and Team Drawer

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INTERNAL DECISIONS

- To distribute the 2016 World League Agreements to the participating National Federations during the World League Council meeting on **18 August 2015**
- NF-GER withdrew their participation from the 2016 World League due to financial constraints
- NF-MNE requested to remain in Group 3 for the 2016 World League due to financial constraints
- To extend the deadline for new Participating countries for 2016 World League to **25 August 2016** for Group 3

6. **2016 WORLD LEAGUE FINALS BIDDING PROCESS**

Mr. NAVERSNIK presented the Bidding process report.

For the WL Finals, the minimum fees are;
Group 1: USD 1’000’000
Group 2: USD 250’000
Group 3: USD 60’000

Ms. Van ZWIETEN clarified that only the 8 teams already qualified in Group 1 have the right to bid for Finals.
7. **NEXT STEPS**

Ms. Van ZWIETEN confirmed that by the end of the meeting, the FIVB Legal department would provide the WL Agreements and distribute them to the National Federations.

**INTERNAL DECISION**

- **30 September** – Letter of Participation and Appendices to be signed by the Organizers
- **31 October** – Confirmation of Match Schedule, Cities, Dates and Time

8. **WORLD LEAGUE 2017 AND ONWARDS**

Mr. BORICIC requested that the members provide their feedback concerning the qualification proposals.

Mr. BEAL asked when the deadline was for proposals for qualifications.

PRESIDENT GRAÇA confirmed the deadline would be the end of October 2015.

PRESIDENT GRAÇA concluded the meeting, strongly advising that the FIVB should concentrate on promotion and not only competition.
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1. **OPENING SPEECH**

PRESIDENT GRAÇA opened the session with a motivational speech.

2. **VOLLEYBALL EVENTS DEPARTMENT SUMMARY**

Ms. VAN ZWIETEN summarised the overview and highlights of the 2015 World Grand Prix, for each of the three groups; including new organisers, spectators' numbers and travel issues.
3. REFEREE DELEGATE REPORT

Mr. MOHAMED summarised his report, covering topics including categories of international referees, presence and development of female referees, implementation of new refereeing technologies and international representation of referees.

4. COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL REPORT

Mr. BAKER presented the report covering aspects of new initiatives in collaboration with all FIVB departments, creating value, video content and live streaming.

Mr. CARRACHER suggested that receiving information regarding foreign TV feeds would support sponsorship sales.

5. PROPOSAL OF FORMULA FOR THE 2016 WORLD GRAND PRIX

Ms. Gabrielle VAN ZWIETEN proposed the competition’s calendar earlier in the year due to the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournaments and the 2016 Olympic Games, in Rio de Janeiro.

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The following was exposed for each of the three groups:

a) Terms and Conditions
   - Entry fees
   - TV Production and broadcasting
   - Mandatory inclusion of players
   - O2-a conditions
   - Others
b) Teams
c) Formula
d) Final Round Formula and Qualification System
e) Promotion and Relegation
The **Terms and Conditions** for each of the groups will be as follows:

**Group 1.**
**Entry Fee:**
- Organisers without participating teams: **USD 200’000**
- Organisers with participating teams: **USD 150’000**
- Participating teams not organising: **USD 120’000**

Mandatory requirements:
- HD production and broadcasting
- HD television light system
- LED advertising system
- Giant screen
- Video Challenge
- Headset for referees
- DJ & MC (announcer)

**Group 2.**
**Entry Fee:**
- All participating teams: **USD 100’000**

Mandatory requirements:
- Headset for referees

Recommended notes:
- HD production and broadcasting
- LED advertising system
- Giant screen
- Video Challenge

**Group 3.**
**Entry Fee:**
- All participating teams: **USD 75’000**

Mandatory requirements:
- TV production of all matches
- Headset for referees

The **Competition Formula** will follow the below system:

**Group 1.**
**Formula:**
- 12 teams divided in 3 pools per week (Pool A-I) of 4 teams
- Round Robin system each weekend
- 9 matches per team in total
- 54 matches in total for the Preliminary Rounds

**Duration:**
- 3 weeks of Preliminary Round
- 1 week for the Final Round
Final Six:
- The five best teams of the preliminary round final ranking + the host team
- One weekend break between the preliminary round and final round
- 6 teams divided in 2 pools with 3 teams each – Round Robin
- Followed by Semi-Finals and Finals Relegation:
- The last ranked team after the Preliminary Round.

**Group 2.**
**Formula:**
- 8 teams divided in 2 pools per week (Pool J-M) of 4 teams
- Round Robin system each weekend
- 6 matches per team in total
- 24 matches in total for the Preliminary Rounds

**Duration:**
- 2 weeks of Preliminary Round
- 1 week for the Final Round

**Final Four:**
- The three best teams of the preliminary round final ranking + the host team
- Semi-Finals and Finals format

**Promotion / Relegation:**
- The last ranked team after the Preliminary Round will be relegated
- The winner of the Final Four will have the possibility to be promoted (if it can meet FIVB’s requirements).

**Group 3.**
**Formula:**
- 8 teams divided in 2 pools per week (Pool N-Q) of 4 teams
- Round Robin system each weekend
- 6 matches per team in total
- 24 matches in total for the Preliminary round

**Duration:**
- 2 weeks of Preliminary Round
- 1 week for the Final Round

**Final Four:**
- The three best teams of the preliminary round final ranking + the host team
- Semi-Finals and Finals format

**Promotion / Relegation:**
- The winner of the Final Four will have the possibility to be promoted (if it can meet FIVB’s requirements).
6. **POOL COMPOSITION AND DRAWING OF LOTS**

The 2015 World Grand Prix ranking was presented and the drawing of lots for each of the three groups was made. The host organisers were proposed for each of the pools, the results were registered as follows:

### GROUP 1

**WEEK 1**
- **A**: USA, BRA, RUS
- **B**: THA, ITA, NED
- **C**: GER, JPN, TUR
- **Proposed Hosts**: CHN, SRB, BEL

**WEEK 2**
- **D**: BRA, USA, RUS
- **E**: BEL, GER, NED
- **F**: SRB, JPN, ITA
- **Proposed Hosts**: CHN, TUR, THA

**WEEK 3**
- **G**: BRA, USA, RUS
- **H**: ITA, NED, THA
- **I**: TUR, GER, JPN
- **Proposed Hosts**: BEL, CHN, SRB
7. **2016 WORLD GRAND PRIX FINALS BIDDING PROCESS**

Mr. NAVERSNIK presented the bidding process and deadlines for the World Grand Prix Finals of each of the groups.

The minimum fees are as follows:
Group 1 – USD 500’000
Group 2 – USD 100’000
Group 3 – USD 75’000

The deadline for receiving the signed Information for Bidding documentation (incl. all Appendices), is set for 30th September.
8. NEXT STEPS

Ms. Gabrielle VAN ZWIETEN reminds the very important deadline of 31st October, when the FIVB must receive all match schedules’ details, including host city, dates and match times.

It is further confirmed that the FIVB Legal Department will provide the WGP Agreements within the end of the day and that FIVB Sports Events will be sending all information that was presented during the Council.

9. WORLD GRAND PRIX, 2017 AND ONWARDS: VISION, INNOVATION AND PROPOSALS

Mr. MARTE HOFFIZ finalised the session with the new vision, innovation and proposals for the World Grand Prix 2017 and onwards, exposing the proposals for the upcoming editions:

**PROPOSALS**

- 2016 WGP Winner – vacancy to 2017 World Grand Champions Cup
- 2017 WGP Winner – vacancy to 2018 World Championships
- 2018 WGP Winner – vacancy to 2019 World Cup
- 2019 WGP Winner – vacancy to 2020 Olympic Games
- 2016 – 2019 WGP combined Ranking Winner - vacancy to 2020 Olympic Games

Mr. CARRACHER made a last remark, complimenting all teams, in particular Kenya for their achievement in 2015, and thanking the whole FIVB staff, specifically the Sports Events Department, for their hard work and continuous support.

PRESIDENT GRAÇA closed the session by motivating all members to act more in their territories, through a variety of promotional channels.
BEACH VOLLEYBALL COMMISSION

Lausanne, 7 October 2015

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Lausanne, 7 October 2015

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PRESIDENT GRAÇA welcomed the attendees and asked for their help and commitment entering the “Golden era” for beach volleyball based on the success experienced in London Olympic Games and the expected success at the Rio and Tokyo Olympic Games, given the established volleyball culture in the countries. PRESIDENT GRAÇA confirmed that the FIVB has entered into new exciting partnerships, and the investment of the FIVB in Continental Cup that was expected to produce a return on investment in the coming years. He supported his vision of beach volleyball’s evolution by confirming that 169 nations were in the run for the Olympic qualification places for Rio, while for London only 142 took part.

He concluded by foreseeing a bright future for beach volleyball in the years to come.

Mr. ARAUJO, FIVB Board of Administration Member & Beach Volleyball Commission President, greeted the attendees, and asked for active participation, especially during the afternoon’s workshop session following the first part of the season’s reports.

1. **2014-2016 BEACH VOLLEYBALL CONTINENTAL CUP**

Mrs. KESSLER, FIVB Beach Volleyball Project Manager, was given the floor to present the progress report of the 2014-2016 Beach Volleyball Continental Cup. The Olympic qualification pathways were enlisted by reiterating the importance of the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup, qualifying 5 Olympic Places per gender followed by the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification qualifying 2 Olympic places per gender, while the Olympic Ranking determines 15 Olympic places.

Mrs. KESSLER went on to summarise the 2014-2016 Beach Volleyball Continental Cup taking place across the five continents with 72 tournaments with the participation of 169 nations.

The following breakdown of participating national federations per gender has been recorded:

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A progress update of the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup in each Confederation was offered. The 1st Phase and 2 out of 5 events of the 2nd Phase of the AVC Continental Cup have been completed, while 3 more events remain to be played. 3rd Phase has been split into Semi-Final and Final. Semi-Final shall be played in Thailand on a date TBC in May/June 2016 with the participation of 8 nations with women athletes and 10 nations with men athletes, qualifying the top 2 nations (per gender) to the Final phase joining the winners of each leg of the 2nd Phase. The AVC Continental Cup Final shall be played in Australia on 20-26 June 2016 with the participation of 6-8 nations with women athletes and 8 nations with men athletes qualifying 1 nation per gender to the Rio Olympic Games. For women, AUS, THA and CHN and for men AUS, INA and JPN have already qualified to the Final.

Dr. BIN NASSER, FIVB Executive Vice-President and AVC President, added that the Continental Cup has activated several regions of AVC, like Oceania ensuring the rise of beach volleyball, while the main constraint is of a financial nature that needs to be solved by the AVC.

For the CAVB Continental Cup, the 1st Phase has been completed, and the 4 events in the 2nd Phase shall be held over October-November 2015 (27 October – 2 November in Morocco for Group A; 27 October – 2 November in Mozambique for Group D; on 3-9 November in Cote d’Ivoire for Group B and on 3-9 November in Egypt for Group C) with the participation of 24 nations per gender, and qualifying 12 nations per gender (3 top nations from each Group) to the 3rd Phase. The 3rd Phase shall be split into Semi-Final and Final. Semi-Finals (divided into 2 double gender events) shall take place on a date to be determined between February and March 2016 (Host yet to be determined) with the participation of 12 nations per gender and qualifying 8 nations to the CAVB Continental Cup Final that shall take place on 20-26 June 2016 (Host to be determined) and qualifying 1 nation per gender to the Rio Olympic Games.

Dr. ELWANI, FIVB Executive Vice-President/FIVB Treasurer and CAVB President, explained that participation in the African Confederation had been greatly affected by Ebola, the epidemic in West Africa, but despite that beach volleyball in Africa is growing and an increased participation of nations was secured in comparison to the previous edition.

For the CEV Continental Cup, 1st and 2nd Phases have been completed. CEV Continental Cup Final will be held on 20-26 June 2016 with the participation of 16 nations per gender. The Host is yet to be determined as the bidding process shall be completed by the end of October 2015. For women, AUT, BEL, CZE, FIN, FRA, GER, GRE, ITA, LTU, NED, POL, RUS, SVK, ESP, SWE, SUI and for men, AUT, BEL, CZE, EST, FRA, GRE, ITA, GER, LAT, NED, NOR, POL, RUS, ESP, SUI and TUR have qualified to the CEV Continental Cup Final that will qualify 1 nation per gender to the Rio Olympic Games.

For the CSV Continental Cup, the 1st Phase and 2 out of 4 single gender events of the 2nd Phase have been completed. 3rd Phase, the CSV Continental Cup Final shall see the participation of 6 nations per gender to qualify 1 nation per gender to the Rio Olympic Games. The Final shall be held on 20-26 June 2016 and host is yet to be determined. For women and for men ARG, CHI and VEN have already qualified to the Final.

For the NORCECA Continental Cup, the 1st Phase has been completed, while the 2nd Phase shall take place with 2 double gender events and the participation of 12 nations per gender each, and will qualify 6 nations per gender to the 3rd Phase that will join 6 nations from the Central Zonal Phase that did not take part to the 1st and 2nd Phase. The NORCECA Continental Cup Final will be held on 20-26 June 2016 with a Host yet to be determined with the participation of 12 nations per gender and qualifying one nation per gender to the Rio Olympic Games. For women USA, CAN, CUB, PUR, MEX, DOM and for men USA, CAN, CUB, PUR, MEX, DOM have already qualified for the NORCECA Continental Cup Final.

Mr. MARTE HOFFIZ, FIVB 1st Executive Vice-President and NORCECA President, added that three countries, CAN, MEX and USA were currently bidding to host the NORCECA Continental Cup Final and the decision shall be made by the end of January 2016.
Mrs. KESSLER continued by presenting the summary of the financial support attribution and the scheduled instalments:

To follow, general guidelines and recommendations for the 3rd Phase and Continental Cup Final set out by the FIVB were presented as follows:

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<td>Semi-Finals</td>
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| Olympic Qualification | YES → Final qualifies one (1) NF per gender per Conf to the 2016 Rio Olympic Games |

| Duration | Defined by the Conf concerned |

| Stadium & Venue | Venue should include centre court, side court (s), training court (s) and facilities for athletes, officials and media. |

| Stadium Capacity | Minimum 1,500 seats |

| # of courts | As required per competition format/schedule |

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<th>Competition balls</th>
<th>Mikasa is the FIVB official ball supplier. The official ball is the Mikasa VLS 300 (leather-like material 67 +/- 1cm. provided by Mikasa)</th>
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<td>6NFs → 40 balls</td>
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| Sand Specifications | As per FIVB guidelines. It is not necessary to send a sample to the FIVB laboratory. |

| Court Equipment | Jiansu Jinling Sports Co., Ltd is the FIVB Official net and net system supplier providing net, antennae, court lines. Different manufacturer may be used upon the approval of the FIVB. |

| Scoreboards | Two (2) electronic scoreboards recommended - if not set up manual scoreboards (similar to the FIVB World Tour events) |

| Entry | As per respective Conf’s request – mandatory to enrol two teams per gender |

| Anti-Doping | As per FIVB Regulations |

| NFs/ Athletes’ Participation Restrictions | NFs having obtained the maximum Olympic places (2) through the Olympic ranking & athletes having qualified an Olympic place for its country through the Olympic ranking |

| Athletes’ Olympic Eligibility | Conf concerned should monitor the athlete’s Olympic eligibility prior to the event |

| Use of the VIS | Mandatory |

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<th>Nº of teams per Conf – NFs Cat. 1, 2 &amp; 3</th>
<th>Financial Allocation / CHF</th>
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<td>636'704</td>
<td>257'050</td>
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<td>CEV 53</td>
<td>496'255</td>
<td>241'150</td>
<td>255'105</td>
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<td>187'266</td>
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<th>Competition Format</th>
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<td>Golden Match: AVC &amp; CEV</td>
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| Rules of the Game | FIVB Official Rules of the Game |

<p>| FIVB World Ranking Points | YES |</p>
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<th>Number of NFs</th>
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<td>Women Athletes’ Uniforms</td>
<td>Women athletes are allowed to wear tight long sleeves, long legged uniforms deemed necessary for cultural and religious beliefs</td>
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<td>Officials</td>
<td>As per Conf’s requirements. Recommended: 1 Referee Delegate per event. 1 Neutral International Referee per event. Local referees as per the needs of the tournament.</td>
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<td>Media</td>
<td>Media Operations Delegate &amp; Photographer mandatory (minimum 1 press release per day + minimum 20 high resolution photos uploaded via VIS)</td>
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<td>Medals &amp; Cups</td>
<td>As per Conf’s requirements</td>
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<td>Event title</td>
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<td>Commercial Rights</td>
<td>All commercial rights except ball (Mikasa) &amp; net, net system (Jinling) belong to the Conf.</td>
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<td>TV &amp; New Media Rights</td>
<td>All TV and New Media rights belong to the respective Conf and Promoter</td>
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<td>TV Production and Broadcasting</td>
<td>Appointed by the respective Conf or Promoter &amp; Recommended to follow the minimum TV requirements for an FIVB World Tour Open event (6 TV cameras)</td>
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<td>TV News</td>
<td>Recommended for the final days</td>
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<td>Branding Kit</td>
<td>Supplied by the FIVB &amp; use mandatory</td>
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<td>Panels &amp; Flags</td>
<td>-All Panels belong to the Conf -1 FIVB + 1 Conf + 1 Continental Cup flag produced by the Conf concerned or Promoter</td>
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<td>Printed material</td>
<td>Mikasa &amp; Jinling logo as per branding kit</td>
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<td>Net bands</td>
<td>Belong to the Conf concerned</td>
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<td>Official uniforms</td>
<td>All space belong to the Conf concerned – Conf and event logo recommended</td>
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<td>Post Event Report</td>
<td>Produced by the Technical Supervisor and sent to the FIVB within 7 days</td>
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Mr. MARTE HOFFIZ enquired about the status of the branding kit and the use of the “Olympic Qualification” on the promotional material. Mrs. KESSLER confirmed that the branding kit was available at the same link and that the “Olympic Qualification” cannot be used in association with local sponsors/partners of the event, as it is protected by the IOC.

Mr. SQUEO stated that in the Olympic qualification system approved by the IOC there is a mention of FIVB World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification, therefore, based on this title the FIVB needs to explore any possibility also for other phases of the Continental Cup to use “Olympic Qualification” wording without associating it directly to local sponsors which may differ from IOC partners. The IOC must be followed and this is very important. Mr. BETTI, FIVB TV & Marketing Director, intervened to say that a clear hierarchy and distinction of the Olympic and the NF/Organiser’s sponsors need to be created if the “Olympic Qualification” is used on promotional material. He mentioned that the local sponsors cannot be placed adjacent to “Olympic Qualification” -and should be clearly defined as Organiser’s sponsor in any publication. He promised to circulate the exact IOC wording of the regulation to all Confederations. A suggestion was made to use “Road to Rio” instead as this slogan could be associated to any partner.

Mr. SMITH, FIVB Beach Volleyball Commission Member, suggested the FIVB create some examples in line with the IOC rules and that the Confederations send to the FIVB any titles and artwork they intended to use for approval, in order to not violate IOC Regulations.
Mr. SQUEO took the floor to announce that the 2016 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification will be held in Russia from 5-10 July 2016. The agreement between the FIVB and NF-RUS has been signed – NF-RUS is just to confirm the hosting city – either Moscow or Sochi in the next weeks. The confirmation of the city will happen by the end of October 2015. He also informed that opposite to the first edition of this event which was staged in short notice due to the withdrawal of Italy, this second edition will foresee a more powerful promotional plan, a large number of on-site attendance, night matches and possibly an international TV distribution.

World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification is the final event of the Continental Cup qualification pathway and is played among all the 2nd and 3rd nations per gender from each Continental Cup Final to qualify the last two Olympic places per gender to the Rio Olympic Games. This tournament will be played with a total of 10/12 nations per gender in a Country vs. Country format with “the best out of 3 matches” → 2 matches and a Golden set (if needed) - 2 pools of 5 or 6 countries per gender playing round robin. The 1st ranked country of one pool will play against the 2nd ranked country of the other pool and the winner country will earn an Olympic place to Rio 2016. In case the host country does not qualify to the tournament naturally, a drawing of lots was held during the BVB Commission meeting to determine the Confederation (one per gender) that would earn an extra spot to the tournament to balance the two pools. In the presence of witnesses the draw confirmed CEV as the Confederation earning this extra spot in both genders – men and women.

Mr. CAO, FIVB Beach Volleyball Events Vice-Director, conducted the draw for the drawing of lots for additional quota for both gender at the 2016 FIVB World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification Tournament scheduled in Russia on July 5-10, 2016. The president of the 5 Confederations were present during the drawing of lots, while the procedure was also explained before the draw started.

The additional quota for Men’s tournament was drawn by Dr. ELWANI and the quota went to CEV. The additional quota for Women’s tournament was drawn by Mr. MARTE HOFFIZ and the quota went also to CEV. The decision and procedure of how to allocate such quota (if applicable) to its affiliated NFs will be at the discretion of the Confederation, i.e. CEV in this case.

### INTERNAL DECISIONS

**Drawing of lots for 2016 FIVB World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification Tournament**

**Men’s Tournament:**
If there will be 12 NFs participating in the 2016 FIVB World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification Men’s Tournament scheduled in Russia on July 5-10, 2016, it will be composed of the following:
- 1 quota: NF-RUS (Host NF)
- 10 quotas: 2 NFs per Confederation * 5 Confederations

1 quota: NF from CEV (as per the result of drawing of lots held at the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Commission meeting). CEV should inform the FIVB after the CEV Continental Cup Finals which country will be eligible for such a place.

If there are 10 NFs participating in the 2016 FIVB World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification Men’s Tournament scheduled in Russia on July 5-10, 2016, it will be played by 2 NFs per Confederation.

**Women’s Tournament:**
If there will be 12 NFs participating in the 2016 FIVB World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification Women’s Tournament scheduled in Russia on July 5-10, 2016, it will be composed of the following:
- 1 quota: NF-RUS (Host NF)
- 10 quotas: 2 NFs per Confederation * 5 Confederations
  1 quota: NF from CEV (as per the result of drawing of lots held at the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Commission meeting.

If there are 10 NFs participating in the 2016 FIVB World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification Women's Tournament scheduled in Russia on July 5-10, 2016, it will be played by 2 NFs per Confederation.

Mr. VOLODARSKIY, FIVB Beach Volleyball Commission Member, took the floor to thank the FIVB on behalf of NF-RUS for the opportunity, and that the host city would be confirmed by the end of October 2015, and that the visa issues for the participants would be well organised in advance to avoid any delays.

PRESIDENT GRAÇA expressed his disagreement with the use of the word “World” in tournament titles thus diminishing the value. Mr. ARAUJO explained that this was done to distinguish between the continental level and world level of the competition, and that a proposal to modify the nomenclature will be brought forward later during the meeting.

PRESIDENT GRAÇA concluded the topic by stating that the FIVB’s investment for this edition of the Continental Cup, the CHF 2.5 million was coming from the budget of the FIVB Sports Development Department and is not included in the Beach Volleyball Department’s budget.

**INTERNAL DECISIONS**

1. Confederations to stage their Continental Cup Final events on the week set in the calendar (20-26 June 2016).
2. Confederations to announce the host cities of the Continental Cup Final by 31 January 2016.
3. FIVB TV & Marketing Department is to provide to the Confederations the regulation on the use of the word “Olympic” in association with the organiser’s partners/sponsors.
4. The second instalment of the FIVB’s financial support to the Confederations shall be paid in the next weeks.
5. On 27 June 2016 CEV shall confirm the nation per gender that will benefit from the extra Confederation quota place at the FIVB World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification, in case the tournament will be played with 12 nations.

**2. OLYMPIC GAMES – PROGRESS REPORT**

Mr. CAO, FIVB Beach Volleyball Events Vice-Director, took the floor and gave a presentation on the upcoming Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. The presentation focused mainly on the Post Test Event Report of the Rio Olympic Games, which was organised on September 2-6, 2015 in the same location of Copacabana beach where the Olympic Games will be organised in August, 2016. In the presentation, the event highlights were showed to the commission members on the progress made by the Rio 2016 Organising committee, as well as the achievements made during the test event including the competition management, NTOs training, venue facilities, test of Video Challenge System, etc. Key points were also presented on the area to be improved. As it had not been possible to test certain aspects, the FIVB and Rio 2016 have foreseen using the Grand Slam in Rio to eventually implement further testing, especially for sport presentation.
PRESIDENT GRAÇA pointed out that the sand quality was very good in the Copacabana Beach and shall be perfect for playing conditions.

Mr. QUINTANA, FIVB Beach Commission Member responded that the sand quality was proved to be excellent in Copacabana Beach. However, as it is a public beach, the Rio 2016 Organizing Committee promised to clean the entire venue area in depth in order to ensure that no dangerous objects would be in the sand. This was also noted by some players and officials during the test event.

3. 2015 OVERVIEW (WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & WORLD TOUR)

3.1 GENERIC OVERVIEW OF 2015 WORLD TOUR

Mr. SQUEO opened the presentation by introducing the staff of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department and their main responsibilities. He moved on to enlist the achievements in 2015 as follows: the outstanding 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships in the Netherlands; the smooth running of the Olympic Qualification and the Olympic Test event in Rio de Janeiro, BRA; first year partnership with RBMH and BMC, as well as the introduction of the Major Series to the World Tour; and the first edition of the World Tour Finals held in the Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA marking the official end of the season. Mr. SQUEO presented the calendar of 2015 with 5 Grand Slam, 3 Major Series, 1 World Tour Finals, 7 Open double gender and 2 Open single gender events, and added that the calendar had been very stable with only little changes occurring – just 1 change of city and date. The Open event in South Africa was cancelled due to budget constraints, but falls in the calendar of the next season.

Mr. SQUEO continued by highlighting the steps taken towards improvement as follows: the use of Collaborate to prepare the event; the introduction of a debriefing meeting and video debrief process for Grand Slams and some Open events; the high level performance of teams/NFs deriving from the Continental Cup; the increased FIVB staff’s presence at the events; the FIVB’s investment in Media operations and human resources, as well as the overall increased spectators attendance at the events. On this matter Mr. SQUEO showed the link of a power point presentation which was entitled “How to promote a successful Beach Volleyball event”. This was realized with the help of several FIVB departments and the consultation of some officials and promoter.

He also confirmed that 394 and 340 women athletes played at least one match on the World Tour this season, while 7 Gold medal finishes and the record earnings for women went to Talita/Larissa (BRA), and for men 6 Gold Medal finishes and record prize money earnings went to Bruno/Alison (BRA). In overall, BRA led the World Tour scene by bringing home 21 medals by women athletes and 11 medals by men athletes. In addition, TUR men team Giginoglu / Volkan Gogtepe won a medal for the first time in Lucern Open, while the ESP team Gavira/Herrera won their first ever Gold medal at the Moscow Grand Slam. For women, in addition to the medals won by BRA, CAN earned 6, Argentina 1 and Poland 1 medal for the first time. The top women newcomers recognized were Taru Lahti (FIN), Rikka Lehtonen (FIN) and Carolina Horta Maximo (BRA), while the most memorable moment recorded was VAN women team Liline/Pata defeating ITA Menegatti/ Orsi and BRA women’s team Agatha/Barbara in the elimination rounds at the Long Beach Grand Slam.

In terms of innovation, FIVB had made several steps forward by testing the “Challenge” with Hawkeye in Rio and in Ft. Lauderdale; transitioning to e-scoresheet; introducing live scoring on all courts for the majority of the events; transitioning to the new FIVB website (FIVB.com) layout for the WCHs & and World Tour Finals, as well as transitioning to the new web-based VIS platform for competition management.

As improvements for the next season, Mr. SQUEO listed timing of settled legal and contractual obligations; earlier confirmation of the calendar, FIVB officials assignments, confirmation of the suppliers, FIVB uniform sizing & distribution; use of JINLING net system instead of Funtect; competition & TV matches schedules confirmation; withdrawal & host country quota regulations; License Fee, Prize Money and Per Diem payments; competition management on VIS and extended technical assistance by the FIVB and DataProjects services extended to all World Tour events to name a few.
Mr. SQUEO went on to summarise the adapted timelines in the operations to facilitate the early start of the 2015/2016 season:

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<td>9 Oct 2015</td>
<td>Signed FIVB-ORG Agreements</td>
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<td>Oct 2015</td>
<td>Confirmed calendar &amp; confirmed comp. schedules &amp; updated branding kit &amp; release of FIVB categories</td>
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<td>Mid-Nov 2015</td>
<td>FIVB delegate &amp; Referees assignments</td>
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<td>End Nov 2015</td>
<td>Delegate &amp; Referee uniforms order to the producer</td>
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<td>1 Dec 2015</td>
<td>Signed Appendix E</td>
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<td>Confirmation of Local Sponsor Categories &amp; release of FIVB categories</td>
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<td>Handbook online</td>
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Mr. SQUEO set forth the goals for 2017 and onwards to reform the FIVB event’s structure, to further grow beach volleyball and to do its utmost to establish a tentative 4-year calendar during 2016.

3.2 2015 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OVERVIEW

Mr. SQUEO showed a video produced by the FIVB as a report of the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships in The Netherlands 2015, emphasising the fact that the event was a big success.

Mr. EVERAERT was requested to present the results of this event. He showed a video to the participants produced by the city of The Hague. He also presented some facts & figures, as follows:

- 49% of the Dutch population was aware of the event
- 38% of these followed the World Championships
- PR value (online, print, social) 11.500.000 EUR
- #WKBeach2015 16.731 mentions
- 30.254.091 impressions
- 110.000 visitors in total: Apeldoorn (21.000), Amsterdam (21.000), Rotterdam (20.000) and The Hague
- 85.000 children participated in clinics organised by NEVOBO in the lead up to the WCHs
- 10.000 children participated in the side events during the WCHs organised by the organisation in co-operation with schools
- 2.355 participants at the World Record Beach Volleyball
- 18 hrs LIVE reporting NOS
- 225 media accreditations
- 1.000 volunteers

- 1.5 MIL viewers men final
- 20MIL viewers men final in Brazil
- 800.000 visitors to the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships website. 8 MIL minutes watched. 25 MIL people reached.

3.3 2016 BVE DELEGATES

Mrs. MARICH presented the lists of Technical Supervisors and Referee delegates for 2016. The trainees that are confirmed for the new season are: Chris Chang LIU (China) / Daymian Stewart (TTO) / Ana Paula Connelly (BRA) / Oğuz DEGIRMENCI (TUR). The new assignment procedure was explained. For 2016, all assignments will be done through the VIS system,
directly. Officials and referees will be required to enter their availability on the platform and will receive a notification when they are nominated.

4. 2016 CALENDAR & 2017-2018 TENTATIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SQUEO, informed the Commission about the Beach Volleyball Department’s effort to establish the 2016 calendar in the best possible way. He added that the FIVB has done its best to accommodate the promoters’ requests and also to consider players’ travelling distance from one event to the following one. Mr. SQUEO also mentioned that the FIVB made sure that 1 week per month was made available for other activities such as Continental events and National Tour events especially taking into consideration the Major Series and Grand Slam events. Based on the current provisional calendar on two months it will be not possible to grant a free week per month if we will also consider Open events. He asked the members for their inputs.

There has been some concerns regarding the U17 World Championships in Maceio (BRA), as the event has been scheduled on 1-6 March 2016. The CEV representatives and the Polish representative, Ms. SYROPIATKO raised an issue regarding the dates as the event as it has been scheduled during the school season and also there is not enough time for the confederations to organise the qualification tournaments. Furthermore, as the cold season is starting, providing the training facilities for the players will be challenging for countries in the North hemisphere. This might cause not enough participation from the European countries or other countries in the North hemisphere. As a result a World Championships without the possibility to have a large number of countries will not meet its initial scope. Mr. SQUEO explained that it was not at all easy to find an organizer for this event and that at this stage CBV was the only interested party. He asked CBV to consider this remark and make its best effort to change the date of the event even if this will imply a change of location.

PRESIDENT GRAÇA agreed with the CEV and Polish representatives and asked Mr. DANILAS to discuss the issue with CBV and propose new dates for the U17 World Championships. CBV after the meeting informed the FIVB that they could reschedule the event on 12-17 July, 2016 in Cabo Frio which is a location 161 km north of Rio de Janeiro.

PRESIDENT GRAÇA would like the Commission to evaluate is the U17 World Championships will be useful to build-up new athletes which are already specialized in Beach Volleyball and not just competing in this event only.

Mr. SQUEO informed that some World Tour events in the calendar had to be confirmed and he gave a report on such an event which date are protected until further notice such as the 7-12 June date when a Major Series or a Grand Slam may happen in Europe. Also the Grand Slam in The Netherlands has to be confirmed. Still the location and date of the Swatch FIVB World Tour Finals had to be confirmed.

Mr SQUEO updated members on the 2017 and 2018 tentative calendars and informed them of the available events to bid for in 2017 and 2018. There is a lot of work to define these calendars but it is strongly advised to start already working on it and gathering information by the end of this year by all the promoters. This as an internal document and to avoid major clashes between elite events and to better promote the property as well to better promote it. He also mentioned that it will be important to define the date and hosting city of the 2017 World Championships in order to accommodate the needs of this future organizer and build around this event the 2017 calendar.

At the end, he thanked the Beach Volleyball Commission for their attention and expressed that 2016 will be a very successful year for the beach volleyball.

5. WORKSHOP SESSION

Three separate workshops (A, B & C) were organized to discuss various proposals, with Group A focusing on the topics related to the Event Structure, World Championships, Nations’ Cup, etc. for 2017 & onwards, Group B emphasizing on the refereeing, coaching and change of
federation of origin, Group C covering the technical matters for 2016 & onwards. Each group discussed separately a number of proposals before joined together to the board room to report the findings to the commission, where a final decision was made.

The proposals approved by the commission was listed as below.

Some of the below proposals will be internals while others will be submitted to the Executive Committee and/or Board of Admiration.

### COMMISSION PROPOSALS

#### Proposal 1 → Nation’s Cup

To replace the title of Continental Cup with Nations’ Cup for the next edition (2018-2020):

- Phase I (under the jurisdiction of Confederations)
  - Beach Volleyball Nations’ Cup Continental Series (Round 1, 2, 3 & 4 depending on the needs of the Confederations)
  - Beach Volleyball Nations’ Cup Continental Finals (e.g. Beach Volleyball Nations’ Cup CEV Finals)
- Phase II (under the jurisdiction of FIVB)
  - Beach Volleyball Nations’ Cup Olympic Qualifications
- TBD
  - Beach Volleyball Nations’ Cup World Finals (only if there will be interested organizers)

Note: The scheme and qualification system of the two phases remain unchanged as per the current Continental Cup.

**Commission’s Comment:**

*All FIVB events’ nomenclature shall be revised and aligned for 2017 and onwards, thus the proposal is subject to that. The change of the above titles should be implemented provided that the FIVB will reform completely the nomenclature of the Volleyball and Beach Volleyball events.*

#### Proposal 2 → Winner of the WCHs to the Olympic Games

The winner team per gender of the World Championships held the year before the Olympic Games shall earn a vacancy for its NF/NOC, i.e. the champion of 2019 WCHs will earn the vacancy for its NF/NOC for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

#### Proposal 3 → Qualification System of the WCHs

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- Confederations to submit to the FIVB by the **end of February 2016** for FIVB’s approval and confirmation on the Continental Qualification System to the 2017 World Championships by the **end of March 2016**;
- The above document shall include criteria’s including players’ eligibility, qualification pathway including the phase of the qualification, number of the qualification tournaments (if not, what will be the alternative criteria?), quota of each NFs, etc.
- Confederations to clarify if the qualification will be based on an FIVB recognized Continental
Tour – should the Confederation fail to implement a recognized Continental Tour and the Qualification System is not approved by FIVB, the qualifying places will be added to the FIVB WT Ranking qualification pathway.

- Qualification System (Timeline)
  o -75 days Confederations to confirm their vacancies
  o -60 days Tentative Entry List
  o -50 days Confirmed Entry List
  o -45 days Drawing of Lots & match-up schedule

- Competition
  o Rest Day
  o To possibly include one (1) day of rest between the Pool Play phase and the Single Elimination phase to accommodate Lucky Looser and the Drawing of Lots, as well as athlete travel should the Pool Play phase be played in several cities.
  o TV Match
  o To allow more than 1 h time (i.e. 1 hour 15 minutes) slot for the TV matches in the Single Elimination phase in the Centre court to accommodate TV distribution needs and not to cause delays.
  o Video Challenge System
  o To implement the Video Challenge System in future World Championships. The cost to be agreed by the FIVB and the organizer as per the Host Agreement.

Commission’s Comment:
- Confederations need to have an indication of the date of the next edition of the WCHs to plan their qualification processes, therefore FIVB decision of the Host city by December 2015 is crucial.
- Proposed match schedule for the final matches of the 2017 WCHs should be included in the bid document.
- Introduction of the rest day/ familiarization day to be agreed upon case by case with the promoter.

Proposal 4 → FIVB beach volleyball events’ structure 2017 & onwards

- WHY restructre FIVB Beach Volleyball Events?
  o Clear Structure
  o Integrated Property
  o Unique Branding
  o Core Position
  o FIVB Budget
  o Sustainable Growth
  o Extended Participation
  o Shared Responsibility
  o Flexible Rights

- Structure and categories

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**Commission’s Comment:**
- The general concept was accepted;
- To maintain the World Tour umbrella with a large levels of events – star events;
- Restrictions to participation of the top teams must be evaluated especially towards the lower ranked events;
- FIVB/ Confederations joint jurisdiction framework must be clearly developed;
- BVB Department to develop an ideal projection of the global calendar for 2017 and onwards – one goal would be to organize a minimum of 3 events in each Confederation’s territory. This number can vary depending by the development level of the sport;
- BVB Department to circulate a more detailed document within one month (beginning of November 2015) to all BVB Commission members for further feedback. Once the Executive Committee will approve the new idea or give its comments, the FIVB to circulate to all stakeholders the new terms & conditions to assure a smooth implementation of the project and achieve its goals.

**Proposal 5 → FIVB Beach Volleyball Age Group WCHs**
- To organize Age Group WCHs in different years starting from 2017:
  - Year 1 (even year): U19 WCH
  - Year 2 (uneven year): U21 WCH and U17 WCH
- Allocation of Wild Card to U17 WCHs Champion
  - To grant WC to the winner of U17 to the next U19 WCHs edition (even on the same year if the U17 is held prior to the U19 WCHs)
Proposal 6 → Beach Volleyball Calendar

- To create a global calendar including FIVB and Continental events to better present beach volleyball activities to all.
- To establish the calendar for the following season by September of the preceding year.
- To establish a tentative calendar at least 4 years in advance. Promoters to give their input by the end of November, 2015.
- Principles to set the FIVB beach volleyball calendar as of 2017 and onwards:
  - Do its utmost to foresee 1 week free every months for the Continental & National level events especially considering FIVB elite events;
  - To finish the season immediately after the WT Finals;
  - Strictly enforced to ensure no clashes among FIVB elite events (WCHs, GS, MS, WT Finals, World Continental Cup OQ, Continental Cup Finals, etc.);
  - Open events may clash with elite events;
  - A minimum of 3 Open events (number and category of the tournament to be discussed and defined) in each Confederation territory.
  - To disclose the official 2016 calendar by the end of October 2015 at the very latest.

Proposal 7 → World Tour Competition Format for the 2017 and onwards

- Tournament categories and Competition format:
  - Should we adopt different competition format for different categories of the events, MS/GS-Open)
- Main Draw tournament:
  - Single Elimination vs. Double Elimination vs. current competition format (pool play then single elimination)
- Number of teams in the Qualification Tournament:
  - Qualification Tournament: Number of participating teams in each category (MS/GS-Open): 48 vs. 32 vs. 24
- To abolish CQPO for all categories of World Tour.

Commission’s Comment:

- FIVB to study competition formats in line with the new event structure;
- FIVB To organize a meeting with the Players to discuss pros and cons for Single and Double elimination or of other formats;
- Players Representatives to send a proposal for the altered CQPO regulations.

Proposal 8 → Titles of the Winner Teams

- To award the winner of the World Tour Finals:
  WORLD TOUR FINALS CHAMPION
  - To award the best team based on the 10 (ten) best results of the FIVB Individual Technical ranking earned by each player on that team in all FIVB recognized events (including WCHs, MSs, GSs, OPs, Continental Tours, National Tours, etc.) over the a 365-day period from the date is ranking is published or season:
  TEAM OF THE YEAR/SEASON or WORLD TOUR CHAMPION
  - To award a trophy in the first GS/MS at the start of the season to the ‘TEAM OF THE YEAR/SEASON’ or ‘World Tour Champion’ and a replica (smaller than the official trophy) shall be given to the players, while a press conference shall be organized.
  - To award the golden uniforms (unique color, such as golden or azure blue or marine green, etc. with special logo as identification) to the team leading the FIVB World Tour Ranking.

Commission’s Comment:

Team of the Season should be defined based on an existing FIVB World Tour Ranking.

Proposal 9 → Taxes for the Prize Money Payments

- FIVB has outsourced professionals to assess the legal application of the taxes at source for all FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour events starting from 2016 and onwards.
- FIVB shall share the findings once available to finalize the decision.
Commission’s Comment:
This proposal was not discussed due to time constraints.

Proposal 10 → Ranking points for Zonal Events
Starting from 2016 and onwards, it was agreed to decrease the points of zonal events to the next lower level (80). The Confederations should inform the FIVB about the number of zonal events they wish to hold, but without restricting to 5 events maximum. However the best 6 of last 8 events will count.

Proposal 11 → Ranking points for FISU
It was proposed to award FIVB ranking points to the World University Championships. However the principle was already agreed between FISU and FIVB (through a signed document) for the next edition while only the level of points had to be discussed in this meeting. The Commission requested to reconsider this matter for future Games or similar WCHs, but after the next edition of this latter.

Proposal 12 → Video Challenge System
Starting from 2016 and onwards, the aim is to implement a Video Challenge System in the FIVB top ranked tournaments. However it was agreed to first organize a workshop to define the limits as well as the specific details before moving ahead with the project. Also it was proposed to train people specifically to care of the challenge system; consequently a seminar should be organized in order to have certified people. It was also noted that the certified people running the challenge system should not be current officiating international referees as this could cause some issues on the field of play.

Proposal 13 → Referee Assignments
Starting from 2016 and onwards, it was proposed to increase the number of referees assigned per court. Currently it was 3 referees per court + 1. The proposal is to assign 4 referees per competition court. This was approved. However, in order for the promoters to save costs, referees will be released earlier; as soon as fewer courts are being used.

Proposal 14 → Change of Federation of Origin
- Define the ‘NATIONAL TEAM’ in Beach Volleyball
  This refers to the player who represented his/her NF/country playing in the Olympic Games or in 2*-6* events.

  - For player(s) who represented ‘NATIONAL TEAM’ in the above tournaments:
    The fee of CHF 25,000 shall be paid for each case of change of federation of origin and the player(s) concerned must wait 2 years after the approval is granted by FIVB.

  - For player(s) who played in other tournament(s) rather than the mentioned above:
    The fee of CHF 15,000 shall be paid for each case of change of federation of origin and there will be no 2-years wait requirement in such case.

***Note: In all cases, if a player wants to play in the same age group category with another national team, he/she has to wait 2 years.

To be brought to Legal Commission next.

Proposal 15 → Coaching
There was a long discussion regarding the coaching subject.
Some members believe coaches should be more involved and allowed on the field of play whereas other members believe this would not be beneficial for the sport nor the athletes.
Consequently Dr. Graça asked the Commission members to vote. The majority voted in favor of coaching. This proposal is to be brought to the Executive Committee and clear regulations have to be developed.
Proposal 16
To abolish the Technical Meeting for the World Tour tournaments unless there is a request from the promoter/organizer of doing so. Such proposal is suggested to be implemented starting the first World Tour tournament in 2016.

- Technical Meeting for both Qualification and Main Draw Tournament will only be held if there is request from the promoter/organizer of doing so.
- If the Technical Meeting will be organized, the promoter/organizer needs to communicate to FIVB in writing at least -60 days prior to the tournament and the information regarding the date and location of such meeting will be announced in the Event Regulations -21 days before the tournament in the FIVB website and communicated to the players upon their arrival. A separate link will be created on the FIVB website under each tournament for the Event Regulation for the easy and clear access of the players searching for such information. In principle, the duration of the Technical Meeting shall be no longer than 30 minutes.
- All necessary information including the entry/seeding points, match protocol, transportation, training, etc. shall be circulated at the Preliminary Inquiry the day before the start of the tournament.
- The Preliminary Inquiry shall last minimum 2 hours and held within 13:00 – 20:00 local time one day for the tournament. Mandatory attendance is required for each player and the players shall check and confirm their basic information and entry/seeding points by signing off the form produced from the VIS at the Preliminary Inquiry.
- In case there is a need to conduct the drawing of lots to break the tie in seeding points, the ceremony will be held 1 hour after the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry in the same room and such information will be communicated to the player’s onsite in advance.
- A session of Questions and Answers will be also held in the same period of time right after the drawing of lots in area of Preliminary Inquiry by the FIVB Delegates.

Proposal 17
To make the following amendments and clarifications on the text in the 2016 Sports Regulations for the World Tour event starting from the first tournament in 2016:

- Retain on the Qualification Tournament Spot (page 13 of the 2015 Sports Regulations):
  *If the withdrawal, disband or change of athlete request is for an athlete/team in the Qualification Tournament, the team is allowed to retain its spot in the Qualification and will be seeded as per the sum of the two individual athletes’ entry points of the new team on the date of the Qualification tournament Preliminary Inquiry.*

- No host teams in the same pool for Main Draw tournaments (page 13 of the 2015 Sports Regulations):
  *Any additional host country team(s) must never be placed in the same pool. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and any other eventual host country team(s) has their seed increased (for example from Seed #15 increased to seed #16) until they are in a different pool then the other Host country teams. Should increasing the seed not work (or not be possible) then the seed is reduced (for example from Seed #32 reduced to seed #31) until the host country team is in a different pool then the other host country teams.*

Example:
*As showed in the below diagram, 6 teams already in the Main Draw from the host country (including the wild cards), their seeding positions are USA 1 (seed #1), USA 2 (seed #2), USA 3 (seed #15), USA 4 (seed #19), USA 5 (seed #30) and USA 6 (seed #32).*

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*Based on the above mentioned regulations, the final seeding will be established as below:*
Note: In principle, the host team with higher seeding points shall always have higher seed among the host country teams.

- Regulation to break the ties between 2 teams at the end of round robin (page 37 of the 2015 Sports Regulations):
  In case of a tie in the pools (match points), at the end of round robin, the following rules will apply:
  Between two teams:
  - The team with higher rally point ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher.
  This rule to apply also for the next Olympic Games. The FIVB to inform ORIS urgently about it.

Proposal 18
To make adjustment of the withdrawal procedure in the 2016 Sports Regulations for the World Tour event starting from the first tournament in 2016 (page 13-14 of the 2015 Sports Regulations starting from point 3 under clause 2.2):

- After Confirmed NF Entry List is issued until Monday 6:00 pm (Swiss time) of the week before the tournament, NF may withdraw a team, disband or change an athlete through the BVB/03 form without Medical Certificate. If the withdrawal, disband or change of athlete request is for an athlete/team in the Main Draw tournament, and in case the sum of the new team’s individual athlete entry points sum is not sufficient to maintain their Main Draw position, the team shall be placed in the Qualification Tournament.

- If the above request is received after the Monday 6:00 pm (Swiss time) of the week before until Thursday Swiss time of the week before the tournament, the following fine shall apply regardless of the reason:
  Team in Qualification Tournament: USD 500 per athlete
  Team in Main Draw Tournament: USD 1,000 per athlete

- After the Thursday Swiss time of the week before the tournament, the request of team withdrawal or no show at the tournament (until the respective Preliminary Inquiry concerned) will lead to the following fines:
  Team in Qualification Tournament: USD 1,000 per athlete
  Team in Main Draw Tournament: USD 3,000 per athlete
In addition to the above fines, athletes/team concerned shall have the event count as zero (0) points for the athlete entry/seeding point calculations among the best six (6) of last eight (8) results considered for entry and seeding purposes at the FIVB Beach Volleyball tournaments.

- After the Thursday Swiss time of the week before the tournament, the request of disband team or ‘change of athlete’ will lead to the following fines:
  Team in Qualification Tournament: USD 1,000 per athlete
  Team in Main Draw Tournament: USD 3,000 per athlete

- In case of an injury of an athlete (or both athletes) at the previous FIVB tournaments held the week before, the request of withdrawal, disband or ‘change of athlete’ supported by a medical statement from the official tournament doctor shall be accepted by FIVB with no fine or points penalty.
- If any injury or force majeure occurs onsite prior to the start of the tournament, the athlete/team concerned shall inform the FIVB Technical Supervisor and official tournament doctor onsite on such a matter and no fine or points penalty will apply if this happens.

**Proposal 19**

To adjust the regulations on filling Qualification Tournament Roster for 2016 and onwards (page 11 and page 14 of 2015 Sport regulation):

In case of last minute withdrawal(s) of team(s) in the Qualification Tournament, and in case there are no eligible teams in the Reserve and no Country Quota Playoff teams that did not qualify to the Tournament, up to two (2) Host NF teams already registered may enter the TOURNAMENT with the agreement between the promoter and FIVB Technical Supervisor on site. (Page 14)

The Host NF may enter a maximum of eight (8) teams (including Wild Cards) in the Tentative NF Entry List of an FIVB World Tour event (Grand Slam, Major or Open event). On the day when the Confirmed NF Entry List is announced, six (6) teams will be directly included in the confirmed NF Entry list as per their NF entry points in the Main Draw, Qualification Tournament and/or COPO tournament. The remaining two (2) teams will be placed in the reserve team list and will only be included into the Qualification tournament due to the last minutes withdrawals scenario as described above on page 14. (page 11)

**Proposal 20**

To propose the establishment an pre-requisite from 2016 and onwards for the cold weather uniforms to reflect the colors of the country flag of the athletes concerned and allow the NF logo on the cold weather uniforms, respecting the FIVB Marketing regulations on the position and size of the NF logo (to be established).

**Proposal 21**

To propose adjust the entry/seeding definition and methodology starting from 2016, i.e. to consider the FIVB World Tour Open tournament for the purpose of entry/seeding calculation only if the results help improve the entry/seeding points of the team (same as the current rule for continental final, continental tour, continental cup and other FIVB recognized tournaments other than WCHs, Major Series and Grand Slam). This will facilitate the participation of the top ranked teams to the Open tournaments because due to the current rule the participation to the Open tournament will result in lower entry/seeding points and eventually drop out their results earned at WCHs, Major series and Grand Slam, especially as this will be part of the Olympic Qualification tournament. As a result this change will be mutually beneficial for the players, promoters (to have more best teams in the tournament for the promotion and TV rating) and FIVB (to secure more tournaments in the year and have a full roster of Qualification Tournament).

**Commission’s Comment:**

No agreement was reached in the meeting due to the argument from the women’s player representative on concern that this change of regulation will prevent the opportunities for the young players to play in the Open tournament and grow the sport. As only women’s player representative was available during the meeting, it was decided that FIVB will circulate the communication on such proposal again to both men and women players’ representative with copy to players normally played in the Main Draw. The player representatives will collect the feedbacks from the players and submit to the Commission their study on this. Final decision will be made after further evaluation based on such study.

**Proposal 22**

To apply the sanction to the promoter for changing the host city or date from 2016 and onwards:

Besides FIVB’s right to terminate the agreement, to apply sanctions in case PROMOTER changes the date or the host city of the event after the above information is confirmed by FIVB and announced in the official calendar, as follows:
Proposal 23
To implement the printing of the players’ name on the back of the uniform starting from the first World Tour tournament in 2016, as follows:

- To print the names of the players on the back of the playing tops (men and women) for all matches at World Championships, World Tour Finals starting from 2016;
- To print the names of the players on the back of the playing tops (men and women) for all TV matches at Major Series, Grand Slams, Opens, Underage World Championships starting from 2016;
- The FIVB encourages the promoters to extend the above rule to other matches of the main draw.
- The three examples are as follows:

Example 1:
Example 2:

Example 3:
Mr. ARAUJO concluded the meeting by thanking all attendees, and suggested that a slightly different format of the meeting might be more beneficial. A proposal might be to extend the Beach Volleyball Commission meeting to a minimum 2 days to allow technical experts a day to discuss technical proposals and define these in detail to be presented to the management. There should also be a one day break before the World Tour Council meeting to allow the necessary preparation.
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Mr. D. SUN  FIVB Promoter (USA – AVP)

PRESIDENT GRAÇA welcomed attendees and asked for their help and commitment entering the “Golden era” for beach volleyball based on the success experienced in London Olympic Games and the expected success at the Rio and Tokyo Olympic Games, given the established volleyball culture in the countries. He stated at the moment, the number 1 selling tickets for the Rio Olympics were volleyball followed by beach volleyball leaving football in the 3rd place. President Graça acknowledged the exceeding success of the last World Championships in the Netherlands, staged in four cities, and suggested that the next edition should be held in the USA where the sport was born to position beach volleyball in the untapped market. President Graça confirmed that FIVB has entered into new partnerships with Beach Major Company (BMC) and Red Bull Media House (RBMH), with the goal to raise popularity and quality of the FIVB elite properties.

PRESIDENT GRAÇA expressed his disappointment that there had been no follow through for the legacy after the London Olympic Games for beach volleyball. He reminded the attendees of the beach volleyball value as a product, and now was the time to position it accordingly – as a family sport involving fun atmosphere and entertainment. He encouraged attendees to improve their tournaments to further the success.

1. 2015 WORLD TOUR SEASON

Mr. SQUEO opened the presentation by introducing the staff of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Department and their main responsibilities. He moved on to enlist the achievements in 2015 as follows: the outstanding FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships in the Netherlands 2015; the smooth running of the Olympic Qualification and the Olympic Test event in Rio de Janeiro, BRA; first year partnership with RBMH and BMC, as well as the introduction of the Major Series to the World Tour; and the first edition of the World Tour Finals held in the Fort
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Lauderdale, FL, USA marking the official end of the season. Mr. SQUEO presented the calendar of 2015 with 5 Grand Slam, 3 Major Series, 1 World Tour Finals, 7 Open double gender and 2 Open single gender events, and added that the calendar had been very stable with just 1 change of city and date. The Open event in South Africa was cancelled due to budget constraints, but falls in the calendar of the next season.

To summarize, the 2014-2016 Beach Volleyball Continental Cup is taking place across the five continents with 72 tournaments and with the participation of 169 nations. The 1st Phase (out of 3 Phases) has been completed by all confederations, while the 2nd Phase has been completed only by CEV at the time. Continental Cup Final shall be held in the five confederations on the week of 20-26 June, and the host is currently known only for AVC – Australia. Complete calendar shall be defined by January 2016. The following countries per confederation have been qualified to the respective Continental Cup Final at the time:

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Mr. SQUEO confirmed that 394 and 340 women athletes played at least one match on the World Tour this season, while 7 Gold medal finishes and the record earnings for women went to Talita/ Larissa (BRA), and for men 6 Gold Medal finishes and record prize money earnings went to Bruno / Alison (BRA). In overall, BRA led the World Tour scene by bringing home 21 medals by women athletes and 11 medals by men athletes. In addition, TUR men team Giginoglu / Volkan Gogtepe won a medal for the first time in Lucerne Open, while the ESP team Gavira / Herrera won their first evenr Gold medal at the Moscow Grand Slam. For women, in addition to the medals won by BRA, CAN earned 6, Argentina 1 and Poland 1 medal for the first time. The top women newcomers recognized were Taru Lahti (FIN), Rikka Lehtonen (FIN) and Carolina Horta Maximo (BRA), while the most memorable moment recorded was VAN women team Liline / Pata defeated ITA Menegatti/ Orsi and BRA women team Agatha / Barbara in the elimination rounds at the Long Beach Grand Slam.

In terms of innovation, FIVB had made several steps forward by testing the “Challenge” with Hawkeye in Rio and in Ft. Lauderdale; transitioning to e-scoresheet; introducing live scoring on all courts for the majority of the events; transitioning to the new FIVB website (FIVB.com) layout for the WCHS & and World Tour Finals, as well as transitioning to the new web-based VIS platform for the competition management.

Mr. SQUEO continued by highlighting the steps taken towards improvement as follows: the use of Collaborate to prepare the event; the introduction of a debriefing meeting and video debrief process for Grand Slams and some Open events; the high level performance of teams/ NFs deriving from the Continental Cup; the increased FIVB staff’s presence at the events; the FIVB’s investment in Media operations and human resources, as well as the overall increased spectators attendance at the events.

As improvements for the next season, Mr. SQUEO enlisted timing of settled legal and contractual obligations; earlier confirmation of the calendar, FIVB officials assignments, confirmation of the suppliers, FIVB Uniform sizing & distribution; use of JINLING improved net system instead of Funtec; competition & TV matches schedules confirmation; withdrawal & host country quota regulations; License Fee, Prize Money and Per Diem payments; competition management on VIS and extended technical assistance by the FIVB and DataProjects services extended to all World Tour events to name a few.
Mr. SQUEO went on to summarize the adapted timelines in the operations to facilitate the early start of the 2015/2016 season:

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Mr. SQUEO, set forth the goals for 2017 and onwards to reform the FIVB event’s structure, to further grow beach volleyball and to do its utmost to establish a tentative 2-year calendar during 2016 and ideally put the basis of the calendar until 2020.

Mr. ARAUJO congratulated NEVOBO and TIG as the event was the best FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships ever. He highlighted the fact that the next organisers have a big challenge ahead.

Mr. SQUEO showed a video produced by the FIVB as a report of the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships in The Netherlands 2015, emphasizing the fact that the event was a big success. Mr. SQUEO was happy to inform that the new concept of the 4 hosting cities was excellent as for the first time each match was practically played on a centre court and that the majority of the matches were produced and distributed. The World Championships was not only a success in The Netherlands but also worldwide.

Mr. EVERAERT was requested to present the results of this event. He showed a video to the participants produced by the city of The Hague. He also presented some facts & figures, as follows:

- 49% of the Dutch population was aware of the event
- 38% of these followed the World Championships
- PR value (online, print, social) 11.500.000 EUR
- #WKBeach2015 16.731 mentions
- 30.254.091 impressions
- 110.000 visitors in total: Apeldoorn (21.000), Amsterdam (21.000), Rotterdam (20.000) and The Hague
- 85.000 kids participated in clinics organised by NEVOBO in the lead up to the WCHs
- 10.000 kids participated in the side events during the WCHs organised by the organisation in co-operation with schools
- 2.355 participants at the World Record Beach Volleyball
- 18 hrs LIVE reporting NOS
- 225 media accreditations
- 1.000 volunteers
- 1.5 MIL viewers men’s final
- 20MIL viewers men’s final in Brazil
- 800.000 visitors to the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships website. 8 MIL minutes watched. 25 MIL people reached.

Mr. MEDEIROS informed briefly about the current bidding process for the 2017 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships. The deadline for receiving applications is the 30th of October 2015. After this date, the FIVB will decide amongst all the candidatures the country granted for staging the next edition of this event. All the stakeholders will be informed accordingly. After the decision of the host for 2017 the next step will be to send out immediately the bidding
conditions for the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships to be always two editions of this event ahead.

Mrs. MARICH presented the lists of Technical Supervisors and Referee delegates for 2016. The trainees that are confirmed for the new season are: Chris Chang LIU (China) / Daymian Stewart (TTO) / Ana Paula Connelly (BRA) / Oğuz DEĞIRMENCI (TUR). The new assignment procedure was explained. For 2016, all assignments will be done through the VIS system, directly. Officials and referees will be required to enter their availability on the platform and will receive a notification when they are nominated.

**INTERNAL DECISIONS**

1. To diligently abide by contractual deadlines considering early start of the 2016 season.
2. FIVB to continue investing and developing game technology.
3. To increase FIVB staff presence at the events.
4. FIVB to nominate the host of the 2017 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships by the end of 2015, and FIVB to launch the bid process for the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships by January 2016. The FIVB to implement the bidding process in order to have always the decision of the host city two editions ahead. Mario Medeiros to lead the bidding process and inform the FIVB President, FIVB Beach Volleyball Commission President, FIVB Beach Volleyball Department Director and FIVB top management about all the proposals received by the FIVB and an evaluation about pros and cons for each file.
5. The FIVB to set forth a new FIVB event’s structure, to further grow beach volleyball and the goals for 2017 and onwards. See below.
7. The list of FIVB delegates was approved.

### 1.1 TV & MARKETING

Mr. BETTI, FIVB TV & Marketing Director, opened the topic by presenting Mrs. GRUBER-GIL LOPEZ, RBMH (Red Bull Media House), Senior Sports Rights Manager. As this was the first partnership season between the RBMH and FIVB, Mrs. GRUBER-GIL LOPEZ introduced the versatile profile of the RBMH and what RBMH can offer to bring beach volleyball to the next level, not limited to, but including Production Expertise, Story Telling, a 360° Approach with produced content, RBMH channels, partner channels for distribution, as well as its leading position across social media channels.

Mrs. GRUBER-GIL LOPEZ moved on to the report of season’s TV Production and Distribution, and started by introducing the RBMH team working on beach volleyball. She enlisted the tasks of RBMH as follows: media distribution, broadcaster servicing, satellite distribution and onsite coordination.

The following key facts were presented: a total of 291 matches produced (World Tour 157, WCHs 134); all 291 matches delivered worldwide via satellite; English commentary was available on all matches produced; 67 news feeds sent throughout the world; a team of 4 onsite coordinators, for 107 on-site coordination days; production enhancement (special cameras, audio systems), content plan (trailers, features, special clips) and new graphic package, which were applied to the Swatch FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals and all the Swatch Major Series tournament. World Tour content was distributed across five continents in 141 territories through 33 international broadcasters reaching 678 million households.

Mrs. GRUBER-GIL LOPEZ highlighted the fact that this season RBMH had inherited the majority of contracts from the IMG; RBMH sales strategy composed of sport’s development and revenue aspect; majority of rights holders picked up the live feed; 26-minute highlights were produced for the Swatch Major Series tournaments and Swatch FIVB World Tour Finals
only and were delivered 2 hours after the Gold medal match of the tournaments concerned; news push; streaming on redbull.com country sites, and she highlighted the biggest challenge as the late start approaching market which impacted the results.

For the 2016 season preview, Mrs. GRUBER-GIL LOPEZ, enlisted the following focus points: benefit from the Olympic year for story telling; broadcast on RBTV (digital) including geo-blocking; further production enhancement for the Swatch Major Series events; closer relationships with HBs; build-up of star athletes/ heroes; further enhance beach volleyball newsroom on Red Bull content pool, and finally approach the market early. She emphasized the importance of early confirmation of competition schedules and TV matches to be able to do that.

Mr. VOLODARSKIY posed the question regards the 2016 tournaments internet streaming opportunities, and if RBMH platforms will be used to stream all World Tour events, as now only Majors Series are being streamed. Mr. BETTI responded that FIVB together with RBMH is looking after it and would inform the promoters as soon as a decision it will be taken.

Mr. BETTI continued by introducing Mr. Joost VAN HOUDONK, who joined FIVB and the TV & Marketing department as the responsible for the TV Production and services. Joost’s main goal will be to assist the promoters in the relation with Appendix E and each with HB for the preparation of the production and broadcasting of each tournament. Mr. BETTI confirmed that TV Production requirements have not been changed for the 2016 season, while it is under evaluation the Video Challenge system which might be introduced for WCHs, WTF, MS and GS tournaments

Mr. LISCHKA, FIVB Promoter (BMC), asked if it was not worthy to apply it then for all matches on the centre court since the set up would be there, or would it require the use of HB cameras. Mr. BETTI answered that the implementation of the challenge system is under discussion and the financial component could also affect the final decision due to the fact that independently of existing cameras the challenge system requires additional cameras, dedicated hardware and personnel on site. Mr. VOLODARSKIY intervened to say that it might be against the regulation not having Challenge system on all playing courts thus causing different playing conditions for the athletes, to what Mr. LIMA, FIVB General Secretary, responded that Challenge system is an improvement, even if not implemented on all courts, and should be considered as a starting point. Tennis is currently not using the officiating system in all matches of a tournament.

Mr. MEDEIROS, FIVB Sponsorship Director, took the floor to confirm the FIVB Reserved categories – balls, logistics, sports apparel, net system, language services, game related technology innovations (including LED, Statistics, Challenge System, etc.), while the FIVB authorized Promoters to sell a few of the reserved categories currently not covered by a sponsorship agreement until 31.12.2016: These categories are as follows: car (with the exception of the GS in Moscow); personal care, electronic beach volleyball games and betting & gambling only as a sponsorship opportunity (only advertisement space /opportunity to be associated to a tournament as sponsor), no other rights benefit are granted to the promoter, the exploitation of betting & gambling rights on any media platform remains in fact exclusive property of the FIVB. He also urged the promoters to share their monthly sales updates to project the categories they were targeting/ negotiating with (not including concrete details like name, financial relationship, etc.). He concluded by stating that the FIVB also retains the time keeping and the game related technology innovations category for the 2016 season.

Mr. MEDEIROS presented the suppliers for the new season. He announced that the FIVB will be shortly signing a 5 year contract with Asics the apparel company. Consequently organizers were informed that the apparel category is not released to them. Mr. MEDEIROS also mentioned that he is working on providing scoreboards for the new season, but has not yet disclosed with which company the FIVB will be working. He informed that the custom clearance taxes as in the past must be absorbed by the promoters. Apart from the Major Series event and World Tour Finals all the remaining World Tour events and World Championships (Senior and age group) will be supplied materials from ASICS. This supplier
will provide materials to ITOs at the Olympic Games. Referees, Line Judges and scorers will be required to wear ASICS uniforms at the Olympic Games.

INTERNAL DECISIONS

1. FIVB authorized Promoters to sell only for the 2015/2016 season a few of the FIVB reserved categories currently not covered by a sponsorship agreement until 31.12.2016: car (with the exception of the GS in Moscow), personal care, electronic beach volleyball games and betting & gambling only as a sponsorship opportunity (only advertisement space /opportunity to be associated to a tournament as sponsor), no other rights benefit are granted to the promoter, the exploitation of betting & gambling rights on any media platform remains in fact exclusive property of the FIVB. The FIVB will retain all the remaining FIVB reserved categories. The FIVB is doing its utmost to supply the electronic scoreboards through a company at each event. However, the status of this negotiation will be communicated in due time to all promoters. A communication will be sent by the end of November by the FIVB to all the promoters to provide more details on the release of the categories and centre court and outside court board configuration.

2. The FIVB will supply uniforms to all the promoters of the World Tour Grand Slam and Open and FIVB World Championships (senior and age group WCHs) for the next 5 years starting in 2016 through its official supplier ASICS. The promoter will be required to bear the customs and printing costs. The quantity will be based on the past supplied materials.

3. FIVB TV & Marketing Department to define the strategy applied for the World Tour events streaming rights in 2016 by the end of 2015.

4. FIVB TV & Marketing Department to confirm the introduction of the Video Challenge system immediately after the decision will be taken

5. FIVB Sponsorship Department to confirm the provision of the electronic scoreboards for the World Tour events by the end of November 2015.

1.2 PRESS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. BAKER, FIVB Communications Director, offered a season’s overview for the communications aspects. In terms of content covered, he emphasized the importance of bringing fans closer to the action through social media; setting video as a key priority; using the World Championships for a wider variety of platforms used by adding Text Commentary; providing a more dynamic “look and feel” to the World Tour through graphics and promoting players through the FIVB website and graphics. As the main impacts, Mr. BAKER, enlisted the new website for the World Championships including new features like text commentary, court text commentary, social media journalists and behind the scenes videos; additional features on the World Tour website - more videos, focus on social media with Getting Social; infographic outlining; greater variety of action and artistic photos of the athletes and the venues; benefits of Getty Images partnership; great Media coverage for the World Championships; great collaboration with RBMH; electronic versions of World Tour and World Championships Media Guides. Mr. BAKER went on to summarize the digital impact lead by the long Beach Grand Slam, and the social media statistics for the World Championships with 14,033,113 impressions, 1,200,947 engagement and 7,985 total new likes on Facebook, and 3,316 followers and 3,414,966 impressions on Twitter. For the World Tour with 48,454,144 impressions, 2,487,222 engagement and 332,200 total new likes on Facebook; 10,900 followers and 15,444,200 impressions on Twitter; 125,000 followers on Instagram and 8,307,402 views, 40,157 new subscribers and 31,974 total likes on YouTube.

Mr. BAKER also confirmed that dedicated social media journalists onsite helped the FIVB focus on engaging and sharing interesting and viral posts; rally clips from World Championships were some of the most successful shared on Facebook.
2. **2016 WORLD TOUR CONDITIONS & PROPOSALS FROM BVB COMMISSION**

It was reported that a large number of proposals were gathered from different sources. These proposals were sent by the Beach Volleyball department to all members 10 days before the Beach Volleyball Commission. On the 7th of October although there was only 1 day meeting this Commission discussed all proposals and the results of some of them which apply for the World Tour Council have been featured herein below.

Mr. CAO went on to summarize the adapted timelines in the operations to facilitate the early start of the 2015/2016 season:

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Mr. CAO confirmed that Collaborate shall be used for the events’ master plan for the following tournaments starting from 2016:

- All FIVB events in 2016 except for the Olympic Games: including WT Finals, Major Series, Grand Slams and Opens, Continental Cup Olympic Qualification and Age Group WCHs.
- 2017 Senior World Championships (starting after the signing of the host agreement).

The floor was given to Mr. JUREMA, FIVB Sports Development Department Manager, to summarize the Collaborate project and its importance in the new FIVB’s processes. Collaborate integrates people and projects and allows event management standardization through as common platform.

**PROPOSALS from the 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball Commission Meeting**

**Proposal 1**

To abolish the Technical Meeting for the World Tour tournaments unless there is a request from the promoter/organizer of doing so. Such proposal is suggested to be implemented starting the first World Tour tournament in 2016.

- Technical Meeting for both Qualification and Main Draw Tournament will only be held if there is request from the promoter/organizer of doing so.
- If the Technical Meeting will be organized, the promoter/organizer needs to communicate to FIVB in writing at least -60 days prior to the tournament and the information regarding the date and location of such meeting will be announced in the Event Regulations -21 days before the tournament in the FIVB website and communicated to the players upon their arrival. A separate link will be created on the FIVB website under each tournament for the Event Regulation for the easy and clear access of the players searching for such information. In principle, the duration of the Technical Meeting shall be no longer than 30 minutes.
- All necessary information including the entry/seeding points, match protocol, transportation, training, etc. shall be circulated at the Preliminary Inquiry the day before the start of the tournament.
- The Preliminary Inquiry shall last minimum 2 hours and held within 13:00 – 20:00 local time one day for the tournament. Mandatory attendance is required for each player and the players shall check and confirm their basic information and entry/seeding points by signing off the
form produced from the VIS at the Preliminary Inquiry.

- In case there is a need to conduct the drawing of lots to break the tie in seeding points, the ceremony will be held 1 hour after the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry in the same room and such information will be communicated to the player's onsite in advance.
- A session of Questions and Answers will be also held in the same period of time right after the drawing of lots in area of Preliminary Inquiry by the FIVB Delegates.

Proposal 2
To make adjustment of the withdrawal procedure in the 2016 Sports Regulations for the World Tour event starting from the first tournament in 2016 (page 13-14 of the 2015 Sports Regulations starting from point 3 under clause 2.2):

- After Confirmed NF Entry List is issued until Monday 6:00 pm (Swiss time) of the week before the tournament, NF may withdraw a team, disband or change an athlete through the BVB/03 form without Medical Certificate. If the withdrawal, disband or change of athlete request is for an athlete/team in the Main Draw tournament, and in case the sum of the new team’s individual athlete entry points sum is not sufficient to maintain their Main Draw position, the team shall be placed in the Qualification Tournament.
- If the above request is received after the Monday 6:00 pm (Swiss time) of the week before until Thursday Swiss time of the week before the tournament, the following fine shall apply regardless of the reason:
  - Team in Qualification Tournament: USD 500 per athlete
  - Team in Main Draw Tournament: USD 1,000 per athlete
- After the Thursday Swiss time of the week before the tournament, the request of team withdrawal or no show at the tournament (until the respective Preliminary Inquiry concerned) will lead to the following fines:
  - Team in Qualification Tournament: USD 1,000 per athlete
  - Team in Main Draw Tournament: USD 3,000 per athlete
  - In addition to the above fines, athletes/team concerned shall have the event count as zero (0) points for the athlete entry/seeding point calculations among the best six (6) of last eight (8) results considered for entry and seeding purposes at the FIVB Beach Volleyball tournaments.
- After the Thursday Swiss time of the week before the tournament, the request of disband team or ‘change of athlete’ will lead to the following fines:
  - Team in Qualification Tournament: USD 1,000 per athlete
  - Team in Main Draw Tournament: USD 3,000 per athlete
- In case of an injury of an athlete (or both athletes) at the previous FIVB tournaments held the week before, the request of withdrawal, disband or ‘change of athlete’ supported by a medical statement from the official tournament doctor shall be accepted by FIVB with no fine or points penalty.
- If any injury or force majeure occurs onsite prior to the start of the tournament, the athlete/team concerned shall inform the FIVB Technical Supervisor and official tournament doctor onsite on such a matter and no fine or points penalty will apply if this happens.

Proposal 3
To adjust the regulations on filling Qualification Tournament Roster (page 11 and page 14 of 2015 Sport regulation):

In case of last minute withdrawal(s) of team(s) in the Qualification Tournament, and in case there are no eligible teams in the Reserve and no Country Quota Playoff teams that did not qualify to the Tournament, up to two (2) Host NF teams already registered may enter the TOURNAMENT with the agreement between the promoter and FIVB Technical Supervisor on site. (Page 14)

The Host NF may enter a maximum of eight (8) teams (including Wild Cards) in the Tentative NF Entry List of an FIVB World Tour event (Grand Slam, Major or Open event). On the day when the Confirmed NF Entry List is announced, six (6) teams will be directly included in the confirmed NF Entry list as per their NF entry points in the Main Draw, Qualification Tournament and/or COPO tournament. The remaining two (2) teams will be placed in the reserve team list and will only be included into the Qualification tournament due to the last minutes withdrawals scenario as described...
Proposal 4
To propose adjust the entry/seeding definition and methodology starting from 2016, i.e. to consider the FIVB World Tour Open tournament for the purpose of entry/seeding calculation only if the results help improve the entry/seeding points of the team (same as the current rule for continental final, continental tour, continental cup and other FIVB recognized tournaments other than WCHs, Major Series and Grand Slam). This will facilitate the participation of the top ranked teams to the Open tournaments because due to the current rule the participation to the Open tournament will result in lower entry/seeding points and eventually drop out their results earned at WCHs, Major series and Grand Slam, especially as this will be part of the Olympic Qualification tournament. As a result this change will be mutually beneficial for the players, promoters (to have more best teams in the tournament for the promotion and TV rating) and FIVB (to secure more tournaments in the year and have a full roster of Qualification Tournament).

Commission’s Comment:
No agreement was reached due to the argument from the women’s player representative on concern that this change of regulation will prevent the opportunities for the young players to play in the Open tournament and grow the sport.
As only women’s player representative was available during the meeting, it was decided that FIVB will circulate the communication on such proposal again to both men and women players’ representative with copy to players normally played in the Main Draw. The player representatives will collect feedback from the players and submit to the Commission their findings. Final decision will be made after further evaluation of this study.

Proposal 5
Starting from 2016 and onwards to apply sanctions to the promoters for changing the host city or date: Besides FIVB’s right to terminate the agreement, to apply sanctions in case PROMOTER changes the date or the host city of the event after the above information is confirmed by FIVB and announced in the calendar, as follows:

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<th>Change of Date</th>
<th>WT FINALS/ MAJOR SERIES/GRAND SLAM</th>
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<td>CHF 20,000</td>
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Proposal 6
To implement the printing of the players’ name on the back of the uniform starting from the first World Tour tournament in 2016, as follows:

- To print the names of the players on the back of the playing tops (men and women) for all matches at World Championships, World Tour Finals starting from 2016;
- To print the names of the players on the back of the playing tops (men and women) for all TV matches at Major Series, Grand Slams, Opens, Underage World Championships starting from 2016;
- The three examples are as follows. The detailed and final layout will be included in the 2015/2016 Handbook.
Example 3:

Proposal 7
Referee Assignments
It was proposed to increase the number of referees assigned per court. Currently it was 3 referees per court + 1. The proposal is to assign 4 referees per competition court. This was approved. However, in order for the promoters to save costs, referees will be released earlier; as soon as fewer courts are being used.

Proposal 8
Video Challenge System
The aim is to implement a Video Challenge System in the FIVB top ranked tournaments. However it was agreed to propose to first organize a workshop to define the limits as well as the specific details before moving ahead with the project. Also it was proposed to train people specifically to care of the challenge system; consequently a seminar should be organized in order to have certified people. It was also noted that the certified people running the challenge system should not be current officiating international referees as this could cause some issues on the field of play.

Proposal 9
FIVB beach volleyball events’ structure 2017 & onwards

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<td>6-Star (6*)</td>
<td>FIVB WCHs (Standalone)</td>
<td>Every 2 years</td>
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<td>5-Star (5*)</td>
<td>FIVB WT Finals (Standalone)</td>
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<td>5-Star to 1-Star (5* - 1*)</td>
<td>FIVB World Tour (Series)</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>Mandatory for 5* &amp; 4* Optional for 3* -</td>
<td>USD 400,000 (5*) USD 200,000 (4*) USD 100,000 (3*)</td>
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## Beach Volleyball World Tour Council

### FIVB World Tour (annual series/ events)

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<td>5-Star (5*)</td>
<td>Include the current tournaments of Major series and Grand Slams that bear the entire amount of prize money; Solely under the jurisdiction of FIVB Series event</td>
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<td>New tournaments Can be under joint jurisdictions of FIVB and Confederations Series event</td>
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<td>Every 4 years (OG year)</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>FIVB Age Group World Championships (U21/U19/U17) Standalone Solely under jurisdiction of FIVB</td>
<td>Every 2 years</td>
<td>Mandatory</td>
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This proposal to be submitted to the next Executive Committee meeting for its implementation in 2016.

Proposed FIVB Ranking System (changes highlighted in RED):

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<th>5-Star</th>
<th>4-star</th>
<th>3-star / Continental Tour / Cup Final Continental Tour / Master / Challenger / Recognized Multi Sport Games</th>
<th>2-star / Continental Tour &amp; Zonal / FIVB U17/U19/ U21 WCHs</th>
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Proposal 10
Titles of the Winner Teams
- To award the winner of the World Tour Finals:
  WORLD TOUR FINALS CHAMPION
- To award the best team based on the 10 (ten) best results of the FIVB Individual Technical ranking earned by each player on that team in all FIVB recognized events (including WCHs, MSs, GSs, OPs, Continental Tours, National Tours, etc.) over the a 365-day period from the date is ranking is published or season:
TEAM OF THE YEAR/SEASON or WORLD TOUR CHAMPION
- To award a trophy in the first GS/MS at the start of the season to the ‘TEAM OF THE YEAR/SEASON’ or ‘World Tour Champion’ and a replica (smaller than the official trophy) shall be given to the players, while a press conference shall be organized.
- To award the golden uniforms (unique color, such as golden or azure blue or marine green, etc. with special logo as identification) to the team leading the FIVB World Tour Ranking.

Proposal 11
Taxes for the Prize Money Payments
- FIVB has outsourced professionals to assess the legal application of the taxes at source for all FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour events starting from 2016 and onwards.
- FIVB shall share the findings once available to finalize the decision.

Due to the time constraint, the proposal was not discussed during the meeting but further findings will be shared to finalize the decision.

Regarding Proposal 3, Mr. BRUTSCHIN, FIVB Promoter (SUI - Lucerne, U21), challenged the attendees if it was necessary to have a full qualification roster, as qualification represents more costs. The following organisers, Mr. VOLODARSKY, Mr. DANILAS and Mr. ARMATO, stated that additional host country teams were beneficial for the promotion of the event, and the cost issue was not significant enough.

Regarding Proposal 6, Mr. LISCHKA, suggesting adding the layout of the uniform implemented at the Major Series in 2015 as the third option, and Mr. SQUEO agreed.

Regarding Proposal 7, comments were received from Mr. BRUTSCHIN (promoter of the Lucern Open) that such proposal shall be applied to the tournament once the matches are played on the four competition courts. Finally, it was confirmed that for tournament of four competition courts, the proposal will be adopted completed. And for tournament played with 6 competition courts, the quota of referees per competition court depends on the maximum number of matches per court per day, if there will be more than 9 matches per court per day, such proposal shall also be implemented. And the principle of referee assignment will be not to impose excessive cost to the promoters and to allocate the adequate number of referees based on the exact number of matches played per court per day.

Regarding Proposal 8, Mr. BEAL, National Federation President (USA), asked if there were any other providers of the “Challenge” competing besides Hawkeye to improve the quality, for example the black and white images. Mr. LIMA responded that the deal is with Hawkeye, but certain enhancements have been already packaged for the 2016 season – color pictures and broadcast quality, to name a few.

Regarding Proposal 9, Mr. LISCHKA, asked if there were any TV production requirement for the tournaments of 1 star and 2 star category. Mr. SQUEO confirmed that the detailed technical conditions including the requirement was still under discussion but at the moment only live streaming was foreseen for such categories of the tournament and the tentative condition can also be find in the working documents available to the council members during the meeting.
Mr. BEAL suggested FIVB establish an ideal global calendar based on the philosophy of new event structure featuring the tournaments of different categories ideally by region, with a vision of such until 2020. By doing this, FIVB will have in mind the strategic ideas for long terms, having its major tournaments not in clash with multi-sports games or other major tournaments of other sports. The global calendar shall also feature the weeks available for the continental and national events and display the model FIVB aims to achieve.

Mr. SQUEO acknowledged such recommendation and agreed with Mr. BEAL to establish such global calendar as soon as possible to consider all major events in the world. This information will be incorporated in the new idea of restricting the events.

Mr. DANILAS, National Federation Representative (BRA) also commented that the technical conditions for the new event structure shall also offer the possibilities for the top athletes to play the lower categories tournaments (such as current Open tournaments) without restriction, especially to allow the local heroes playing in the home soil and help to promote the tournament.

Mr. CAO responded what suggested by Mr. Fulvio was already taken into consideration for the sports regulations starting from 2017 onwards. In the coming months, detailed points related to the technical conditions, marketing and TV, etc. will be further discussed among FIVB departments and once this is completed, it will be sent to promoters and council members for their valuable feedback. Mr. SQUEO added that in the Beach Volleyball Commission, a proposal to only include the results obtained at the Open events if it is beneficial to the teams for the entry/seeding starting from 2016 was discussed, however, agreement was not reached due to the concern from the women’s players representative on the argument that such change will reduce the opportunities for the young players’ participation to the open tournaments. However, FIVB would definitely make a decision on this with further evaluation based on studies that would be addressed to both Men and Women players’ representatives and majority of the Main draw players.

Mr. ARAUJO, FIVB Beach Volleyball Commission President commented that FIVB will do its utmost in consulting its stakeholders, especially the players representatives, top 100 ranked players, coaches, National Federations, promoters and organizers for the eventual decision on the proposal 4, which means that the results from the Open tournaments will only be counted only if it helps to improve the seeding/entry points. The same principle was already implemented for lower categories tournaments including continental tour, challenger and satellite, etc. He informed that if the proposal 4 was finally adopted and this will definitely allow the top athletes to play lower categories tournaments without restriction. He also proposed that another idea is to award the wild cards in 2016 to the teams as local heroes and the results obtained by the teams concerned will not be counted towards the entry/seeding points if this doesn’t help to improve their entry/seeding. He also stressed that FIVB will do its utmost to ensure the wild cards allocated before the Rio Olympic Games shall be strictly monitored and controlled in order to create a fair play condition and teams with the potential to qualify to the Olympic Games will have no benefits by getting wild cards that counts toward the Rio Olympic Games qualification.

Mr. LISCHKA agreed about the new idea of the events structure and BMC will support it. This would help the elite events with new players, larger audiences and bigger popularity for the sport. In general there was consensus in developing a new structure of events to further grow the sport and give more opportunity all over the world to the athletes to compete at international level.

It was reported that the Beach Volleyball Commission discussed many more proposals but the above were the ones selected for the discussion of the World Tour Council, due to the fact that some were not relevant for the members of the World Tour Council and also due to time constraints. The Sport Regulations and Handbook will be updated, accordingly.
INTERNAL DECISION

1. FIVB Beach Volleyball Department to incorporate all approved proposals regards the Preliminary Inquiry and Technical Meeting, withdrawal procedure, filling the qualification tournament roster, sanction to FIVB organizers for changing city and/or date of their events, printing athlete names on the athlete tops and title of the winner team in the 2016 edition of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations and the FIVB Beach Volleyball Handbook.

2. Collaborate to be used as the event project master plan tool for all FIVB events in 2016 (except for the Olympic Games) and the 2017 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships.

3. FIVB Beach Volleyball Department to develop a more detailed proposal regards the 2017 onwards FIVB beach volleyball event’s structure by December 2015. This proposal to be shared with the Beach Volleyball Commission members and with the World Tour Council members.

3. 2016 CALENDAR & 2017-2018 TENTATIVE CALENDAR

Mr SQUEO, FIVB Beach Volleyball Events Director presented the 2016 tentative calendar to the participants of the World Tour Council and explained the effort that Beach Volleyball Department has made in order to accommodate all the promoters' requests and schedule the events in the best possible way. He also thanked the promoters for their collaboration and input. He also asked the promoters to confirm the about of the status of their respective events. The summary of this enquiry was as follows:

- Vitoria (BRA) World Tour Open, 26-31 January 2016: confirmed.
- Kish Island (IRI) World Tour Open (single gender), 14-19 February 2016: confirmed.
- Rio de Janeiro (BRA) World Tour Grand Slam, 8-13 March 2016: confirmed. FIVB, CBV and Rio 2016 implement at this event further testing of certain aspects of the Olympic Games.
- Doha (QAT) World Tour Open (single gender), 3-8 April 2016: confirmed.
- Xiamen (CHN) World Tour Open, 12-17 April 2016: confirmed.
- Fortaleza (BRA) World Tour Open, 26 April – 1 May 2016: confirmed. However, if the competition schedule allows, they will try to start the tournament on 27 April instead of 26 April in order to allow more time to the players participating in the Fuzhou World Tour Open to travel from China to Brazil. The FIVB recommended coordinating the end of a gender’s event with the next gender’s schedule. For instance if in China the event will end on Sunday with the women’s the event in Fortaleza should start with the men’s. This to have more time for travelling.
- Turkey, 3-8 May 2016: most probably the host city will be Antalya. However, NF-TUR will confirm the host city in late October. As regards the dates, President of the Turkish Volleyball Federation informed the participants that date of the tournament in Turkey might be swapped with the date of the World Tour Open in Sochi (RUS), 10-15 May 2015. FIVB will be informed by 15 October 2015. This will require a formal request of the Russian Volleyball Federation and from the Turkish Volleyball Federation. It was eventually confirmed by Turkish Volleyball federation on 27.10.2015 after the World Tour Council that the Open will be held in Antalya and the date will be 10-15 May, 2016.
- Sochi (RUS) World Tour Open, 10-15 May 2016: event is confirmed. As mentioned, date of the tournament in Sochi might be swapped with the date of the event in Turkey. FIVB will need to receive a request from the NF-RUS by mid-October 2015. It was confirmed by the NF-RUS on 27.10.2015 after the world tour council meeting that the date for Sochi will be moved to 3-8 May 2016.
- Lucerne (SUI) U21 World Championships, 11-16 May as Monday (16th May 2015) is a bank holiday in Switzerland.
- USA World Tour Grand Slam, 17-22 May 2016: date of the tournament is confirmed but the host city will be confirmed by AVP and USAV by 15 October 2015.
- Moscow (RUS) World Tour Grand Slam, 24-29 May 2016: confirmed.
- Prague (CZE) World Tour Open: organiser of the event, Mr URBANEK informed the participants and the Beach Volleyball Department about the negotiations between them and the CEV regarding organising the CEV Continental Cup Final in Prague. He confirmed that FIVB will be informed of the status of the event in Prague by the end of October. If Prague hosts the FIVB World Tour Open, tournament will be on 17-22 May 2016. This to avoid a clash with two World Tour events in the same Confederations territory. Mr. LAU confirmed that he did not have objections to that.
- 31 May – 5 June 2016: free week kept for the Confederations. CEV Championships Finals will be in Bienne, SUI in this date but other Confederations could benefit of this free date.
- 13 June 2016: end of Olympic Ranking.
- Poland World Tour Grand Slam, 14-19 June 2016: date of the event is confirmed. As regards the host city, it will be confirmed by the end of October. Most probably the event will be organised in Olsztyn. The NF-POL to announce the location by end of October.
- 21-26 June 2016: free week kept for the confederations in order to organise the 5 Continental Cup Final events.
- Porec (CRO) Beach Volleyball Swatch Major Series, 28 June – 3 July 2016: confirmed.
- Sochi (RUS) FIVB Continental Cup Olympic Qualification, 5-10 July 2016: host city might be changed to Moscow. The NF-RUS to inform the FIVB about the hosting city by the end of October 2015.
- Gstaad (SUI) Beach Volleyball Swatch Major Series, 5-10 July 2016: confirmed.
- Cobo Frio (BRA) U17 World Championships, 12-17 July 2016: confirmed by CBV.
- The Netherlands World Tour Grand Slam, 19-24 July 2016: to be confirmed by TIG and The Netherlands Volleyball Federation by the end of October 2015.
- Klagenfurt (AUT) Beach Volleyball Swatch Major Series, 26-31 July 2016: confirmed.
- Larnaka (CYP) U19 World Championships: confirmed.
- 2016 Rio Olympic Games, 5-21 August 2016.
- Puerto Vallarta (MEX) World Tour Open. 11-16 October 2016: to be confirmed by the promoter by the end of October.
- Swatch FIVB World Tour Finals: date and host city to be confirmed by BMC by the end of October.

Mr. SQUEO stressed the importance of clarifying the pending matters as soon as possible, but no later than the end of October as a large number of entities are requesting such information. Having a calendar with the first event in 2016 already scheduled on January and being already in October of the preceding year is not certainly going in favour of a sport with professional athletes and for the promotion of the property as well as to ensure a smooth preparation from all sides concerned.

The FIVB received an offer to stage one more Grand Slam in Europe but it was still in negotiation.

Mr DANILAS informed the participants about the volleyball and beach volleyball development centre in Fortaleza and facilities provided for the players. Mr SQUEO asked Mr DANILAS to provide the necessary information for the FIVB in order to publish it on the FIVB website.

It was announced by the FIVB that the Olympic Games drawing of lots is an event still available and ideally could be organized at the end of the FIVB World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification or at the end of the Swatch Major Series. The FIVB will send out soon the conditions for such an event.

Mr SQUEO presented the 2017 and 2018 tentative calendar and informed the participants that only a few of the NFs and promoters have communicated the information regarding dates and host city of the event with the FIVB. He asked the participants to send the information to the FIVB by the end of November 2015 as it will help to build the future tentative calendars earlier and accommodate different requests more easily.

At the end, Mr SQUEO thanked all the promoters and NFs for their collaboration and wished them a very successful event in 2016.
INTERNAL DECISIONS

1. FIVB Organisers to confirm any pending information regards their events in 2016 by 31st October 2015.
2. The FIVB to issue the official calendar on the first days of November 2015.
3. The FIVB to circulate to all its stakeholders the terms and conditions to stage the Olympic Games drawing of lots to be ideally scheduled on the 10th of July, 2016. However, the exact date can be negotiated with the FIVB.
4. FIVB Organisers to provide by 30th November 2015 provisional information to the Beach Volleyball Department concerning the city and date of their events in 2017 and 2018.
5. The FIVB Beach Volleyball department to share this internal information among all the promoters and hosting NFs until a formal approval will be given by the FIVB at the next World Tour council meeting or with the written consensus of all the stakeholders concerned.

4. 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES – PROGRESS REPORT

Mr. CAO, FIVB Beach Volleyball Events Vice-Director, took the floor and gave a presentation on the upcoming Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. The presentation focused mainly on the Post Test Event Report of the Rio Olympic Games, which was organized on September 2-6, 2015 in the same location of Copacabana beach where the Olympic Games will be organized in August, 2016. In the presentation, the event highlights were showed to the commission members on the progress made by the Rio 2016 Organizing committee, as well as the achievements made during the test event including the competition management, NTOs training, venue facilities, test of Video Challenge System, etc. Key points were also presented on the area to be improved.

Mr. LISCHKA intervened and asked how many sessions are foreseen for the Olympic Games and how long will be break between the sessions.

Mr. WANGLER responded there will be normally 3 sessions in the first phase of pool play, 4 sessions for the round of 16, 2 sessions for the Quarter-finals and Semi-finals and 1 session for the finals. The minimum break between the sessions will be approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes in the pool play phase.

Mr. BEAL asked if this will be confirmed that during the games time, the main road along the venue, which is Avenida Atlantica will be closed or not. Mr. CAO then put the overlay drawing on the projector and Mr. TEIXEIRA explained that based on the current drawing the Avenida Atlantica is still open but this needs to be further confirmed by Rio 2016 Olympic Games Organizing Committee in the future.

The council members asked to receive the power point presentations which were sent on 13.10.2015.

PRESIDENT GRAÇA closed the meeting by emphasising that volleyball and beach volleyball were entering their golden era and after the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, there would be an even brighter future ahead. The investment of FIVB in beach volleyball today will definitely be returned. In order to succeed, all the FIVB stakeholder and staff must exchange ideas and work together. He thanked all the council members and promoters for their proactive participation an wished them all the best for 2016 season.