



## Volleyball - Indoor



# COMPETITION MANUAL

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## **GUIDING BODIES**

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International rules will be followed unless specified in WPFG Guidelines

## **EVENTS**

**6-PERSON TEAM:** Maximum of 12 on a team, plus 1 sworn non-playing coach (6 on the court).

<b>Men:</b>	<b>18+</b>	DIVISION I DIVISION II
<b>Women</b>	<b>18+</b>	

**Age as of Date: 12/31/2027**

**Entry Deadline: 1/22/2027**

## **TEAMS**

Active-duty competitors from police and fire agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN THEIR COUNTRY OF EMPLOYMENT**. Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish including across country lines with other eligible competitors regardless of police or fire agency.

Each team shall consist of a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 12 players. Each team is permitted one (1) non-playing coach. **Only credentialed athletes and sworn coaches registered appropriately will be eligible for medals.**

A **MANDATORY** team captain meeting will be conducted the day prior to the start of the competition. Each team **SHALL** have a representative at this meeting. All final team rosters must be submitted at this meeting. There will be **no exceptions** to the roster once this meeting has been completed.



A Competitors by Sport/Event (CSE) Report is mandatory for the Sport Coordinator to verify team members with final rosters being submitted by team captains. This will also be used to determine rosters for which medal ceremonies will be conducted.

## **GENERAL SPORT RULES FOR INDOOR VOLLEYBALL:**

### **LIBERO**

In team events governed by FIVB rules, a team may designate up to two liberos on the official roster. However, only one libero is permitted on the court at any given time. The Libero must wear a contrasting uniform/jersey color to distinguish themselves. While libero replacements are **unlimited** and do not count toward the team's substitution limit, liberos are **not** allowed to serve.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS – 12 Substitution Rule Overview**

**Maximum per set:** Each team is allowed **12 substitutions per set**.

**Re-entry flexibility:** A player may be substituted **multiple times** within a set, but only for the **same teammate** and in the **same rotational position**.

**Substitution zone:** All subs must occur in the designated area between the center line and the attack line, directly in front of the scorer's table.

**Timing:** Substitutions can only happen during dead-ball situations and must be authorized by the second referee.

**Libero:** Libero substitutions do **not count** toward the 12-sub limit.

**CO-ED TEAM:** A Maximum of 12 on a team, plus 1 sworn non-playing coach (6 on the court). 3 men & 3 women will be on the court during play. A team may play with no fewer than five (5) players. If a team plays with five (5) players, then three (3) of those five (5) must be female

### **18+ OPEN DIVISION**

**COED Contacts:** In Co-Ed, rules require that if there is more than one contact on a side, at least one of these contacts **must** be by a woman.



**CO-ED Rotations:** Positional rotation is optional, except servers must rotate.

**COED Unlimited substitutions** - Any substituted player must stay in at least one play.

**MEN'S DOUBLES (2 People):**

18 +

40 +

50 +

**WOMEN'S DOUBLES (2 People):**

18+

**BRACKETING**

**6-Person and Co-Ed Teams**

A Round Robin (Group Play) tournament followed by a single elimination tournament. Groups (from 4 to 5 teams) shall be established. All teams will advance to a Single Elimination Finals Tournament and be placed in the tournament based on standings from Round Robin play.

For Events with seven (7) or less teams, all teams will remain in one group and play each team. At the conclusion of the events with seven or less teams, the top two teams will compete for the Gold-Silver medals, while the third and fourth place teams will compete for the Bronze medal.

**Men's and Women's Doubles:** Double Elimination, regardless of the number of teams entered the event.

**TEAM DIVISIONAL PLAY:** The following rules govern the placement of teams in either Division I or Division II.

**DIVISION I:**

Medal winners in Division I from the previous WPCG

Teams from larger agencies and national, state/provincial agency teams shall compete in Division I. Any team composed of players with significant collegiate or competitive experience shall register in Division 1.



Any team may choose to compete in Division I with WPFGF approval.

**DIVISION II:**

All other teams not meeting the requirements for Div I may compete in Division II.

**PREVIOUS WPFGF DIV II WINNERS SHALL COMPETE IN DIV 1**

**WPFGF reserves the right to place a team in either Division I or Division II.**

**SCHEDULING**

This schedule is a guide only and may fluctuate depending on the number of teams entered.

The schedule below is for a five-day competition.

1st Day	Men & Women 6 Person Team Round Robin competition
2nd Day	Men & Women 6 Person Team Round Robin competition, quarter, and/or semi- finals
3rd Day	Men & Women's 6 Person Team Finals (if necessary) Co-Ed Team Round Robin competition begins
4th Day	Men's 18+, 40+, and 50+ Doubles Women's Open Doubles
5th Day	Co-Ed Team Play off Single Elimination tournament (if necessary)

**SCORING**

**Team events (6-Person and Co-Ed Teams):**

Best of three (3) set to 25 (rally scoring) as per FIVB rules for both Round Robin play & Single Elimination finals. Game 3, if necessary, to 15 points (rally scoring).

Teams advancing to Single Elimination determined by:

1. Best game record
2. Head-to-Head





assign a Libero to their roster, the Libero must wear a contrasting color uniform/jersey to distinguish themselves.

No open hand 'dinks' for Men's and Women's Doubles

Three hits off a block.

Late Teams; Penalty: If a team is not ready to compete 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time, they forfeit the first game. After an additional 10 minutes have elapsed, they forfeit the match.

The Sport Coordinator shall prepare a guide that contains event dates, times, locations, court assignments, scoring format, assigned referees and scorers, rules and appropriate notes. A Master "pool" and Bracket Board must be posted at all competition sites to track the competition.

A competitor may enter both the 6-Person Team and the Co-Ed Team events. A player may not compete on multiple teams within the same event.

### **AWARDING OF MEDALS TO ATHLETES AND COACHES**

One Non-playing coach can **ONLY** receive a medal if they are eligible to participate in the games. This means that the coach would have to meet the same requirements of an athlete to receive a medal. This coach will receive an Athlete's Credential when they register at the Accreditation Center and should do so at the Special Handling booth to receive the Athlete's Credential.

Coaches who do not meet the requirements to participate in the Games **will not** receive a medal. **Technical Support Personnel SHALL NOT** receive medals.

During the medal presentation, only athletes and eligible coaches are allowed to participate in this ceremony. Each athlete and one eligible coach **SHALL** wear their Athlete's Credential. If the athlete or coach does not present their Athlete's Credential, they **SHALL NOT** receive a medal. This is a mandatory requirement to receive a medal.

Technical Support Personnel and children are not allowed on the podium with the teams during the medal presentation.

The sport coordinator **SHALL** have in their possession a copy of the CSE Report and the team's final roster that was submitted at the team captains meeting to verify the athletes being awarded medals.