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PREAMBULE

• This regulation refers to the CSIT Championships and Technical Commissions General Regulations adopted at the latest CSIT Congress. It cannot derogate from these regulations.

• CSIT organises amateur championships and has Fair Play as one of its most important aims. CSIT Championships are strictly open for amateur sportsmen. To participate in CSIT Championships the defined eligibility criteria per sport must be respected.

• All activities of the CSIT, including its championships are open to the members of the CSIT Unions, observer members Unions and members of the international Confederations which CSIT has signed cooperation agreements according to CSIT general regulations: COPADET (American Continent) / BAWS (Balkan region) and ALSO (Central Africa); also non CSIT members and company sports teams can participate in the CSIT Championships and World Sport Games.

• CSIT Championships are organised under the principal of a Zero Tolerance Policy. Not playing for political, religious or discriminatory reason will lead to an immediately exclusion of the team/athlete.

• CSIT Championships are under the regulations of WADA. It is possible athletes can be invited for doping test. More information can be found in the CSIT anti-doping policy which can be downloaded at the CSIT website: http://www.csit.tv/en/news-service/download-area

• CSIT Sporting activities (championships, training, tournaments, rallies, etc.) are organised under the responsibility of Technical Commissions by sport. If there is a problem not provided in the regulations, the TC will apply the FIVB rules.

• CSIT Championships and Technical Commissions’ general regulations and sports regulations can be downloaded from the download area of the CSIT website: http://www.csit.tv/en/news-service/download-area
1. VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1-1 PERIODICITY/AGE GROUPS

CSIT Indoor Volleyball Championship, Men and Women, take place:

Years in between CSIT World Sports Games
- **JUNIORS:** up to 18 years old
- **OPEN MIXED:** none age limit

During CSIT World Sports Games
- **OPEN SENIOR:** 16 years and older
- **MASTERS MEN:** 40 years and older
- **MASTERS WOMEN:** 35 years and older
- **ULTRA MASTERS MEN:** 50 years and older
- **ULTRA MASTERS WOMEN:** 50 years and older
- **OPEN MIXED:** 16 years and older

_Age categories are defined on the year of birth._

A CSIT Championship is an official Championship when the minimum requirements of participation are respected (see Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations)

Standard program:

_Championships cannot last more than five days (days of arrival and departure not included)_

- **Day 1:** Arrival of the delegations
  - Training for teams
  - Seminar for referees
  - Briefing – First meeting of the Technical Commission Championship
- **Day 2:** Training for teams
- **Day 3:** Championship
- **Day 4:** Championship
  - Second (evaluation) meeting of the Technical Commission
- **Day 5:** Championship
  - Finals
- **Day 6:** Departure of the delegations
1-2 ORGANISATION/REGULATIONS
During championships each team will play at least 4 games; each team will not play more than 2 games per day in the format the best 3 out of 5 sets, or 3 games in a day in the format the best 2 out of 3 sets.

No team would play 2 consecutive games without an interval of at least 3 hours in between.

1-3 COMPETITION FORMULA
With 4 or 5 participating teams, the competition will take place in the format or of a championship (round Robin formula, 6 or 10 matches) in two phases (with 2nd phase with semi-finals between first 4th classified teams and finals).

With 6 or more teams participating, the competition will take place in the formula to be decided by the TC; there will be a preliminary round with pool play and then a single elimination bracket and classification matches; there has to be semi-finals and finals.

1-4 FORMAT OF MATCHES
Depending of the formula of the competition, the TC decides of the the format of matches: the best 3 out of 5 sets or the best 2 out of 3 sets. The semi-finals and finals are necessarily played in the best 3 out of 5 sets.

1-5 COMPOSITION OF THE POOLS
The TC establishes by drawing of lots the composition of the pools of the preliminary round, taking in count if possible two criteria: classification of the last championship, separate the teams of the same Union.

1-6 TEAM RANKING SYSTEM
In order to establish the ranking of the teams in pool play, the following criteria are implemented:

- Number of victories: by the number of victories (match won, match lost) among the teams of the same pool.

- In the case of equal number of victories: number of points gained.

- When 2 teams have the same number of victories, they will be classified in descending order by the points gained by each team per match as follows:
  
  - Match won 3-0 or 3-1: 3 points
  - Match won 3-2: 2 points
  - Match lost 2-3: 1 point
  - Match lost 1-3 or 0-3: 0 points
  - Match won 2-0: 3 points
  - Match won 2-1: 2 points
  - Match lost 1-2: 1 point
  - Match lost 0-2: 0 points
1-6.1 Set quotient
If two teams are tied by the number of points gained, they will be classified in descending order by quotient resulting of the division of all sets won by the total of all sets lost during all matches.

1-6.2 Points quotient
If the tie persists based on the set quotient the teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting of the division of all points scored by the total of all points lost during all sets.

1-6.3 Green cards
If the tie continues to persist, the teams are classified according to the most number of green cards received during the matches of the pool.

1-7 BALLS
If there are no sponsored balls by CSIT, balls must be provided by the host Union for official matches and training.

The balls have to be CSIT approved (actual Mikasa MVA 200; any other model or brand has to be accepted by the TC Volleyball).

1-8 ORGANIZING DIRECTOR
The host Union shall take charge of the presence of a Organizing Director and head referee during the championships.

1-9 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
The host Union shall take charge of the presence of an adequate Medical assistance, first aid box and ice in the halls.

1-10 RULES OF THE GAME
The Championships will be played according to the current FIVB official rules for Volleyball available on [www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/RulesOfTheGame_VB.asp)

and accepted the following specific rules for the Open Mixed
OPEN MIXED SPECIFIC RULES

1. **Team composition**: there must be always a minimum of 3 female players and a minimum of 1 male player on the court.

2. **Team's line-up**: the line-up of a team must respect in each moment of a set the mandatory to have less than 3 men in the front row (positions 2/3/4).

3. **Liberos**: according to the gender, a female libero can only substitute a female regular player, a male libero can only substitute a male regular player.

4. **Substitutions**: not taking in count the gender (a female player can substitute a female player or a male player, a male player can substitute a male player or a female player).

5. **Height of the net**: 2m35
2. PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

2-1 PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- More than one team per gender or mixed teams per Union can participate.

2-2 MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS

Each team shall not have more than 17 members:

- 14 players (including 2 LIBERO players)
- 1 coach
- 1 referee
- 1 team manager / head of the official union delegation

2-3 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Athletes who participated during the last 2 years by representing their national country in the Olympic Games or a competition organized by the FIVB (Nations League, World or Continental Championships and its qualifying tournaments, not taking into account the age group competitions for the categories under 20 years or younger) cannot participate in the CSIT competitions.

In case of an unclear status the participating Union has to clarify this status by sending all relevant information to the TC Volleyball at least 2 weeks before the Championship or World Sport Games. It is to decide by the TC chairman and Secretary indoor Volleyball if the eligibility criteria are valid or not before sending the player(s) to the CSIT Championships or World Sport Games.

3. FAIR PLAY

CSIT championships are organised according the principals of Fair Play. During CSIT Championships athletes, persons and teams can be awarded for acts of Fair Play. Fair Play regulations can be found in the CSIT Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations edition 2016 and later, Chapter 5.
4. REGISTRATION / FUNDING

4-1 REGISTRATION DELAY

- Provisional registration: at least four (4) months before the championship starts.

- Final registration: at least two (2) months before the championship starts.

- Final registration must include the list of all delegation members (first name - last name - birth date - gender - function)

4-2 COVERING CHARGES

Unions pay for all travelling cost to the city where the championship is organised (round way).

The organizer Union shall take charge of the following issues:

- Transportation of delegations from the airport or train station to the hotel on the day of arrival and departure

- Local transportation during the stay depending on the program (between hotels and sport facilities in particular)

- Full board accommodation (e.g. double room, breakfast, 2 meals a day)

Every participant Union shall pay a registration fee as determined at the latest CSIT Congress to the organising Union for each member of the delegation.

By the time of issuing of the provisional application forms, the organizer Union can collect an advance payment of 50% of the total amount to be paid by the participating Union, the remaining amount being paid at the time of the permanent registration or on the day of arrival, final deadline.

4-3 CANCELLATION POLICY

CSIT has a cancellation policy. This cancellation policy covers the payments at preliminary and final registration and the refund payments by cancellation of a participating party or by the host of the championship.

The article in detail can be found in Chapter 4. under I of the Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations.
5. ORGANISATION / PREPARATION

5-1 ORGANISING COMMITTEE
The organising committee by the host is in charge of the preparation and organisation of the championship. The CSIT Technical Commission and a representative of the organising committee are in charge of the management of the championship during its duration. The Organising Committee shall provide a Director of the Competition and a Head Referee. (See Chapter 4 under E of the Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations.)

5-2 INVITATIONS
The organising committee sends championships invitations to every CSIT Union (and partners), company sports organisations and guests etc. at least nine (9) months before the start of the championship.

Invitations must include this information:
- Participation;
- Sporting activities, social and cultural program;
- Referees needed;
- Boarding facilities;
- Arrival and departure accommodations;
- If possible, general program.

Detailed information can be found in Chapter 4 under D of the Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations.

5-3 PREPARATION
Depending on the situation and with the CSIT Sports Director’s authorization, a member of the Technical Commission (chairman or secretary) can visit the location where the championship is organised, at least three (3) months before it starts, to settle with the organising Union planning and preparation of the championship. Travelling expense can be covered under certain conditions by the funds awarded to the VOLLEYBALL Technical Commission by the CSIT.

5-4 REPORT
Within seven (7) days after the Championships the secretary of the Technical Commission will send the results of the Volleyball Championship to the Sports Director and office of CSIT. No later than one (1) month after the end of the championship, the Technical Commission secretary must send a report about the championships and all the sport results plus the minutes of the TC meetings to the members of the Volleyball Technical Commission, to the Unions, to the Sports Director and to the office of CSIT.
6. REFEREEING

When Unions don’t have to bring in their own referees there will be a standard line: All referees and officials will be arranged by the host

Referees are registered by the Unions: each Union can provide one referee per participating team.

Qualified referees and officially registered only shall be admitted to supervise the matches (TC and Championship General Regulations – Chapter 4, Section K, point 3).

Referees must be official referees of their own Union on national or international level. If necessary, a Union can contact referees from its country National Federation or from the FIVB.

The referees are not allowed to assume another position within their own delegation.

The Technical Commission decides of the refereeing conditions according to the discipline needs based on FIVB regulations.

The Organizing Committee shall provide an Indoor Volleyball Organizing Director and head referee, line judges, score table judges and necessary operating materials for Organizing Director, referees and judges (PC or laptop, printer, video monitor, flags).

A meeting of referees will be held before the beginning of the championship and, if possible, every day of competition before the start of matches.

6-1 REFEREEING COMMITTEE

The Referees Committee is composed of:

- The CSIT Technical Commission Chairman;
- The CSIT Technical Commission Secretary;
- A referee drawn by lots among referees of participating Unions;
- The person responsible for appointing referees (for secretariat purposes).

The Referees Committee duties are:

- Checking the technical status of referees and their Unions card;
- Technical assessment on the floor;
- Appointment of referees for matches.
7. APPEAL COMMITTEE

The Appeal Committee is composed of:

- The CSIT Technical Commission's Chairman;
- The CSIT Technical Commission's Secretary;
- A person among the participating Unions. Such member shall not participate in the appeals in which his own Union would be involved.

An appeal committee is appointed for every championship in agreement with FIVB regulations.

- Appeals for technical reasons must be brought to the attention on the appeal committee no later than half an hour after the incident, providing all the necessary information.

Detailed information can be found in Chapter 4 under L of the Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations.

8. AWARDS

The first three (3) teams will be awarded with a cup and with medals: gold for first place, silver for second place, bronze for third place.

Detailed information can be found in Chapter 4 under M of the Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations.
9. TECHNICAL COMMISSION MEETINGS

- The Technical Commission chairman or secretary is in charge of convening a meeting of the commission before and at the end of the championship. A summon containing the date and agenda will be sent to all Unions at least three (3) months ahead of schedule. The chairman, the secretary, Unions representatives, heads of delegation participate. Referees, coaches of participant Unions, members of the organising committee are invited.

- A preparation and information meeting is organised before the championships under the responsibility of the chairman (and/or Technical Committee secretary and head of the organising committee from the organising Union) to inform all delegations of the planning of the championship, to appoint referees to matches, to bring clarifications to regulations if necessary ... to make the event a success.

- The purpose of the meeting after the championships is to evaluate the championship, to proceed with the modifications of the present regulations if necessary, to prepare future events (planning of next championships) and elections, to take into account the reports on the CSIT congress.

- Once every 4 years (the year of the CSIT electing congress), the chairman and the secretary of the Technical Commission are elected during the last meeting before the congress. The chairman or secretary must send with the convocation to the meeting a call for candidatures for both functions (at least three (3) months before the meeting). The election follows championship and Technical Committee general regulations...