

REGULATIONS OF THE 1st Beach Football World Championship 2017

Final rounds November 2nd- November 5th 2017, Costa Rica.

Conditions of participation

The IFAF Beach Football World Championship Seniors tournament is the annual competition for the Beach Football Senior National Teams or Teams representing their National Federation.

The tournament will be restricted to teams whose national federations are IFAF members.

§1 General provisions

The entry fee per team is	500 Euros
The entry fee has to be paid latest	May 31 st , 2017 to the IFAF account in France
The tournament fee is	60 Euros per person per day
The tournament fee has to be paid latest	August 1 st 2017

If, after written confirmation of its participation by the federation and after the entry fee has been paid, the team refuses to play a game, it shall be disqualified and fined. The federation shall at the same time lose all rights to receive financial contributions from IFAF or Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

If any team refuses to play after paying the entry fee (EURO 500) prior to the tournament, the fine will be:

- Within three months: 500 Euros or equivalent
- Within two months: 2000 Euros or equivalent
- Within one month: 3.000 Euros or equivalent
- Within two weeks: 4.000 Euros or equivalent
- During the tournament: 5.000 Euros or equivalent

The team refusing to play will be disqualified from the tournament. If a team refuses to play, the team's opponent will win the game with a result of 50-0 and in case of tournament rounds all of its games will be nullified (in this case also the one it has been determined to lose by forfeit.)

In the case of a fine and a non-payment of the fine the IFAF Disciplinary regulations will apply.

§2 Grouping and seeding

The IFAF Beach Football World Championship will be a system of Final Tournament.

According to the confirmations of participation IFAF Beach Football World Championship Tournament Director (BFWCTD) will seed the teams for the groups at the final tournament.

§3 Qualification round

There will be no qualification rounds.

§4 Championship round

The final tournament pooling depends on which teams will participate in the final tournament.

All teams travelling to the host country are responsible for the transport of their team to the site of the Championships and home again, or to designated airports Liberia and San Jose. Ground transportation (teams to practice, game and other planned events) once at the Championship site and food and lodging will be organized by the LOC, the fee is 60 euros per person per day. Each team will only be allowed to bring maximum of 10 players, 2 Staff members (Coaches) and/or Team Manager/CDM). For extra persons please contact LOC for assistance and prices.

§5 Game time

The effective playing time is 2x15 minutes for Championship rounds.

§6 Tie breakers

In group games, games may end in a tie.

In all playoff games – not group games - there has to be a winner and the game may not end in a tie. If the score is equal after the normal game time, the IFAF Beach Football rule in IFAF tournaments on tie-breakers will be used to break a tie.

The winners of Championship pool will be decided in the following way:

- Head to head
- Net points head to head
- Net points overall
- Less points allowed
- Coin toss

§7 Eligibility of a player

Overall requirements:

A player is only eligible to play for the National Federation/Association of his/her own nationality. If a player has changed his nationality or holds two or more nationalities he/she is eligible to play for his/her new or chosen nationality. However, if a player has represented one National Federation/Association in any official IFAF or its continental representative tournament, including both senior and junior tournaments, the player is not eligible to play for any other National Federation/Association. Player's nationality must be proven on game day.

Players have to be of the equivalent gender of the tournament entered (women, men, mixed).



To be eligible for the final tournament a player must have been listed on the 20-person preliminary roster released 30 days prior to the final tournament.

The mixed teams must consist of equal numbers of female and male players at the field at the same time.

Game day requirements:

Each team shall on game day indicate, on the official IFAF team roster form, the names of the 10 players for 4 on 4 and their staff, the mixed teams must consist of equal numbers of female and male players at the field at the same time. The IFAF supervisor will request presentation of a passport of each player. In case of no IFAF supervisor being present the head game official will carry the above identity check.

Identity documents must be a passport. In case of a player/ team is not able to present identity document the player will be ineligible to play.

Violation of players' eligibility regulations can lead to the teams or player's disqualification and/or of a fine of no more than 5.000,00 Euros.

A player must be a minimum of 18 years old (male) and 16 years old (female) on the year of the tournament.

Tournament Requirements:

The preliminary player roster of 20 players for the Championship round must be submitted no later than 30 days before the Championship rounds starts to the BFWCTD in order to ensure accurate information in the event program. Out of this 20 player preliminary roster the team has to choose the players for the final roster. The final roster has to be presented to the chairman of BFECTC latest at 8am on each game day, before the first game. No changes to this roster are permitted after its submission to BFWCTD that game day.

§8 Colors of the teams

Each team has to provide its own game uniforms. Each team has to nominate its primary jersey and shorts colors 30 days prior to the tournament. Each team is also required to have alternate color jerseys and shorts for the tournament. If necessary, the away team must change its uniforms.

§9 Publicity

Publicity on player's equipment shall be permitted but the publicity must be in accordance to local laws, IFAF regulations and in accordance to the spirit of the sports.

§10 The Game officials

The IFAF Officiating Committee shall designate officials for the tournament.

§11 Other financial provisions

Each federation shall retain its receipts and shall bear all the organizational expenses.

The hosting team for the final tournament shall bear the expenses of board and lodging of the game officials if needed.

There will be no fees or levies to be paid to IFAF by the LOC for the fees received for television, closed circuit, internet, sound broadcasting and films in 2017.

IFAF, its member federations, their affiliated organizations and clubs are the holders of the exclusive rights to authorize the broadcasting, transmission and reproduction of events by television and radio which come under the IFAF's jurisdiction, irrespective, as well as any other use and distribution by whatever audio-visual, internet and sound broadcasting media.

All games which shall be transmitted by television, closed circuit, internet, broadcast by radio stations or shot by film producers shall be covered by a written contract. The BFWCTD is entitled to request the presentation of contracts.

§12 Doping

The BFWCTD will inform the Anti-Doping Committees of respective countries of the game dates of the Championship round. The possible testing will be carried out according to the rules of respective Anti-Doping Committees and the WADA. IFAF Anti-Doping regulations shall always apply.

The use of THC and Cannabis is strictly forbidden during the BFWC finals. The finals start from the beginning of the opening ceremony and ends 24 hours after the last game of the tournament has been played or a team has left the hosting country which ever applies first.

§13 Medals

Top three (3) teams participating in men, women and mixed categories at the Championship s rounds will receive 15 medals each. Winner-gold, second place- silver, and third place-bronze. A Fair Play prize will be awarded to the fairest playing team decided by BFWCTD.

§14 Laws of the Game

The games shall be played in conformity with the 2017 IFAF Beach Football rules.

In addition that the mixed teams must consists of equal numbers of female and male players at the field at the same time.

Teams can enter for IFAF 4vs4 men, women and mixed Beach Football tournament.

Player Ejection: Any player ejected from the game will not be eligible to play in their team's next game in this competition

Game time, see §5.

§15 Game supervisors

Game supervisors will be appointed by the IFAF Managing Committee. The supervisor will be the official representative of IFAF and have the responsibility to control player identifications and eligibility, the field/arena and the security measures. Infractions of the Competition Regulations shall be reported to the IFAF game supervisor who will take necessary action at the game site and forward a game report to the IFAF Beach Football Tournament Director.

§16 Disciplinary rules

IFAF Disciplinary Rules are in effect. The teams are responsible for the behavior of their players, officials, members, and of any person fulfilling a position or function on behalf of the team.

Players, members or any person fulfilling a position or function on behalf of the team may be penalized 500 EURO in case person drinks alcohol during the tournament. The tournament starts upon arrival and ends 24 hours after the last game of the tournament has been played or a team has left the hosting country which ever applies first.

§17 Media regulations

IFAF media regulations are in effect.

§18 Insurance

All participants are requested to get their own travel and medical insurance during the entire event.

§ 19 Medical Care

The LOC will provide medical care and first-aid during the entire event to all participants who suffer from a sport injury.

§ 20 Unforeseen Circumstances

The BFWCTD, IFAF Managing Committee or the Disciplinary Council, respectively, shall take decisions on all matters not provided for in these regulations as well as in cases of "force majeure". Such decisions shall not be subject to appeal.