

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT - GAME FORMULA

The tournament foresees a maximum number of **18 teams**. The teams will be divided into 6 groups of 3 teams each.

During the first phase, each team will play against all the other teams in its group in one-off matches. At the end of the group stage, the teams ranked **first** and **second** in each group together with the **four** best teams ranked third will advance to the knockout stage.

Three merit-based rankings will be drawn up; one for the first (P1,P2, P3...), one for the second (S1,S2,S3...) and one for the third (T1,T2,T3...). The meritocratic ranking will take into account in order of importance:

- a. points obtained,
- b. number of matches won,
- c. set ratio (sets won/sets lost),
- e. points difference (points scored - points conceded),
- d. most sets won,
- e. most points scored,
- f. draw.

Once the 16 teams participating in the round of 16 have been established, the tournament will continue according to the following table:

