



Competition Regulations
World ParaVolley 2016 Intercontinental
Sitting Volleyball Women
17-23 March, 2016 – Anji, Huzhou, China

1 General

The 2016 World ParaVolley Intercontinental for the Rio Paralympic Games female **qualified** teams will consist of a Preliminary Round Robin with semi-finals and finals. This will be termed the “**QW Group**”.

The Rio Paralympic Games female **non-qualified** teams will play a Preliminary Round Robin with the top two teams playing a final Rio qualification match. This will be termed the “**NQW Group**”.

The WPV Technical Delegate will run two separate results systems for the respective Groups.

Matches will be conducted in the period 17 to 23 March 2016, inclusive, and the competition will be conducted in the Zhe Jiang Anji Longsham Sports Centre.

2 Ranking and allocation to Pools

- ◆ The total number of participating teams in the Intercontinental is 13.
- ◆ The QW Group of 7 qualified teams will be allocated a position in that Group by the WPV International Ranking system as at 1 December 2015.
- ◆ The NQW Group of 6 unqualified teams will be allocated a position in that Group by the WPV International Ranking system as at 1 December 2015.
- ◆ If any teams do not have a current WPV International Ranking, they shall be allocated a position in their Group by a random drawing of lots.
- ◆ The participating teams are:
 - Brazil (BRA)
 - Canada (CAN)
 - China (CHN)
 - Egypt (EGY)
 - Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI)
 - Italy (ITA)
 - Japan (JPN)
 - Netherlands (NED)
 - Russia (RUS)
 - Rwanda (RWA)
 - Slovenia (SLO)
 - Ukraine (UKR)
 - United States of America (USA)

The host team shall be allocated position 1 in the QW Group.

Using the WPV International Ranking System, the allocation to positions in the Groups is as follows:

QW Group

Name	WPV Ranking	Position in Group
China (CHN)	1	1
Ukraine (UKR)	2	2
United States of America (USA)	3	3
Brazil (BRA)	4	4
Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI)	12	5
Rwanda (RWA)	16	6
Canada (CAN)	19	7

NQW Group

Name	WPV Ranking	Position in Group
Slovenia (SLO)	5	1
Netherlands (NED)	6	2
Russia (RUS)	7	3
Japan (JPN)	8	4
Egypt (EGY)	18	5
Italy (ITA)	N/A	6

3 Competition System – Groups QW and NQW

3.1 Preliminary Rounds

In the Preliminary Round each team will play the other teams from the same Group according to the current WPV Sitting Volleyball Rules.

Matches will be allocated in the order that follows the Berger Table whenever possible. Teams may be required to play up to 2 matches per day and in this case will be allowed at least 5 hours between the starting times of the 2 matches on that day. Exceptions may be made by the Technical Delegate as required.

3.2 Group QW

The top 4 teams after the Preliminary Round will play semi-finals as follows:

1st v 4th

and

2nd v 3rd

The winners of these matches will play the Intercontinental Gold medal match.

The losers of these matches will play the Intercontinental Bronze medal match.

The 5th and 6th teams will play for 5th place in the Intercontinental.

The 7th team will be allocated 7th place.

3.3 Group NQW

The top 2 teams after the Preliminary Round will play a qualification match to determine who will participate in the Rio Paralympic Games.

The teams ranked 3 to 6 will retain those rankings for the event without play-offs.

3.4 Intercontinental Ranking Points

All participating teams will be allocated points for the World ParaVolley World Ranking system and this shall be decided by the Technical Sub-Committee of the Board (see separate paper).

4 Competition Schedule (see separate document)

Matches shall be conducted in the period 17 to 23 March 2016 inclusive.

In general, matches shall commence (time of first serve) at the following times:

09.00hrs
10.30hrs
12.00hrs
14.30hrs
16.00hrs
17.30hrs

The Technical Delegate may adjust this timetable as required, particularly for finals.

The teams in the QW Group may have up to **two** matches per day and **may** be required to have byes.

The teams in the NQW Group will have **one** match per day except when a bye is required.

5 Ranking in the Pools

5.1 RANKING BY MATCHES WON AND LOST

The ranking of teams is determined by the results of matches on the basis of matches won and lost as the first criteria.

The rank position within the Group is determined by the following individual criteria in order of application:

- 1st Criteria: Matches won
- 2nd Criteria: Sets Quotient
- 3rd Criteria: Points Quotient
- 4th Criteria: Direct result of the match between the teams

5.2 RESULTS TABLE

The Results Table shall contain the following elements:

- 5.2.1 Matches played
- 5.2.2 Matches won
- 5.2.3 Matches lost
- 5.2.4 Sets Quotient
- 5.2.5 Points Quotient
- 5.2.6 Rank position within the Group

5.3 IN THE CASE OF A TIE BETWEEN TWO TEAMS

Sets quotient In the case of equality in the number of matches won and lost by two teams, the teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost.

Points quotient In the case of equality in the number of sets gained and lost by two tied teams, they will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of all points lost during all sets.

If the tie continues as per the points quotient between the two teams, the ranking priority will be given to the team that won the last match between them.

5.4 IN THE CASE OF A TIE BETWEEN THREE OR MORE TEAMS

When the tie in matches won, sets and points quotients is between three or more teams, a new classification of these teams will be made taking into consideration only the matches in which they were opposed to each other. In the case that the tie is still not resolved the team(s) will be ranked according to their current World ParaVolley World Ranking.

5.5 FORFEITS

If a team voluntarily declares a forfeit or refuses to play a match, it will be declared in default and may be excluded from the competition:

- All the team's results during the respective round or section of the competition will be nullified;
- The opposing team will be declared the winner of the match 3 sets to 0 and 25-0 for each set
- The team shall face disciplinary action by the Technical Committee of the event and the World ParaVolley Board following the event.

6 Protests

The WPV protocol for protests will be followed as per the WPV Sport Regulations. The Protest Fee is 250EUR and the Appeal Fee is 750EUR. Such fees are to be lodged at the time of protest together with the protest documentation and will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

The composition of the Protest Committee and the Appeal Committee will be established at the General Technical Meeting.

7 Awarding Ceremony

It is mandatory for the top 3 ranked teams from Group Q and the Rio-qualified team from Group NQ to participate in the Awarding Ceremony that will take place on the field of play immediately after the Gold medal match, or as determined by the LOC.

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