

Selection policy for AVC beach volleyball events 2019-2020

This policy covers Asian Tour events and Continental Cup events. World Tour events in Asia are not covered by this policy. This policy is intended to support the VNZ Nomination Criteria for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (and other pinnacle events within the four-year Olympic cycle).

This policy will apply for selection where VNZ has been awarded a National Federation (NF) place via any allocation means, except wild card allocation.

If one or more selected athletes are not able to compete, then the selectors will replace the team or player at their discretion.

General Conditions of Selection: The VNZ Selectors may only consider an Athlete for selection if the Athlete has satisfied the following conditions:

- (a) demonstrated to the satisfaction of VNZ that they have an appropriate training and competition plan in place, are partnered with a player with a complementary skill set, and are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing to the highest possible standard; and
- (b) acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport or VNZ into public disrepute; and
- (c) to VNZ's knowledge has not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in VNZ, the International Federation's ("FIVB") Integrity Regulation; and
- (d) has provided their name and contact address details for the purpose of out of competition drug testing with Drug Free Sport New Zealand, if requested; and
- (e) are part of a team with a valid VNZ Expression of Interest form at the time of selection; and
- (f) demonstrated compatibility with the unique wider team culture required of athletes competing in Continental Cup events

Specific Conditions of Selection for Asian Tour events (up to and including April 2019): VNZ will select teams up to the allocated number of places. If VNZ is only allocated one place, then there will be no automatic selection.

- (a) Teams that have played a minimum of three 2019 National Beach Volleyball Tour events together will be considered for automatic selection. The team with the highest points total from their best three 2019 National Beach Volleyball Tour events will be automatically selected. If the number one ranked team does not enter the Asian Tour event(s) then there will be not automatic selection; and
- (b) After automatic selection, VNZ will select teams up to the number of allocated places based on the following criteria (in no particular order):
 - Any team with High Performance Sport NZ funding
 - The combination of the best three 2019 National Beach Volleyball Tour results of the two players forming the team (regardless of whether they played together or not)
 - Recent head to head results between the teams
 - Development opportunity for age group teams
 - Any exceptional circumstances e.g. injury, bereavement
- (c) Where points for the purpose of the Specific Criteria have been obtained from an event where the circumstances of that event are deemed to have significantly deviated from standard circumstances, the selectors, at their sole discretion, may apply a weighting to the points obtained from that event. Factors include, but are not limited to, a significantly weak field of competition.

Specific Conditions of Selection for Asian Tour events (up to and including December 2019): VNZ will automatically select one team with respect to the criteria below.

- (a) Total of both players 3 best FIVB points (from completed National, Asian and World Tour events) in the 2019 calendar year up to 4 weeks before the start date of the of the event; and
- (b) Points are made up of the sum of individual players points with a minimum of 2 results together as a team.

- (c) Where points are tied, the next best result as a team will determine the selection.
- (d) Where points for the purpose of the Specific Criteria have been obtained from an event where the circumstances of that event are deemed to have significantly deviated from standard circumstances, the selectors, at their sole discretion, may apply a weighting to the points obtained from that event. Factors include, but are not limited to, a significantly weak field of competition.
- (e) Any exceptional circumstances e.g. injury, bereavement

After automatic selection, VNZ will select teams up to the number of allocated places based on the following criteria (in no particular order):

- Both players' results in respective competitions in the 2019 calendar year (from completed National, Asian, Collegiate and World Tour events) up to 4 weeks before the start date of the event, with no requirement for results to be obtained together as a team.
- Any exceptional circumstances e.g. injury, bereavement

Specific Conditions of Selection for Asian Continental Cup events (phase 1 rescheduled): VNZ will automatically select one team based on rank order with respect to the criteria below.

- (a) Total of both players 3 best FIVB points (from completed National, Asian and World Tour events) in the 12 months up to the selection date (which is 24th February 2020); and
- (b) Points are made up of the sum of individual players points with a minimum of 2 results together as a team.
- (c) Where points are tied, the next best result as a team will determine the selection.
- (d) Where points for the purpose of the Specific Criteria have been obtained from an event where the circumstances of that event are deemed to have significantly deviated from standard circumstances,

the selectors, at their sole discretion, may apply a weighting to the points obtained from that event. Factors include, but are not limited to, a significantly weak field of competition.

- (e) Any exceptional circumstances e.g. injury, bereavement.

After automatic selection, VNZ will select teams up to the number of allocated places based on the following criteria (in no particular order):

- Both players' results in respective competitions (from completed National, Asian, Collegiate and World Tour events) in the 12 months up to the selection date (which is 24th February 2020), with no requirement for results to be obtained together as a team.
- Any exceptional circumstances e.g. injury, bereavement

Specific Conditions of Selection for Asian Continental Cup events (phase 2): VNZ will automatically select one team based on rank order with respect to the criteria below. Note, the team(s) that earned the allocated place(s), may not necessarily be the team(s) selected.

- (a) Total of both players 3 best FIVB points (from completed National, Asian and World Tour events) in the 12 months up to the selection date (which is 4 weeks before the start date of the phase 2 tournament); and
- (b) Points are made up of the sum of individual players points with a minimum of 2 results together as a team.
- (c) Where points are tied, the next best result as a team will determine the selection.
- (d) Where points for the purpose of the Specific Criteria have been obtained from an event where the circumstances of that event are deemed to have significantly deviated from standard circumstances, the selectors, at their sole discretion, may apply a weighting to the points obtained from that event. Factors include, but are not limited to, a significantly weak field of competition.
- (e) Any exceptional circumstances e.g. injury, bereavement

After automatic selection, VNZ will select teams up to the number of allocated places based on the following criteria (in no particular order):

- Both players' results in respective competitions (from completed National, Asian, Collegiate and World Tour events) in the 12 months up to the selection date (which is 4 weeks before the start date of the phase 2 tournament), with no requirement for results to be obtained together as a team.
- Any exceptional circumstances e.g. injury, bereavement

Specific Conditions of Selection for Asian Continental Cup events (phase 3): VNZ will automatically select one team based on rank order with respect to the criteria below. Note, the team(s) that earned the allocated place(s), may not necessarily be the team(s) selected.

- Total of FIVB points competing as a team from up to six of the following Key Events between 1 September 2018 to 18 May 2020*:
 - FIVB World Tour
 - FIVB Asian Tour

*This date will be confirmed once the 2020 FIVB calendar is released and will be based on a suitable break point in the FIVB calendar at 4-6 weeks prior to the phase 3 event.

- Where points are tied, the next best result as a team will determine the selection.
- Where points for the purpose of the Specific Criteria have been obtained from an event where the circumstances of that event are deemed to have significantly deviated from standard circumstances, the selectors, at their sole discretion, may apply a weighting to the points obtained from that event. Factors include, but are not limited to, a significantly weak field of competition.
- Any exceptional circumstances e.g. injury, bereavement

After automatic selection, VNZ will select teams up to the number of allocated places based on the following criteria (in no particular order):

- Both players' results in respective competitions (from completed National, Asian, Collegiate and World Tour events) in the 12 months up to the selection

date (which is 18 May 2020*), with no requirement for results to be obtained together as a team.

*This date will be confirmed once the 2020 FIVB calendar is released and will be based on a suitable break point in the FIVB calendar at 4-6 weeks prior to the phase 3 event.

- Any exceptional circumstances e.g. injury, bereavement

Specific Conditions of Selection for Asian Tour events (January - June 2020): VNZ will select teams up to the allocated number of places with respect to the criteria below.

- (a) Both players' results in respective competitions (from completed National, Asian, Collegiate and World Tour events) in the 12 months up to the selection date (which is 4 weeks before the start date of the event), with no requirement for results to be obtained together as a team.
- (b) Any exceptional circumstances e.g. injury, bereavement