

BEACH VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION GUIDE

European Masters Games 2023 offers each athlete the opportunity to compete in a maximum of three sports (five disciplines) at the Games.

GAME SCHEDULE

Categories Women 60-64, Women 30 – 44 (30+, 35+, 40+), Men 70 – 75 (70+, 75+), Men 60 – 64, Men 30 -34

03.07.2023 Monday technical meeting	09:00
03.07.2023 Monday games	9:00 – 13:00
04.07.2023 Tuesday games	13:00 – 17:00
05.07.2023 Wednesday games	9:00 – 17:00

Categories Women 50 - 54, Men 50 – 54, Men 40 -44

03.07.2023 Monday technical meeting	13:00
03.07.2023 Monday games	13:00 – 17:00
04.07.2023 Tuesday games	09:00 – 13:00
05.07.2023 Wednesday games	9:00 – 17:00

Mixed categories

04.07.2023	Tuesday technical meeting	18.:00
04.07.2023	Tuesday games	18:00 - 21:00
05.07.2023	Wednesday games	18:00 - 21:00
06.07.2023	Thursday games	18:00 – 21:00

Categories Women 45- 49, Men 35 – 39, Men 45 – 49

06.07.2023	Thursday technical meeting	09:00
06.07.2023	Thursday games	9:00 – 13:00
07.07.2023	Friday games	13:00 – 17:00
08.07.2023	Saturday games	9:00 – 17:00

Category Women 65+

06.07.2023	Thursday technical meeting	09:00
06.07.2023	Thursday games	9:00 – 13:00
07.07.2023	Friday games	13:00 – 17:00

Categories Women 55- 59, Men 55 – 59, Men 65 – 69

06.07.2023	Thursday technical meeting	13:00
06.07.2023	Thursday games	13:00 – 17:00
07.07.2023	Friday games	09:00 – 13:00
08.07.2023	Saturday games	9:00 – 17:00

COMPETITION DISCIPLINES AND AGE CATEGORIES

The competition disciplines and age categories for Beach Volleyball at EMG2023 are as follows:

Disciplines	Age Categories
Women's 2vs2	30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+
Men's 2vs2	30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+
Mixed 2vs2	30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+

There is only one event per age category for Beach Volleyball, i.e. there are no grades or grading requirements for this competition.

For each team at least two athletes must be registered, maximum is three athletes.

The age of the youngest registered team member determines which age category the team will compete in and for the Games, your age is determined as at 31 December 2023.

If there are less than four teams in age categories, the administrator reserves the right to merge age categories. However, the medals are awarded according to the age category the team is registered in.

Women's 2vs2 and Men's 2vs2 are scheduled so that it is possible to play in two age categories. For example, an athlete aged 42 years, can play 35+ and 40+.

Mixed 2vs2 can only be played in one age category. However, an athlete can play, for example, Women's 2vs2 45+ and 50+ and Mixed 2vs2 50+.

Minimum number of participants	180
Maximum number of participants	360

VENUE DETAILS

EMG2023 Beach Volleyball competition takes place at:

Venue Name	Beach of Pyynikki
Competition hosted	Jalkasaarentie 7, 33230 Tampere
Venue Information	All the games are played here.

COMPETITION DETAILS

Competition rules

The WMG Volleyball event will be conducted in line with the competition rules of the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB), or as otherwise specified in this document, and will conform to any special requirements of the International Masters Games Association.

Net Height

The net height will be set at 2.43m for men and 2.24m for women and Mixed. In selected age groups the net height may be reduced if there is consensus from teams in that grade.

Special rule of Mixed 2vs2

Rule of Mixed 2vs2 are same than in other game modes but there are few exceptions:

- The players draw a 3m line in the sand between the balls if necessary
- Male player may not jump when serve
- Male player may not block at all
- Male player may not jump up less than three meters from the net (neither to block nor to attack nor to defend)

- Male player may not put the ball downwards over the net if jump is not completed beyond the 3m line nor when the ball is hit within 3m

Match format

Beach Volleyball competition structure features pairs and mixed grades all taking place over 6-day competition blocks. In some grades teams will not play on the 5th or 6th day if they have not made a medal match.

Beach Volleyball matches will be played best of 3 sets throughout the entire competition.

Substitutions

In the Beach pair's competition, substitutions are not allowed during match play. Therefore substitutions can only be used between matches and not sets. If a player is injured, a substitution is not permitted to replace the injured player during a match, e.g. in pairs competitions, only the two players on the roster are eligible for the entirety of the match.

Forfeits/Defaults

A team declared incomplete for the start of a match automatically loses the first set. 10 minutes after the start time they default the match. All defaults must have been decided on under the supervision of a tournament director, head referee or Technical Delegate.

Referees / Officials

Teams will be required to provide two officials when assigned duty.

Medals

In European Masters Games, the athletes do not represent their country of origin, therefore the prize-awarding ceremonies will be carried out without hoisting of flags. No National Anthem of the winning team will be played. The medals will be provided by the Organizing Committee.

Technical meeting

A Technical Meeting will take place before the start of the competitions in order to

introduce the competitions, remind those involved of the regulations and the behavior that is expected.

Personal accident insurance and medical certificate

It is the participant's own responsibility to take out adequate and valid accident and health insurance. The competitor registration fee does not cover personal accident insurance.

Anti-doping

The IMGGA has adopted an anti-doping policy in line with the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) code, which means that testing will be conducted during the games. Each participant must comply with and independently consent to the IMGGA Anti-Doping policy <https://imga.ch/masters-sports/anti-doping/>.

EQUIPMENT

- The Organizing Committee will provide balls for competition. The official competition ball is MIKASA Beach Pro BV550C.
- Teams are advised to bring their own balls for training and warm up.
- Teams are advised to bring their own water bottles. Every team will provide for its own medical necessities (plasters, elastic bandages, dry ice, ice spray, band tape, etc); the Organizing Committee will not provide such material
- Individuals are responsible for the safekeeping and storage of their own equipment and personal belongings. The Organizing Committee will not be responsible for any shortages and/or theft.

UNIFORMS

- The Organizing Committee will not distribute sportswear for the competition.
- Each team must supply their own sportswear required to participate in the Beach Volleyball Tournament. The FIVB restrictions on uniforms will not apply. Player numbers 1-2 are recommended.

TRAINING FACILITIES

The Organizing Committee will try to offer one or two Beach Volleyball courts for training and warm up.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Planning for the EMG2023 competition will continue throughout 2022 and spring 2023. Additional sport specific information will be communicated to registered participants and this Sports Information Guide will be updated according to possible changes.

All participants are encouraged to monitor the EMG2023 website at www.emg2023.fi as well as other Games communication channels to find out the latest information.

For more Beach Volleyball specific information, please contact emg2023@bvt.fi

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