



2023 World ParaVolley Sitting Volleyball Asian Zone Championships for Men and Women Newsletter - December 2022

We are all very excited that our 2023 PVAO Sitting Volleyball Zone Championships are set to be hosted in **Almaty, Kazakhstan**.

This is a very important event because, not only are world ranking points allocated, but also the highest ranked team from both the Men's and Women's competition (who have not already qualified) will gain a spot in the Paris 2024 Paralympics.

All ParaVolley Asia Oceania members 'in good standing' are entitled to enter, with no qualification criteria required.

I urge all teams to read the new Sitting Volleyball Rules of the Game 2022 – 2024, which are available on the World ParaVolley website, as there are quite a few changes since the previous edition. I have attached the new Uniform guidelines and templates for your convenience.

Due to the many changes to world travel, restrictions, administrative needs, the fact that much of the organisation is dependent upon the number of teams entered, and most importantly the considerable time to obtain visas for some nations, the usual due dates for this event are earlier from what was usual practice in the past. Note that the first one is 30 January 2023. It is essential that these dates are met by nations wishing to enter the competition.

Timeline

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| 30 January 2023 | Lodge Agreement to Participate Form & PVAO Team Entry Fee |
| 1 March 2023 | Lodge Provisional Team Entry Form (long list) containing up to 20 players and up to 5 bench personnel |
| 1 April 2023 | Lodge Final Team Entry Form (containing up to 14 (fourteen) players and up to 5 (five) bench personnel and team manager) and; LOC Participation Fees, Refundable security deposit and Administration Fee. |
| 30 June 2023 | Participating teams arrive. |
| 3-8 July 2023 | Competition |
| 9 July 2023 | Everyone departs |

Fees

Participation Fees to be paid to the LOC:

- Twin Rooms - The LOC will charge the teams €100 per person per night for food and accommodation (for **twin rooms**) starting the day of arrival and including the date of departure. If teams check out after 12:00 p.m. on 9 July, an additional €100 per person will be charged for an additional night's stay.
- Single Rooms - The LOC will charge the teams €120 per person per night for food and accommodation (for **single** rooms) starting the day of arrival and including the date of departure. If teams check out after 12:00 p.m. on 9 July, an additional €120 per person will be charged for an additional night's stay.

Security Fee to be paid to the LOC:

- The LOC will require each team to lodge a refundable Security Fee of €500 in cash for security purposes. This will be refunded in cash if not required.

Administration Fee to be paid to the LOC:

- The LOC will require each team to pay an Administration Fee of €1000 to cover Anti-Doping and the partial cost of event administration.

Team Entry Fee to be paid to WPV:

- ParaVolley Asia Oceania require a non-refundable entry fee of €500 (plus any bank charges) to be paid with the Agreement to Participate Form.

Team Delegation

- The maximum size for a Delegation is 20 persons unless otherwise agreed. The 20 persons are: 14 players, 1 Coach, 2 Assistant Coaches, 1 Doctor, 1 Therapist, 1 Team Manager. Additional people may include media, friends, relatives and officials.
- Teams may nominate less than 20 persons in order to reduce their costs.
- If a team wishes to exceed the Delegation maximum number, the permission of ParaVolley Asia Oceania and the LOC must be obtained and the board & lodging rates negotiated with the LOC.

Classification

Teams may enter players who already have a current and valid World ParaVolley classification according to the IPC Athlete Classification Code and the World ParaVolley Classification Code or if not, the players may be classified during the Classification appointments in the two days prior to the commencement of the event.

It is essential that nations comply with the classification requirements. This includes registering ALL potential players on the WPV PVSAS system and uploading all necessary documentation such as Medical Diagnostic Forms and associated or relevant supporting documents.

Team Arrival and Departure

All teams should arrive on 30 June 2023.

The international airport for arrivals and departures is the **Almaty International Airport**. All teams are advised to check Visa requirements, apply early and obtain proper travel insurance.

Participating teams are responsible for the following costs:

- National or international travel
- Travel insurance
- Medical insurance to cover hospitalisation and possible repatriation
- Covid-19 associated costs, including testing in the home country before departure and potential home quarantine after arrival back home
- Visas – as applicable
- Team uniforms
- Participation Fees – Food, transport and accommodation (paid to the LOC)
- Refundable Security Fee (paid to the LOC in cash)
- Administration fee (paid to the LOC)

Competition and Training Venues

The competition and training venue is the Sadu Arena, Al-Farabi Avenue 128/7.

Classification, Training and Preliminary Inquiry

Classification and Preliminary Inquiries will be conducted on 1 and 2 July.

General Technical Meeting

The General Technical Meeting will be held on 2 July.

Anti-doping

Anti-Doping tests will be conducted during the event. These tests are not necessarily always by random selection but can include targeted selection of teams or individuals as well.

As part of our Federation requirements to be compliant to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Anti-doping Code, all our member nations are required to conduct anti-doping education (for their Athletes and Support Personnel) for doping-free sport, preferably in coordination with their National Anti-Doping Organization.

It is essential that nations entering this competition complete an Anti-doping education program for its International Athletes. Evidence of completion of an anti-doping education program (certificates are valid for a two-year period) within the last two years is required to be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start of the event. The program can be a program delivered either by on-line or face-to-face education by your National Antidoping Organization, or a program from WADA ADEL "International-level Athletes Education Program", which can be accessed at <https://adel.wada-ama.org/>

More information on this will be provided later.

PVAO General Assembly

It is intended to conduct the PVAO general Assembly during the competition. Details will be provided on this separately in due time.

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