

KING OF THE COURT

9-12 SEPT 2020

JAARBEURSPLEIN UTRECHT



EVENT'S REGULATIONS – UPDATED ON 03/08/2020

This form must be approved the latest 30 days before the start of the event and published on the FIVB websites

Promoter website link to the event: www.kingofthecourt.com
Event social media accounts: **Facebook: @kingofthecourt**
Instagram: @kingofthecourtbeach

Facebook FIVB: @FIVBBeach
Instagram FIVB: @beachvolleyballworld
Twitter FIVB: @FIVBBeach
YouTube FIVB: <https://bit.ly/3gIB2qs>

FIVB website link to the event: <https://www.volleyball.world/en/beachvolleyball/kingofthecourt/2020/>

Press release announcement King of the Court: [LINK](#)

Important Notes at the Challenging Times of COVID-19 Pandemic

The global COVID-19 outbreak has had a significant impact on Beach Volleyball. In addition, movement and travel restrictions imposed by governments have resulted in the suspension of the World Tour Calendar.

Recently since the restrictions are gradually being relaxed in some part of the world by the governments, it is possible to organize sporting competitions again and efforts have been made by respective National Federations and event organizers in order to find a safe way to restart the beach volleyball season in accordance with the guidance of medical experts, governments and public health authorities. Due to the risks associated with COVID-19, this is a slow and careful process that requires sufficient planning.

FIVB and CEV priority, and both parties are working on developing guidelines for the beach volleyball competition restart that will be shared to all interested parties at a later stage. The health and safety of athletes, coaches, officials and fans remain the top priority, and all stakeholders are endeavors to make the necessary actions to limit any possible harm resulting COVID-19 pandemic.

Further to above, it is important for all participants to study the points below carefully:

Travel Restrictions (constantly updated)

The Dutch government allows a list of nationalities to enter the country without restrictions. The information is available through the following link: <https://www.government.nl/topics/c/coronavirus-covid-19/tourism-in-the-netherlands>. It is regularly updated.

Other Medical Requirement by the Government (constantly updated)

Ministry of Health and National Institute of Public Health: <https://www.rivm.nl/en/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/current-information> & <https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/latest-news>

Specific Hygiene/COVID-19 Protocols Implemented at the event

A set of event specific Hygiene and amended Match protocols are currently developed and will be issued prior to the event confirmed lists no later than three weeks before the event.

Sporwrx reserves the right to perform random medical controls on the participating athletes, staff and alcohol tests on the officials, as per FIVB rules and regulations. A set of event specific Hygiene and amended Match

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- Athletes and team delegations need to get tested on COVID-19 before traveling to King of the Court. This should be done before Friday the 4th of September, so the promoter has enough time to nominate a new team when a team is tested positive.
- When athletes and team delegations arrive, they will be tested on COVID-19 again. Further information will be communicated later on.

All athletes registered to participate adhere to fully comply with the Hygiene protocols of the Netherlands and the event specific protocols to be additionally determined.

1. IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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	Mobile number: +316 36199191

2. COMPETITION SPECIFIC

2.1 KING OF THE COURT

King of the Court is a beach volleyball variant that has existed since 2017. The beach volleyball court is divided into a winner's side and a challenger side. Points can only be scored on the winner's side. The game has many differences with regular 2 vs 2 beach volleyball. For example, five teams are active simultaneously instead of two, playing under time rules in an elimination race.

In 2018, Sportworx organized the first international King of the Court tour of four tournaments, in Utrecht, Antwerp, Hawaii and California. The ambition is to make King of the Court an Olympic volleyball discipline in the near future. This development would fit in with International Olympic Committee's policy to embrace new, fast-paced sports that capture the imaginations of youthful generations.

King of the Court 2020 in Utrecht, Netherlands is the first international top sport event restarted on Dutch soil and in collaboration with the FIVB, Sportworx organized this international beach volleyball event gathering the best men's and women's beach volleyball teams of the world for the first time since March 2020.

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The tournament consists of 20 teams, of which there will be 4 Host Country Wild Card teams, 4 teams through International Wild Cards and 12 teams through the Open Registration pathway. These 4 Host Country teams will be announced approximately 1 week prior to the event. These 4 Host Country teams are not obliged to register via the FIVB VIS system but will be determined by the organization. Given the travel restrictions due to COVID-19, several teams currently have travel difficulties. Therefore, Sportworx has the right to decide in a later stage whether they will add four extra teams to the list of participations. In the end this will come to 24 teams instead of 20 teams in total.

Because of the travel restrictions, we made the decision to eliminate the qualification and increase the main draw.

King of the Court

- 4 Host Country Wild Cards
- Max 4 International Wild Cards
- 12 teams from the Open Registration

Criteria of Wild card allocation:

- Previous KOTC results
- FIVB World Ranking
- Other merits of the team valued by the organizer

Criteria of teams' entrance:

- Up to maximum 4 teams per gender per NF will be accepted in the tournament with exception to the host NF-Netherlands, which there will be no limit on quota places from host NF.
- Different from regular beach volleyball tournaments, there is an opportunity to partner with athlete from other NFs. Please first contact Jolien from Sportworx (jolien@sportworx.nl) before registration to discuss the possibilities. Once approved, the registration will be done directly by the organizer in collaboration with the FIVB.

2.4 Withdrawals

- No fine or sanction will be applied to the withdrawals.
- In the case a team withdraws before the start of the tournament, a team will be selected by the organizer to fill the roster of the tournament.
- When a player gets injured during the tournament, the promoter has the right to replace that player with another player of his choice.

Below you will find an overview of the team composition of the tournament. This is just the classification of the teams and will be not the final ranking.

The final ranking after the tournament will be announced on the King of Court page of the FIVB website.

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2.5 Competition Format

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2.6 Technical Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 8th September

Time: TBD

Location: Stadium King of the court – Jaarbeursplein, Utrecht

Mandatory attendance is required for both players of the team for the Technical Meeting. More information will be posted later on.

2.7 Training

Address of the training courts	TBD
Availability Date	As of 01/09/2020
Number of courts	TBD
Contact person for booking	Name: Jolien Sinnema Email address: jolien@sportworx.nl

After confirmation of participation, Sportworx assume that teams will practice King of the Court during their training sessions. If we establish that teams do not know the KOTC rules of the game or they are not fit to play, **sanctions may be imposed**.

2.8 Provisional match schedule per gender

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		1730		1950		2030		2300	
WEDNESDAY 9 SEPT		Session 1 Women's Phase 1 Group A Artist Performance Men's Phase 1 Group A		SESSION SWITCH	Session 2 Women's Phase 1 Group B Artist Performance Men's Phase 1 Group B				
		1630		1850		1930		2300	
THURSDAY 10 SEPT		Session 3 Women's Phase 1 Group C Artist Performance Men's Phase 1 Group C		SESSION SWITCH	Session 4 Women's Phase 1 Group D Artist Performance Men's Phase 1 Group D Play-offs Phase 1				
		1430		1650		1730		1950	
FRIDAY 11 SEPT		Session 5 Women's Group Phase A Artist Performance Men's Group Phase A		SESSION SWITCH	Session 6 Women's Group Phase B Artist Performance Men's Group Phase B		SESSION SWITCH	Session 7 Women's Group Phase C Artist Performance Men's Group Phase C	
		1130		1450		1530		1850	
SATURDAY 12 SEPT		Session 8 Play-offs Group Phase Women's Semi Final A Artist Performance Men's Semi Final A		SESSION SWITCH	Session 9 Women's Semi Final B Artist Performance Men's Semi Final B Play-offs Semi Finals		SESSION SWITCH	Session 10 Women's Final Artist Performance Men's Final Awarding Ceremony	
		1130		1450		1530		1850	
						1930		2300	

The detailed match schedule will be published at the latest on the 10th of August and will be available in the following [LINK](#).

2.9 Uniform and Accessories:

The playing tops/tanks will be provided by Sportworx for all players. Shorts/bottoms and accessories must be provided by the players and/or by their sponsors. Athletes of the same team must wear the same color and style of shorts. **In case of cold weather conditions, it's allowed to wear thermo clothes, Sportworx is obliging for the cold weather uniforms to be of black color.**

The display of the individual players' sponsors' logos on shorts and accessories must comply with the FIVB Sports Regulation and Handbook.

2.10 Prize Money

For an event offering USD 30.000, the following breakdown applies (per gender):

Rank	Prize Money (per team)	Total
King of the Court	USD 12.500,00	A Maurice Lacroix watch for each player
2nd	USD 5.000,00	
3rd	USD 3.000,00	
4th	USD 2.000,00	
5th	USD 1.000,00	
6th – 20th	No Prize Money	
Winner Phase One (4x)	USD 1.000,00	
Longest stay winners' side	USD 2.500,00	A Maurice Lacroix watch for each player
MVP player	No Prize Money	A Maurice Lacroix watch

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Note:

The athlete is responsible for paying the relevant taxes for his/her earnings in his/her own country.

3. GENERAL MATTERS

3.1 Arrival and Departure

Sportworx expect all teams to arrive maximum on Tuesday the 8th of September before 1pm, due the afternoon program. For earlier arrival send an email to Jolien Sinnema (jolien@sportworx.nl). This week is all about King of the Court, including a high-class trainings camp with top teams from all over the world. Sportworx will provide the training accommodations throughout the whole week for all teams.

Additional information regarding the accommodation can be found on point 3.2

The official airport confirmed by the organizer is as follows:

Name of the airport: Schiphol, Amsterdam

Distance from the airport to venue: 45km

Other close by airports:

Rotterdam / The Hague airport – 60km

Eindhoven airport – 85km

More information about transport will be sent to the players later on.

3.2 Board and Lodging

The organizer will provide hotel accommodation and catering (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) for all teams, just players.

- Check in Tuesday the 8th of September, time to be confirmed
- Check out Sunday the 13th of September, 12pm
- Catering throughout the whole week

Address hotel – 550m from the venue

Inntel Hotel – Utrecht Centre

Smakkelaarshoek 24

3511 EC Utrecht

Team delegations are obliged to book their accommodation via our hotel partner to support this tournament. Our hotel partner will offer special hotel room rates for the team staff during and after their participation in the event. **Team delegations can only request for a tournament accreditation by booking a hotel room via our hotel partner.**

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A booking form with the special rates will be sent to the players later on.

3.3 Visa

Athletes (or their National Federations) will be required to apply early enough for their entry visas, whenever needed and will be accountable for all visa expenses.

For any enquiry regarding your visa application and invitation letter, please contact:

Contact Name: Jolien Sinnema

Email: jolien@sportworx.nl

Mobile number: +316 36199191

For more information: <https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl>

3.4 Insurance

Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurance. It is strongly recommended that the teams and staff have Health and Travel insurance that covers the cost of medical treatment and travel implications that may occur during the travel, during the event and the travel back to the team final destination.

Especially in these trying times we would recommend a travel insurance for the plane tickets.

3.5 Medical Controls

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3.6 Accreditation

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Sportworx will provide official accreditation card and will ensure that only people with appropriate accreditation will access the designated venue areas. **Team delegations can only request for a tournament accreditation by booking a hotel room via our hotel partner.**

The application form will be sent to the players later on.

3.7 Content / media requirements players

For the development of volleyball and King of The Court we need your support to produce awesome content and promotion for King of the Court and our partners. In the case of participation:

- We expect your cooperation and commitment prior to, during and after the event. Of course, everything based on your availability and with approval of your personal sponsorships.
- We require you to promote King of the Court in your social media channels on a regular basis - weekly or bi-weekly would be awesome. We will provide photos, videos and visuals you can use. When posing you can tag @KingofthecourtBeach and use #Kingofthecourt in your posts that are related to King of the Court.
- You agree to give Sportworx the permission to re-post your posts that are referring to King of the Court and any other content that we find interesting to promote you as participant in the event.

After confirmation of participation, Sportworx may sign a contract with all players just for the 2020 King of the Court event.

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Stadium King of the Court - Jaarbeursplein



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