

Volleyball

Rally or point-per-play scoring has been adopted to generate a more exciting TV spectacle. Matches remain the best-of-five, but every play of every game counts as a point. Games 1 through 4 are to 25 points, provided the winner wins by at least two points (25-23). If a team is not ahead by two points when it reaches 25, the teams keep playing until a team wins by two. If the match is tied at two games apiece, Game 5 is to 15 points and also must be won by two

What to watch for



Setter: Creates point-winning opportunity. Looks for team-mate with fewest opposing blockers, so **"setting up"** ball for spike



Spiking: Front court player reaches high into air and smashes ball down into opponent's court at speeds reaching more than 160km/h



Digging: With hands clasped and arms held straight out, players may dive to **"dig out"** a spike



Blocking: Players close to net reach high to intercept ball coming from opponents

Beach volleyball:
Court same size as indoor court

Two teams of two players. Game played to 15 points – teams change sides after every five points

New rules

1. "Libero" position: Each team has the option to play with a specialized defensive player. **Libero** has a special jersey and cannot serve or attack the ball. Liberos are primary passers and the best diggers

Service area

Net height
2.24m (women)
2.43m (men)

Attack line

2. Net violations:

Instead of stopping play when a team inadvertently touches the net, play will now continue until the point is decided

3. Elimination of the let serve:

Serves that go over the net after touching the net remain in play

Ball: White or tri-coloured.
Weight: 260-280g
Circumference: 65-67cm

Sources:
Int. Volleyball
Federation, SOCOG
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Venues: Sydney Entertainment Centre, Bondi Beach

SEPTEMBER OCTOBER

13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1

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1996 WINNERS

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Men	Gold: Netherlands	Silver: Italy	Bronze: Yugoslavia	Gold: USA	Silver: USA	Bronze: Canada
Women	Cuba	China	Brazil	Brazil	Brazil	Australia