

Beach volleyball increasing in popularity

Introduced to the Olympics in 1996, beach volleyball is enjoying an ever growing appeal globally, as demonstrated by Switzerland which became the first landlocked nation to win a medal, at Athens 2004

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDAL TABLE BY NATION

Rank	Team	G	S	B	Total		First/Last medal
1	United States	3	1	1	5		1996 2004
2	Brazil	2	4	1	7		1996 2004
3	Australia	1	0	1	2		1996 2000
4	Spain	0	1	0	1		2004 2004
5	Canada	0	0	1	1		1996 1996
5	Germany	0	0	1	1		2000 2000
5	Switzerland	0	0	1	1		2004 2004

Brazil's **Shelda Bede** won silver at Athens 2004 with compatriot **Adriana Behar**

PLAYING AREA

Free zone:

No less than 3m wide

Court:
16 x 8m

Net: 2.43m high (men),
2.24m (women)

Kerri Walsh (right) and Misty May of the U.S. won gold at Athens 2004

Sand:
Fine, loosely compacted grains,
40cm deep

Chaoyang Park

① Medal events AUGUST

9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
													

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