



# SITTING VOLLEYBALL

## COMPETITION FORMAT

### OVERVIEW

1. All matches played in the preliminary and championship rounds will be the best of 3 sets format.
2. Nations will be limited to a **squad size of 16** with a team size of a maximum of **12 competitors** for each match for prelims and finals. Teams will be allowed a maximum of **5 staff** throughout all matches.
  - a. The 12 competitors for each prelim match must be named at least 30 minutes before first serve and **cannot** be substituted.
  - b. To be eligible for Championship round selection, an competitor must play in a **minimum** of 1 preliminary match.
  - c. The squad of 12 named for the Championship round is not interchangeable and must be submitted to the SOC Chair 24 hours before semi-final tip-off. These 12 competitors will play in both the semi-finals and Bronze/Gold medal matches.

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3. Preliminary Round:
  - Nations will be split into two pools and will play a round-robin format within their pool
  - The Gold and Silver medal winners from Invictus Games 2016 will be named in Pool A and Pool B respectively, with the remaining teams being drawn randomly across Pool A and Pool B
  - The top 2 teams from each pool will advance to the Championship round

#### **Tie-break procedures:**

- A tie involving two teams will be broken by the head-to-head match result of the teams during pool play
- A tie involving 3 or more teams will be broken using the following methods in the order listed and they do not repeat when one tie is broken:
  - I. Head-to-head match results of all teams involved in the tie
  - II. Set quotient – total number of sets won divided by total number of sets lost in all pool play matches
  - III. Point quotient – total number of points won divided by total number of points lost in all pool play matches



4. Championship Round:
  - Semi-finals: The first place from Pool A plays the second place from Pool B and the first place from Pool B plays the second place from Pool A.
  - Bronze Medal Match: The two unsuccessful teams from the semi-final matches will play in a Bronze Medal Match.
  - Gold Medal Match: The two teams who win their respective semi-final matches will play in the Gold Medal Match.
  
5. There must always be **six players** per team in play. The maximum number of points on the court at any one time is **12**; 'Maximum Players' = 1 point; 'Moderate Players' = 2 points; 'Open Players' = 3 points
  - If a Libero is on the court, the six players must still fulfill this requirement
  
6. A team's starting line-up will indicate the rotational order of the players on the court.

## CATEGORIZATION

### CATEGORIES

There will be 3 categories of players who are able to compete as members of a Sitting Volleyball team. The maximum number of points on the court for a team at any one time is 12.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
<b>Maximum (1 point)</b>	<p>This category includes players with the following or more significant physical/ functional impairments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two or more limbs significantly impaired</li> <li>• Significant upper limb impairment (including paralysis or amputation)</li> <li>• Decreased ability to control core stability due to lower limb impairments of the following nature:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Bilateral above knee amputation</li> <li>ii. Single hemipelvectomy with single above knee amputation</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Trunk impairment leading to severe balance impairment (including spinal cord injury T12 and above)</li> </ul>
<b>Moderate (2 points)</b>	<p>This category includes players with one of the following physical/ functional impairments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One limb significantly impaired</li> <li>• Moderate upper limb impairment, including amputation at the mid-hand, loss of fingers</li> <li>• Minimal or no core stability/trunk impairment, to include:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Single below knee/ through knee amputation</li> <li>ii. Bilateral below knee/ through knee amputation</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Measurable loss of strength in a joint (knee, hip, elbow or shoulder) 55% or greater when compared to opposing limb.</li> <li>• Measurable loss of flexibility in a joint a (knee, hip, elbow or shoulder) 55% or greater when compared to opposing limb.</li> <li>• Measurable loss of mobility in a limb and/or joint 55% or greater when compared to opposing limb.</li> <li>• Combination of loss of strength and/or flexibility (range of motion) in a joint (knee, hip, elbow or shoulder) combine loss of 70% or greater when compared to opposing limb.</li> <li>• Significant balance issues (e.g. player must walk with assistive devices)</li> </ul>
<b>Open (3 points)</b>	<p>This category is for players with minor or non-permanent physical disabilities and other illnesses (e.g. PTSD, TBI, minor orthopedic injuries) including but not exclusively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No loss of motor control.</li> <li>• Minor or no balance issues.</li> <li>• Minor measurable loss of strength/ flexibility/ mobility in a limb/ joint</li> </ul>