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MIXED BEACH 2V2 TOURNAMENT

Saturday, 18 July 2026

Sport Ireland Campus Multi Sport Pitches

Tournament Intro 9:45 – 10:00 · Match Start 10:00

GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS!

AT A GLANCE

QUICK NAVIGATION

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SECTION 1

TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

- 10 teams competing
- Teams will be split into 2 pools of 5.
- Each pool will play a round-robin format.
- Every team plays every other team in their pool once.
- Each team is guaranteed 4 group-stage matches.
- Top 2 teams from each pool advance to the semi-finals.

SECTION 2

COURT RULES

These rules apply to the group stages, semi-finals, 3rd place decider, and tournament final.

SIDE CHANGES

- Teams switch sides every 7 total points played.
- Examples: combined score reaches 7, 14, 21, 28, and so on.

MATCH TURNAROUND

- Teams should be ready courtside before their scheduled match time.
- Strict 2-minute grace period to show up for a scheduled match.
- If a team fails to show up within 2 minutes, they will be forfeited.

SECTION 3

SUBSTITUTIONS

- Only 1 sub per each gender can be made during a set.

SECTION 4

MATCH FORMAT

GROUP STAGES

- 1 set to 21 points (no deuce)
- Maximum match time: 15 minutes.
- A match finishes when a team reaches 21 points or the 15-minute time limit expires.
- If time expires, complete the rally in progress.
- The team leading in points wins.
- If a match is tied after time limit expires, play one golden point.

KNOCKOUT STAGES · SEMI-FINALS

- Best of 3 sets
- Sets 1 and 2: First to 21 points (win by two), maximum 15 minutes per set.
- Set 3, if required: First to 15 points (win by two), maximum 10 minutes.
- If a time limit expires, complete the rally in progress.
- The team leading wins the set.
- If the set is tied after time limit expires, play one golden point.

3RD PLACE PLAYOFF

- 1 set to 21 points.
- Maximum match time: 15 minutes.
- If time expires, complete the rally in progress.
- The team leading wins.
- If a match is tied after time limit expires, play one golden point.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

- Best of 3 sets
- All Sets: First to 21 points
- Win By Two Points

The Final will normally be played without a time limit. If the tournament is running behind schedule, the Tournament Organisers may introduce a time limit before the Final begins to ensure the tournament finishes within the court's booking limit.

In a case where the tournament is falling behind drastically and a time limit must be put in place, it will then follow the semi-finals format; however, all 3 sets will be first to 21 points (win by two), maximum 15 minutes for all sets.

SECTION 5

GROUP STAGE ADVANCEMENT

Teams are determined to advance into knockouts stages based off:

- 1 Match wins
- 2 Point differences
- 3 Head-to-head result

SECTION 6

REFEREEING AND SCOREKEEPING

This is a self-refereed tournament. Each team will have referee responsibilities during the group stages. As it is a 2v2 tournament, there will only be one single referee needed to officiate a match as there could be people entering as duo's only without any subs.

ASSIGN ONE PERSON TO

- Keep Score and Track of Time Limit
- Referee the Game (Outs, Net Touches, etc.) Leniency on Double Touch Rule*

Please ensure your team is ready for the above duties

SECTION 7

PROPOSED TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (NOT THE EXACT SCHEDULE)

TIME	ACTIVITY
09:45	Arrival, Tournament Introduction
10:00	Group Stage Starts
12:55	Group Stage Finishes
12:55–13:10	Play-off Announcement and Short break
13:10	Semi-finals
14:00	3rd Place Decider
14:20	Championship Final

SECTION 8

TOURNAMENT SPIRIT

- Arrive on time.
- Be ready for your matches.
- Bring a packed lunch and plenty of water! (water fountain available)
- Respect your opponents and the referee.
- Enjoy competitive beach volleyball.