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VOLLEYBALL
**MEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP**
ITALY-BULGARIA 2018



DRAWING OF LOTS
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The men's and women's FIVB Volleyball World Championships are staged every four years and are the most prestigious event in international volleyball.

The first FIVB Volleyball World Championships were organised in 1949 for men and 1952 for women and have remained the biggest event in volleyball, alongside the Olympic Games. A total number of 244 teams, coming from 137 national federations across the five FIVB confederations participated in the qualification process for the 2018 FIVB Volleyball World Championships.

After three consecutive titles for the South Americans, Poland dethroned Brazil for their own second FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship title in 2014, after beating them 3-1 in the final.

There were 122 teams that played in the Men's World Championship qualification process. The world's best 24 teams will compete in the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship Italy-Bulgaria 2018, which will take place from September 10-30.

QUALIFICATION PROCESS

The world's best 24 teams will compete in the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship Italy-Bulgaria 2018.

Qualifying tournaments were held within the five FIVB Confederations (Asian Volleyball Confederation – AVC, Confederation Africaine de Volley-Ball – CAVB, Confederation Europeenne de Volleyball – CEV, Confederacion Sudamericana de Voleibol – CSV, and North & Central American and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation – NORCECA) to determine the 21 participants who joined Italy and Bulgaria. The defending champions Poland were already directly qualified.

With each confederation responsible for organising their qualification process, the first round of elimination tournaments began in May 2016 in Luxembourg and wrapped up with the last event in November 2017 in Cuba's Pinar del Rio.

QUALIFICATION PROCESS



TEAMS	QUALIFIED THROUGH	DATES
AVC	(Four vacancies)	
Iran	FIVB Volleyball Men's world Championship Italy-Bulgaria 2018 Asia qualifier - Pool A 1st	Iran - Aug 10-14, 2017
China	FIVB Volleyball Men's world Championship Italy-Bulgaria 2018 Asia qualifier - Pool A 2nd	Iran - Aug 10-14, 2017
Japan	FIVB Volleyball Men's world Championship Italy-Bulgaria 2018 Asia qualifier - Pool B 1st	Australia - July 12-16, 2017
Australia	FIVB Volleyball Men's world Championship Italy-Bulgaria 2018 Asia qualifier - Pool B 2nd	Australia - July 12-16, 2017
CAVB	(Three vacancies)	
Tunisia	African Nation Championship - Winner	Egypt - October 22-29, 2017
Egypt	African Nation Championship - Runner up	Egypt - October 22-29, 2017
Cameroon	African Nation Championship - 3rd placed	Egypt - October 22-29, 2017
CEV	(Italy&Bulgaria + 8 vacancies)	
Italy	Hosts	-
Bulgaria	Hosts	-
Poland	2014 FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championship winners	-
France	Second round qualifier (Winner Pool A2)	France - May 23-28, 2017
Netherlands	Second round qualifier (Winner Pool B2)	Netherlands - May 23-28 2017
Slovenia	Second round qualifier (Winner Pool C2)	Slovenia - May 23-28, 2017
Russia	Second round (Winner Pool D2)	Estonia - May 23-28, 2017
Serbia	Second round qualifier (Winner Pool E2)	Croatia - May 23-28, 2017
Finland	Second round qualifier (Winner Pool F2)	Czech Republic - May 23-28, 2017
Belgium	Third round qualifier (Winner Pool A3)	Belgium - July 19-23, 2017
CSV	(Two vacancies)	
Brazil	South American 2017 Continental Championship	Chile - Aug 7-11, 2017
Argentina	Continental Qualification	Argentina - Aug 30-Sept 3, 2017
NORCECA	(Five vacancies)	
USA	Norceca's Continental Championship World Championship Qualification Winner	USA - Sept 26-Oct 1, 2017
Dominican Republic	Norceca's Continental Championship World Championship Qualification Runner up	USA - Sept 26-Oct 1, 2017
Canada	Norceca's Continental Championship World Championship Qualification 3rd Placed	USA - Sept 26-Oct 1, 2017
Puerto Rico	Norceca's World Championship Qualification Winner	Cuba - Nov 10-12, 2017
Cuba	Norceca's World Championship Qualification Runner up	Cuba - Nov 10-12, 2017

DRAWING OF LOTS

The Drawing of Lots for the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship Italy-Bulgaria 2018 will determine the makeup of the pools in the first round of this year's tournament.

It will be carried out in the presence of Italy's Minister of Sport, On. Luca Lotti and the Mayor of Florence, On. Dario Nardella, under the supervision of FIVB 2nd Vice President Aleksandar Boricic, who will approve the drawing of lots.



VENUE

The ceremony will be held at the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence, in the Salone Dei Cinquecento. Located in the heart of Florence, The Palazzo Vecchio is the Town Hall. Although most of it is now a museum, it remains as the symbol and center of local government.

CEREMONY

The Ceremony will be held in the Salone Dei Cinquecento, an imposing chamber 52m long and 32m wide.

A series of speeches will be given by various personalities, amongst them the Mayor of Florence, the President of the Italian Olympic Committee as well as the President of the Italian Volleyball Federation. Local artists will provide entertainment throughout the ceremony.

A modern stage has been designed especially for the event. The ceremony will be broadcast in Italy by RAI from 16:30 to 17:30 local time (GMT +1).

DRAWING OF LOTS

DISTRIBUTION OF THE TEAMS

In accordance with the FIVB's regulations, the distribution of teams into their respective pools is based upon the FIVB World Ranking as of July 7, 2017.

The teams include:

Italy and Bulgaria, the organisers of the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship, Poland as defending champions, and 21 teams which have qualified, through the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship qualification tournaments in 2016 and 2017.

The hosts are seeded directly in Pool A (Italy) and in Pool D (Bulgaria).

The next six highest ranked teams in the FIVB World Ranking are seeded into the first and second rows in a 'serpentine' system following their order in the FIVB World Ranking.

The 16 remaining teams will be drawn row by row in accordance with the FIVB World Ranking as of July 7, 2017:

Draw 1: will be drawn the next 4 qualified teams of World Ranking of 7th July 2017

- 3rd row: IRI (wr8); FRA (wr9); SRB (wr11); JPN (wr12)

Draw 2: will be drawn the next 4 qualified teams of World Ranking of 7th July 2017

- 4th row: EGY (wr13); BEL (wr15); CUB (wr16); AUS (wr16)

Draw 3: will be drawn the next 4 qualified teams of World Ranking of 7th July 2017

- 5th row: FIN (wr18); CHN (wr20); SLO (wr23); TUN (wr24)

Draw 4: will be drawn the next 4 qualified teams of World Ranking of 7th July 2017

- 6th row: NED (wr25); PUR (wr29); CMR (wr30); DOM (wr38)

MEN'S PARTICIPATING TEAMS

The following 24 men's teams will be participating in the Drawing of Lots:

World Ranking	Teams	Country Code
WR1	Brazil	BRA
WR2	USA	USA
WR3	Poland	POL
WR4	Italy	ITA
WR4	Russia	RUS
WR6	Canada	CAN
WR7	Argentina	ARG
WR8	Iran	IRI
WR9	France	FRA
WR11	Serbia	SRB
WR12	Japan	JPN
WR13	Egypt	EGY
WR14	Bulgaria	BUL
WR15	Belgium	BEL
WR16	Cuba	CUB
WR16	Australia	AUS
WR18	Finland	FIN
WR20	China	CHN
WR23	Slovenia	SLO
WR24	Tunisia	TUN
WR25	Netherlands	NED
WR29	Puerto Rico	PUR
WR30	Cameroon	CAM
WR38	Dominican Rep.	DOM

MEN'S TEAM DISTRIBUTION

	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
1 st Row	ORG ITA	WR1 BRA	WR2 USA	ORG BUL
2 nd Row	WR7 ARG	WR6 CAN	WR4 RUS	WR3 POL
3 rd Row	Draw 1	Draw 1	Draw 1	Draw 1
4 th Row	Draw 2	Draw 2	Draw 2	Draw 2
5 th Row	Draw 3	Draw 3	Draw 3	Draw 3
6 th Row	Draw 4	Draw 4	Draw 4	Draw 4

HOST CITIES AND VENUES



BARI, ITALY

Bari is a port city on the Adriatic Sea, and the capital of southern Italy's Puglia region. Its old town, Barivecchia, occupies a headland between 2 harbors. Surrounded by narrow streets, the 11th-century Basilica di San Nicola, a key pilgrimage site, holds some of St. Nicholas' remains. To the south, the Murat quarter has stately 19th-century architecture, a promenade and pedestrianized shopping areas.



BOLOGNA, ITALY

Bologna is the lively, historic capital of the Emilia-Romagna region, in northern Italy. Its Piazza Maggiore is a sprawling plaza lined with arched colonnades, cafes and medieval and Renaissance structures such as City Hall, the Fountain of Neptune and the Basilica di San Petronio. Among the city's many medieval towers are the Two Towers, leaning Asinelli and Garisenda.



FLORENCE, ITALY

Florence, capital of Italy's Tuscany region, is home to many masterpieces of Renaissance art and architecture. One of its most iconic sights is the Duomo, a cathedral with a terracotta-tiled dome engineered by Brunelleschi and a bell tower by Giotto. The Galleria dell' Accademia displays Michelangelo's "David" sculpture. The Uffizi Gallery exhibits Botticelli's "The Birth of Venus" and da Vinci's "Annunciation."

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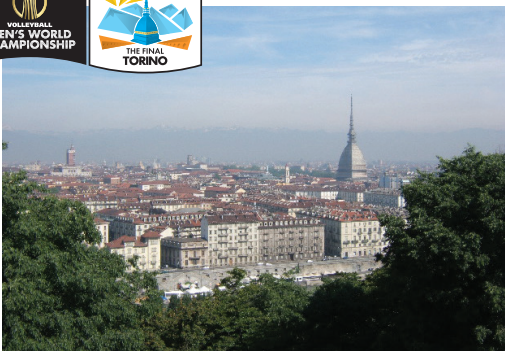
MILAN, ITALY

Milan, a metropolis in Italy's northern Lombardy region, is a global capital of fashion and design. Home to the national stock exchange, it's a financial hub also known for its high-end restaurants and shops. The Gothic Duomo di Milano cathedral and the Santa Maria delle Grazie convent, housing Leonardo da Vinci's mural "The Last Supper," testify to centuries of art and culture.



ROME, ITALY

Rome, Italy's capital, is a sprawling, cosmopolitan city with nearly 3,000 years of globally influential art, architecture and culture on display. Ancient ruins such as the Forum and the Colosseum evoke the power of the former Roman Empire. Vatican City, headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, has St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, which house masterpieces such as Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel frescoes.



TURIN, ITALY

Turin is the capital city of Piedmont in northern Italy, known for its refined architecture and cuisine. The Alps rise to the northwest of the city. Stately baroque buildings and old cafes line Turin's boulevards and grand squares such as Piazza Castello and Piazza San Carlo. Nearby is the soaring spire of the Mole Antonelliana, a 19th-century tower housing the interactive National Cinema Museum.

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RUSE, BULGARIA

Ruse is in the northeastern part of the country, on the right bank of the Danube. It is the most significant Bulgarian river port, serving an important part of the international trade of the country.

Ruse is known for its 19th- and 20th-century Neo-Baroque and Neo-Rococo architecture, which attracts many tourists. The Ruse-Giurgiu Friendship Bridge, until 14 June 2013 the only one in the shared Bulgarian-Romanian section of the Danube, crosses the river here.



SOFIA, BULGARIA

Sofia is the capital of the Balkan nation of Bulgaria. It's in the west of the country, below Vitosha Mountain. The city's landmarks reflect more than 2,000 years of history, including Greek, Roman, Ottoman and Soviet occupation. Medieval Boyana Church has 13th-century frescoes. Built by the Romans in the 4th century, St. George Rotunda Church has medieval and Ottoman decoration dating to the 10th century.



VARNA, BULGARIA

Varna is a port city and seaside resort on Bulgaria's Black Sea, next to the coastal resorts of Golden Sands, St. Konstantin and Albena. It's famous for the "Gold of Varna," 6,000-year-old Thracian jewelry discovered in a necropolis, which is displayed inside the Archaeological Museum, along with Greek, Roman and Ottoman antiquities. A bar-lined waterfront promenade fronts 19th-century Primorski Park.



TOURNAMENT LOGO

The competition trophy is included in the logo to distinguish it as the FIVB's top competition property.

TOURNAMENT LOGO



THE TROPHY

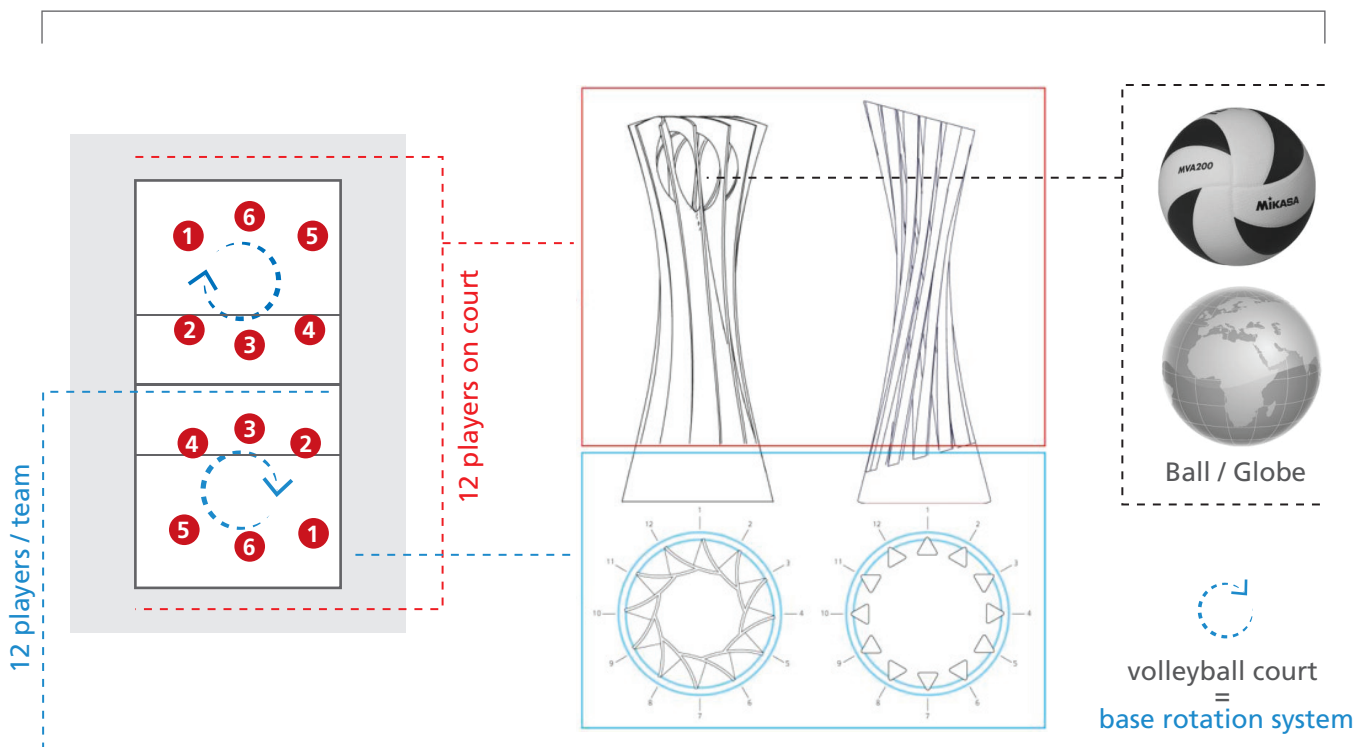
STORY OF THE TROPHY

The conceptual design for the trophy was provided by Marco Heer of Achtung!, a creative agency known internationally for their work in brand development. Having worked closely with the FIVB for a number of years, the company was responsible for designing the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship Poland 2018 logo on which the design of the trophy was based. The FIVB then mandated two young product designers from Switzerland, Thilo Alex Brunner and Jörg Mettler to create the new World Championship trophy.

With its unique contemporary design, the trophy has set itself apart from other awards in international sporting competitions. Eichenberger LTD and their mastermind, Juan Franco, were responsible for its production. The company specialises in complex metal works for the Swiss watchmaking and jewellery industry.

The coming together of an open minded sports federation, two contemporary product designers and skilled production specialists have made it possible to create something truly extraordinary for the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship.

BASIC ELEMENTS



THE TROPHY

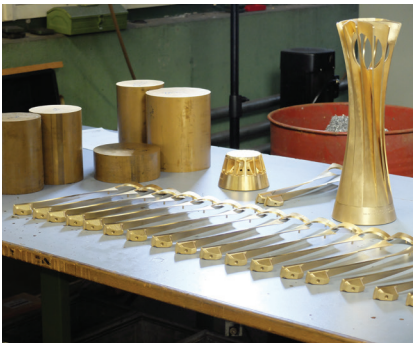
THE TROPHY

The trophy was constructed using 12 individual pieces, representing each member of a volleyball team. The pieces are brought together in a seamless cylindrical design, symbolising the coming together of the 12 players using the rotation system on the court.

The base of the trophy is coated in nickel, a simple and common element representing the resilience of the team in the starting phase of the Championship.

The trophy's gradual move from nickel to gold, from its base to its crown, exemplifies the winning team growing in confidence as they work through the stages of the Championship.

The trophy's gold plated crown represents their final achievement of a World Championship title. The trophy has a matt finish surface with polished edges. With brass as its basic material, the men's trophy weighs close to nine kilos.



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HEIGHT

42.88 CM

WEIGHT

9 KG

PRODUCTION

120 HOURS OF
MILLING

24 HOURS OF HAND
POLISHING,
MICRO BLASTING
AND MOUNTING

60 HOURS TO
PROGRAMME 3D
FILES FOR MILLING

DESIGN

12 INDIVIDUAL PIECES
COME TOGETHER TO
CREATE THE SHAPE
OF A BALL ON THE
INSIDE OF THE
TROPHY STRUCTURE

TROPHY

CONSTRUCTED FROM
INDIVIDUAL PIECES
ASSEMBLED TOGETHER
SEAMLESSLY,
REPRESENTING THE 12
PLAYERS USING THE
ROTATION SYSTEM ON
THE COURT

DESIGN

OVERALL SHAPE
REFLECTS THE SPEED
AND ELEGANCE OF
VOLLEYBALL AS WELL
AS THE VOLLEYBALL
VALUES OF PURITY,
PERFORMANCE,
POWER, PRECISION
AND TEAMWORK

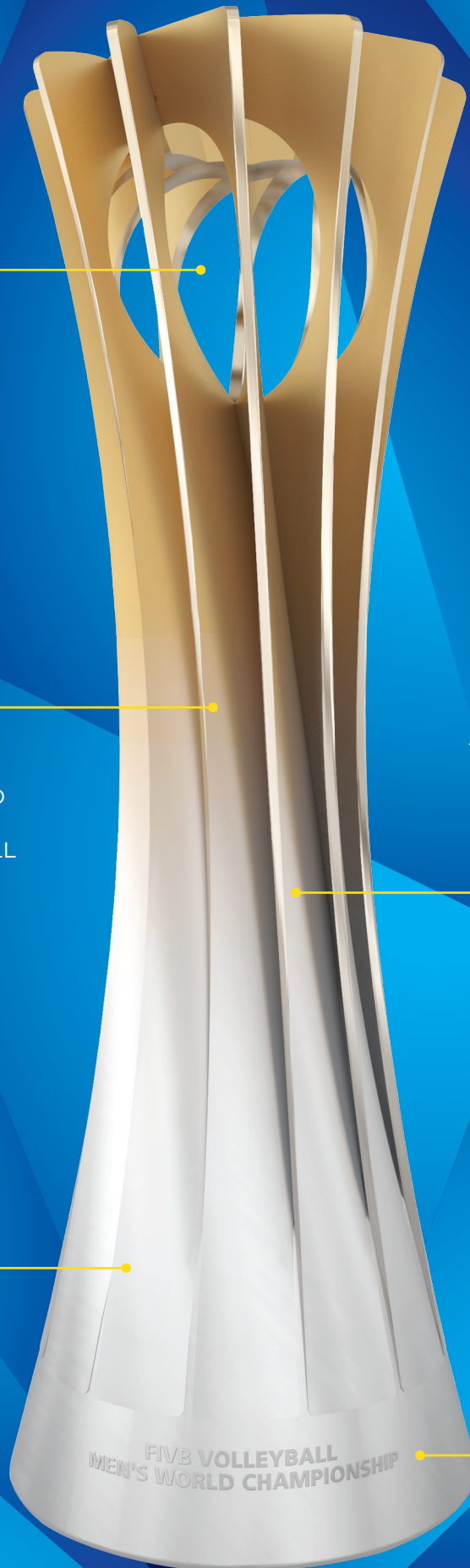
COLOUR

MOVES FROM A NICKEL
TO GOLD COLOUR
REPRESENTING THE
WINNING TEAM'S
GRADUAL RISE TO
THE WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

TROPHY BASE

HOLDS THE NAMES OF
PREVIOUS WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE
HOLDERS

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CONTACT INFORMATION



INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION

The FIVB is the governing body responsible for all forms of volleyball on a global level. Working closely with national federations and private enterprises the FIVB aims to develop volleyball as a major world media and entertainment sport through world-class planning and organisation of competitions, marketing and development activities. The FIVB is part of the Olympic Movement, contributing to the success of the Olympic Games.

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