

Dear friends of sitting and standing volleyball

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My name is Jan Jacobsen and i am student at the German Sports University in Cologne, Germany. Before I am going to graduate in sport economics and sport management next year, I have decided to do my final thesis about **the first international standing Beachvolleyball tournament for disabled 2008 in Cologne (FISBVTD)**.

Meaning, i will be responsible for planning and running the tournament while my mentor Mr. Papageorgiou, head coach of the German national standing volleyball team, is giving me his grateful support.

This informational letter is containing:

- general information about the tournament.
- the tournament structure general regulations of standing Beachvolleyball
- the application process and also
- Information about player's accommodation and travel information to Cologne

General information:

This tournament is the first international tournament in standing Beachvolleyball. Therefore, the **FISBVTD** will have an experimental character towards the structure of the game as well as the composition of the teams. During this tournament students of our University will do scientific studies about these aspects to induce complete standing beach volleyball in the future.

The tournament structure and general regulations of standing Beachvolleyball:

- Dates: **Training sessions from Tuesday, 1st of July – Thursday, 3rd of July**

 The Tournament main draw will be played on Friday 4th and Saturday the 5th of July 2008
- The tournament is played **3 vs. 3**, with athletes according to the standard standing volleyball classification being:
 - or in following combinations:
 - **1 "A", 1 "B" and 1 "C"**
 - 1 "A" and 2 "C"
 - 3 "B"
 - 2 "B" and 1 "C"
 - 1 "B" and 2 "C"

This Consideration is based on the decision if a minimal handicapped "A" player is participating then a "C" player shall be required.

This helps the coaches and teams to nominate players with all kind of disabilities.

Timetable and progress of the FISBVTD

- Tuesday 1st July – Thursday 3rd July – three possible days of **acclimatisation** and **practice**
- Friday 4th July and Saturday 5th July - the tournament
 - We will start with a **qualification tournament (pool play)** modus after FIVB standard. We will continue and finish the tournament with a **double out elimination** modus also after FIVB standard.
- On court time for all days will be between **9am and 5pm**
- Changes might be necessary according to yet uncertain accreditation numbers
- We follow the **FIVB Beachvolleyball rules** in all matter except the number of players and the composition of the team.

Application process:

- This is an **international tournament** and therefore players from all over the world are welcomed to join this pioneer beach event in standing volleyball.
- **Teams should primary consist of players from one country.** But in order to have a larger main draw teams might consist of players from different nationalities
- There will be **no entry fee** for this tournament

Important: We need to receive formal application mail for each team until the **15th of June 2008 !!**

Please reply to this email: j.jacobsen@dshs-koeln.de

Players Accommodation:

Free Players Accommodation will be available in the facilities of the German Sport University.

Besides, we will try to find **free private accommodations** to support an intrapersonal and cultural exchange for the time in Cologne.

Low cost food and drinks will be available in the restaurant of the University.

We are already trying to find sponsors for this tournament. The eventual support will be used to lower the cost of the players and teams. We hope you will try to find sponsors for your teams too.

Travel information:

The city of Cologne is well connected to the **Cologne/Bonn Airport** which is offering cheap flights through the following airlines:

- <http://www.germanwings.com/>
- <http://www.airberlin.com/>
- <http://www.tuifly.com>
- <http://www.easyjet.com/>

The best alternative airport is the **Dusseldorf International Airport**.

We will be able to **pick you up** from both Airports!

We ask you kindly to send this Email to all players of sitting and standing volleyball in your country and/or your zone!

In cases of questions and suggestions please don't hesitate to ask us. We will be happy to answer you. Thank you very much for your time.

With best regards

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