



**Bring It Promotions Presents
5th Annual European Global Challenge**



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S Tournament

Bulletin #2

**July 19-24, 2009
Pula, Croatia**

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2. COMPETITION CALENDAR AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

July 19: Arrival of Teams to Pula
17:00, Technical Meeting (Hotel Pula)
20:00, Opening Ceremony (City Hall, Pula)

July 20-23: Competition Dates

July 23: 21:30, Tournament Party (Hotel Pula Swimming Pool)

July 24: Departure of Team from Pula

3. HOST CITY, COMPETITION HALLS:

3.1 Host City: Pula, Croatia

3.2 Competition Halls:

Dom Sportova
Trg Kralja Tomislava 7
52100 Pula

4. PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

European Teams

- 4.1 Nova KBM Branik Juniors Team, Maribor (Slovenia)
- C.S.U Targu Mures (Romania)
- Falconara Juniors (Italy)
- Club Galeb (Montenegro)
- OK, Pula (Croatia)
- Croatian Junior National Team (Croatia)

USA Teams

- 4.2 NCVA High Performance, Northern California
- SCVA Red, Southern California
- SCVA Blue, Southern California
- USA A2 Junior National Team
- Northern Lights Volleyball Club, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- BIP/USA Development Team

5. RULES OF THE GAME

- 5.1 General principle: The matches in the European Global Challenge are played according to the Rules of the game of FIVB 2005-09.
- 5.2 Special rules: Group play will be 2 out of 3 sets, while Championship rounds will be 3 out of 5 sets. If a third set is needed in group play, teams will play to 25 points.

6. COMPETITION SYSTEM

- 6.1 Round Robin Tournament:

12 teams will compete in the American vs. European Challenge to determine the six teams in the Brijuni Division and the six teams in the Istra Divisions. Each American team will play each European team in a round robin tournament.

- 6.2 Brijuni and Istra Divisions

Brijuni and Istra Divisions: The top three American Teams and the top three European Teams will advance to the Brijuni Division while the bottom three American Teams and the bottom three European Teams will advance to the Istra Division.

7. OFFICIAL RATIFICATION OF MATCHES

Points shall be allocated as follows for each match played

- Match won: 2 Match Points
- Match lost: 1 Match Point
- Match forfeited: 0 Match Points

In case of equal points, teams shall be settled according to the ratio of sets won and lost. In case of a tie, the ratio of points won and lost in all matches shall be taken into consideration.

A team refusing to play against another team shall be excluded from the rest of the competition. The results obtained prior to its exclusion shall be cancelled.

Seeding for the Brijuni Division: After the American vs. European Challenge the top American and European team will be awarded seeds #1 and #2. The second American and second European team will be seeded #3 and #4 and the third American and third European Team will be seeded #5 and #6

Seeding for the Istra Division: After the American vs. European Challenge, the 4th place American team and the 4th place European team will be seeded #1 and #2. The fifth place American team and the fifth place European team will be seeded #3 and #4. The sixth place American team and the sixth place European team will be seeded #5 and #6.

The following method will be used to determine the higher seed between the American or European team:

- 1) Match Points in the American vs. European Challenge
 - 2) Ratio of Sets Won to Sets Lost in the American vs. European Challenge
 - 3) Ratio of Points Won to Points Lost in the American vs. European Challenge
8. Officials: Pool play matches will have one up official and one score keeper. All other matches will have one up, and one down official and one score keeper. The Championship Match in both divisions will also have line judges.

9. **Competition Schedule**

July 20, 2009 (All matches 2 out 3)

American vs. European Challenge

| American Teams | European Teams |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Team #1 USA A2 Junior National Team | Team #7 OK Pula, Croatia |
| Team #2 BIP/USA Development Team | Team #8 Nova KBM Branik, Slovenia |
| Team #3 Northern Lights Volleyball Club | Team #9 C.S.U. Targu Mures Romania |
| Team #4 SCVA Red HP Team | Team #10 Croatia Junior National Team |
| Team #5 SCVA Blue HP Team | Team #11 OK Galeb, Montenegro |
| Team #6 NCVA HP Team | Team #12 Falconara Juniors, Italy |

| Time | Sportova #1 | Sportova #2 | Sportova #3 |
|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 9:00 | 1 v 12 (#1) | 2 v 11 (#2) | 3 v 10 (#3) |
| 10:30 | 4 v 9 (#4) | 5 v 8 (#5) | 6 v 7 (#6) |
| 12:00 | 1 v 11 (#7) | 2 v 10 (#8) | 3 v 12 (#9) |
| 16:00 | 4 v 7 (#10) | 5 v 9 (#11) | 6 v 8 (#12) |
| 17:30 | 1 v 10 (#13) | 2 v 12 (#14) | 3 v 11 (#15) |
| 19:00 | 4 v 8 (#16) | 5 v 7 (#17) | 6 v 9 (#18) |

July 21, 2009 (All matches 2 out of 3)

American vs. European Challenge

| Time | Sportova #1 | Sportova #2 | Sportova #3 |
|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 9:00 | 3 v 9 (#19) | 2 v 8 (#20) | 1 v 7 (#21) |
| 10:30 | 5 v 11 (#22) | 6 v 10 (#23) | 4 v 12 (#24) |
| 12:00 | 3 v 7 (#25) | 2 v 9 (#26) | 1 v 8 (#27) |
| 16:00 | 5 v 12 (#28) | 6 v 11 (#29) | 4 v 10 (#30) |
| 17:30 | 2 v 7 (#31) | 3 v 8 (#32) | 1 v 9 (#33) |
| 19:00 | 6 v 12 (#34) | 5 v 10 (#35) | 4 v 11 (#36) |

July 22, 2009 Brijuni Division (All Matches 3 of 5)

| Time | Sportova #1 | Sportova #2 |
|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 11:30 | Seed #4 vs. Seed #5 (#37) | Seed #3 v s.Seed #6 (#38) |
| 17:00 | Seed #1 vs. Winner #37 (#39) | Seed #2 vs. winner #38 (#40) |

July 22, 2009 Istra Division (All matches 3 of 5)

| Time | Sportova #1 | Sportova #2 |
|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 9:00 | Seed #4 vs. Seed #5 (#41) | Seed #3 vs. Seed #6 (#42) |
| 19:30 | Seed #1 vs. Winner #41 (#43) | Seed #2 vs. Winner #42 (#44) |

July 23, 2009 Brijuni Division (All matches 3 of 5)

| Time | Sportova #1 | Sportova #2 |
|-------|---|--|
| 11:30 | L #37 vs. L #38 (#45) 5th and 6th Place | L #39 vs. L#40 (#46) 3rd and 4th Place |

Istra Division (All Matches 3 of 5)

| Time | Sportova #1 | Sportova #2 |
|------|--|---|
| 9:00 | L #41 vs. L#42 (#47) 5th and 6th Place | L #43 vs. L #44 (#48) 3rd and 4th Place |

Championship Match (Best 3 of 5)

Istra Division

| Time | Sportova Main Court |
|-------|---------------------|
| 14:00 | W #43 vs. W #44 |

Championship Match (Best 3 of 5)

Brijuni Division

| Time | Sportova Main Court |
|-------|---------------------|
| 17:00 | W #39 vs. W #40 |

Awards Ceremony after Brijuni (Gold) Championship Match