



VOLLEYBALL AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL SPORT INFORMATION GUIDE

1. Competition Dates

The Volleyball and Beach Volleyball competitions at the Open Masters Games Como Lake 2027 (CoOMG27) offer team events for men and women in both indoor and beach disciplines.

Volleyball and Beach Volleyball competitions at the Open Masters Games will be held concurrently, allowing athletes to participate in both events.

The provisional Volleyball and Beach Volleyball competitions schedule for CoOMG27 is as follows and could be subject to change according to the requirements of the Organizing Committee and may be modified according to the total number of entries:

The Volleyball and Beach Volleyball competition schedule is as follows:

17 Sept	18 Sept	19 Sept	20 Sept	21 Sept	22 Sept
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
09h00 21h00	09h00 12h00	09h00 21h00	09h00 21h00	09h00 21h00	09h00 21h00
Volleyball	Volleyball	Volleyball	Volleyball	Volleyball	Volleyball
Beach Volleyball	Beach Volleyball	Beach Volleyball	Beach Volleyball	Beach Volleyball	Beach Volleyball

All information contained in this Sport Information Guide is current at time of publication and may be subject to change.

The Welcome Ceremony is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday 18 September 2027 with the Farewell Ceremony on the evening of Sunday 26 September 2027.

1.1 Organising Committee

CoOMG27	SPORT FEDERATION	SPORT ASSOCIATION
Sport Management Bernardino Chiavola	Presidente FIPAV Provincia di Varese Luigi Porro Presidente FIP CR Lombardia Piero Cezza	Asd Como Volleyball Presidente Stefano Taccini

Note: The venues will be inspected by an World Msters Sport delegation and are susceptible to change if sufficient health and safety requirements aren't met.

2. Sport regulations

2.1 Age Categories

- **Men:** 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
- **Women:** 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+

2.2 Age is determined on 31 December 2027.

- The age of the youngest player in the team determines in which age category the team will play.
- The deadline for new team entries, subject to available competition capacity, is 30 June 2027. New athletes may be added to existing teams by 31 July 2027.
- Competitions will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) and will conform to any special requirements of the World Masters Sport. There will be no mixed teams.
- In the case of an insufficient number of teams registering, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to put teams into the age category beneath their own (or directly above depending on space).

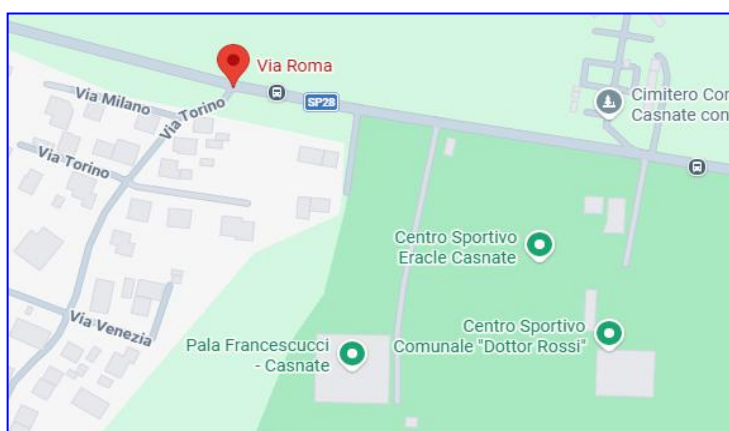
3. Volleyball Competition venues

Venue	Address	City
Pala Francescucci	Via Roma	Casinate con Bernate (Co)
Palazzetto Villa Guardia	Via Tevere 15 - 22079	Como
Palestra Ronchetti	Via Giulini Giorgio, 22 - 22100	Como

Pala Francescucci Venue



Venue Map Pala Francescucci



Villa Guardia Venue



Venue Map Villa Guardia



Palestra Ronchetti Venue



Venue Map Palestra Ronchetti



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4. Volleyball Competition format

The events, divisions and age categories for Volleyball are as follows:

- ✓ **A Grade (Competitive):** Men's / Women's: 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
- ✓ **B Grade (Recreational):** Men's / Women's: 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
- For each team to be confirmed, a minimum of seven athletes need to be registered with no maximum number of athletes per team. However, a team is only permitted to have a maximum of 12 team members registered on the score sheet for any one game
- The tournaments will take place in 2 phases. One qualifiers stage and one finals stage with direct elimination match and rankings matches.
- Teams can expect to play a minimum of three games for the duration of the competition.
- If an athlete seeks to compete in two teams in the Volleyball Tournament, he can only compete in one 'odd' and one 'even' age category (e.g. one from 35+, 45+, 55+ or 65+ and one from 30+, 40+, 50+ 60+ and 70+).

Column A: Fri 17/9, Sat18/9, Sun 19/9	Column B: Mon 20/9, Tue 21/9, Wed 22/9
Volleyball, 30+	Volleyball, 35+
Volleyball, 40+	Volleyball, 45+
Volleyball, 50+	Volleyball, 55+
Volleyball, 60+	Volleyball, 65+
Volleyball, 70+	
	Beach Volley, 30+
Beach Volley, 35+	Beach Volley, 40+
Beach Volley, 45+	Beach Volley, 50+
Beach Volley, 55+	Beach Volley, 60+
Beach Volley, 65+	Beach Volley, 70+

5. Competition Rules

5.1 Format of Play

5.1.1 The format will be round robin pool play based on the number of entries.

5.1.2 Round robin matches will be the best of three sets. The sets will be rally point scoring with the first two sets to 25 points with a two-point advantage and no ceiling. The deciding set will be rally point to 15 with a two-point advantage and no ceiling.

5.1.3 Only the Gold Medal matches will be played as best of 5 sets. The first team to get 25 points will win the set and the first team to win 3 sets will win the match. In the case of 2 sets each, teams will play the decided 5th set. The first team to get 15 points (with a 2 points difference) will win the 5th set and the match.

5.2 Substitutions

Squads can consist of up to 12 players with 6 starting players and 6 substitutions. Players are only allowed to occupy 1 position on the starting rotation per set.

5.3 Net Height

The net height for both Volleyball and Beach Volleyball will be set at 2.43m for men and 2.24m for women. In selected age groups/divisions the net height may be reduced if there is consensus from teams in that grade.

5.4 Forfeits/Defaults

A team declared incomplete for the start of a match automatically loses the first set. 10 minutes after the start time they default the match. All defaults must have been decided on under the supervision of a tournament director, head referee or Technical Delegate.

5.5. Tie Breaks

If there is a draw between two or more teams, they will be classified as follows:

5.5.1 Set quotient: in case of equality in the number of points gained by two or several teams, they will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of sets won by the number of sets played.

5.5.2 Points quotient: if the tie persists as per the set quotient the teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points won by the total of points played during all sets.

5.5.3 If the tie continues as per the points quotient between two teams, priority will be given to the team which won the last match between them. When the tie in points quotients is between three or more teams, a new classification of these teams will be made taking into consideration only the matches in which they were opposed to each other.

5.6.Team Details

- Each team shall be allowed to call two timeouts for 25 points set and one in the 15 points set
- The teams will be given 10-minute warm up time on the pitch.
- Each team is required to provide an Assistant Referee for the Games (all the details will be available in the sport guide). The Assistant Referee may be a player on the team, or part of team support personnel
- Team Managers have to fill up in the match sheet with the correct player names and position numbers which will be used throughout the competition. At the beginning of games, Referees will verify player's names and numbers.
- Team will be allowed to change their nominated Libero at the start of each match.

5.7 Discipline

5.7.1 Umpires

- An official umpire will be allocated to each game of the competition.

5.7.2 Disciplinary Committee

- The Committee will be responsible for any decisions concerning incidents, fouls, and discipline during the tournament.
- Their decision will be based upon official regulations from the IVBF and match reports completed by arbitrators.
- The Disciplinary committee may call a hearing if they deem it necessary.
- The decisions taken by the Disciplinary Committee are final, they cannot be appealed.

6. Equipment

- The Organizing Committee will provide balls for competition.
- Teams are advised to bring their own balls for training.
- Teams are advised to bring their own water bottles. Every team will provide for its own medical necessities (plasters, elastic bandages, dry ice, ice spray, band tape, etc); the Organizing Committee will not provide such material.
- Individuals are responsible for the safekeeping and storage of their own equipment and personal belongings The Organizing Committee will not be responsible for any shortages and/or theft.

7. Uniforms

- The Organizing Committee will not distribute sportswear for the competition.
- Each team must supply their own sportswear required to participate in the Volleyball Tournament.
- All teams are required to wear appropriate uniforms. All competitors on the same team must wear uniforms of the same color except the Libero: the numbers on the back shall be clearly visible. No competitor with the same number can play in the same team.
- All team should have two sets of competitions uniforms of different colors: a home and a spare one. The first team listed on the schedule will be designated as the home team. If required, the visiting team shall wear the spare uniform.

8. Technical meeting

A Technical Meeting will take place the day before the tournament begins to introduce the tournament, remind those involved of the regulations and the behavior that is expected.

9. Beach Volleyball Competition Venues

Venue	Address	City
Centro Sportivo Casate	Via Virgilio 16	Como
Centro Sportivo Tavernola	Via Adamello	Como

Centro Sportivo Casate



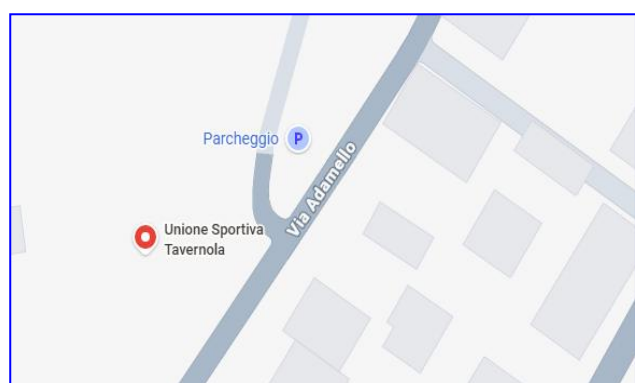
Venue Map



Centro Sportivo Tavernola



Venue Map



9.1 Events Division and Age Categories

The events divisions and age categories for Beach Volleyball are as follows:

Discipline	Event / Division	Age Categories
Beach Volleyball	Pairs - Open	Men's: 30+ 35+, 40+,45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+ Women's: 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	Fours - Open	Men's: 30+ 35+, 40+,45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+ Women's: 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+

9.2 Grade Definitions

- There is only one event per age category for Beach Volleyball, i.e. there are no grades or grading requirements for this competition.
- Beach Volleyball can be played in Pairs and Fours in an Open division in the identified age categories, for men's and women's.
- For each team to be confirmed in the Pairs, two athletes must be registered. In the Fours competition, a minimum of four athletes need to be registered.
- A maximum of three players for the pairs competition and six players for the fours competition may be registered
- The age of the youngest registered team member determines which age category the team will compete in and for the Games, your age is determined as of 31 December 2027.
- The deadline for new team entries, subject to available competition capacity, is 30 June 2027. New athletes may be added to existing teams by 31 July 2027.
- Each athlete can play in a maximum of four Beach Volleyball teams at the Games.
- The draw will be structured to allow teams to play both Beach Volleyball and Volleyball. Pairs and fours matches will be played.
- If an athlete seeks to compete in multiple teams in the Beach Volleyball competition, they cannot be entered into teams within the same event/division and can only compete in a maximum of two Beach Volleyball teams from Column A and two Beach Volleyball teams from Column B.

Athletes can choose 2 of the following 4 competitions:

Men's Pair / Women's Pair

Men's Four / Women's Four

Singler Gender Pair		Singler Gender Four	
Men's- 30+	Women's-30+	Men's-30+	Women's-30+
Men's- 40+	Women's-40+	Men's-40+	Women's-40+
Men's- 50+	Women's-50+	Men's-50+	Women's-50+
Men's- 60+	Women's-60+	Men's-60+	Women's-60+
Men's- 70+	Women's- 70+	Men's-70+	Women's-70+

For example:

a 48-year-old male wishing to compete in multiple Beach Volleyball events may participate in the 45+ pair and 45+ four-player competitions during the first phase of the event, and in the 40+ pair and 40+ four-player competitions during the later phase, subject to the competition schedule.

9.3 Format of Play

- For the 1st phase of the competition, all divisions will play pool games, and teams will be ranked at the end of the pool play. A single elimination format will be used for semi - finals and finals to determine medal winners. All other placings will be determined by the pool results.
- All matches will be played as best two of three sets. The winner shall be the first team to score 21 points and lead by two in the first two sets, with the third set, if necessary, going to 15 points.

Each team shall be allowed to call two timeouts per 21 point set and one in the 15 point set. Teams will change sides after every 7 points in sets to 21 and every 5 points in sets to 15.

9.4 Competition Standards and Rules

The Volleyball event will be conducted in line with the competition rules of the Italian Volleyball Federation, or as otherwise specified in this document, and will conform to any special requirements of the Organising Committee.

9.5 Match Format

The Beach Volleyball competition features both pairs and four-player team formats, with each category played over a 3-day competition block. Depending on results, teams that do not advance to the medal rounds may not compete on the final day.

All matches are played in a best-of-three sets format for the entire duration of the competition.

9.6 Substitutions

In the Beach Volleyball pair's competition, substitutions are not allowed during match play. Therefore, substitutions can only be used between matches and not sets. If a player is injured, a substitution is not permitted to replace the injured player during a match, e.g. in pairs competitions, only the two players on the roster are eligible for the entirety of the match. In the Fours competition, two substitutes are permitted to be on the scoresheet for a match, with unlimited substitutions allowed. Players are only allowed to occupy 1 position on the starting rotation per set.

9.7 Net Height

The net height for both Volleyball and Beach Volleyball will be set at 2.43m for men and 2.24m for women. In selected age groups/divisions the net height may be reduced if there is consensus from teams in that grade.

9.8 Forfeits/Defaults

A team declared incomplete for the start of a match automatically loses the first set. 10 minutes after the start time they default the match. All defaults must have been decided on under the supervision of a tournament director, head referee or Technical Delegate.

9.9 Equipment

Game volleyballs will be provided for the competition. Teams are advised to bring their own balls for training and warm up. Teams are advised to bring their own water bottles and strapping tape.

9.10 Weather Conditions

In case of adverse weather conditions, the competition schedule may be adjusted accordingly. The Competition Management will assess the situation and inform teams whether matches can proceed. Unless an official notice of postponement is issued, teams should assume that matches will take place as scheduled and must report to the field of play on time.

9.11 Uniforms

The FIVB restrictions on uniforms will not apply, however team members will be required to wear matching tops and bottoms of the same colour. Player numbers (1-2 for pairs and 1-6 for fours) are recommended.

10. General Information for Volleyball and Beach Volleyball

10.1 Medals

In CoOMG27, the athletes do not represent their country of origin, therefore the prize-awarding ceremonies will be carried out without hoisting of flags. No National Anthem of the winning team will be played. The medals will be provided by the Organizing Committee.

10.2 Personal accident insurance and medical certificate

Participants must organize their personal accident insurance. The competitor registration fee does not cover personal accident insurance.

Personal accident insurance is available to purchase through the Organizing Committee for registered Competitors at the Accreditation Centre.

All participants must have a currently valid medical certificate of fitness for competitive sports.

The medical examinations required (ex D.M. 18 February 1982) to obtain a medical certificate of fitness for competitive sports are:

- medical check-up;
- regular urine test;
- electrocardiogram both at rest and under effort.
- spirometry (breathing test).

For any further information please visit our website (Registration & Terms and Condition).

10.3 Doping Control

During the CoOMG27 anti-doping controls will be carried out according to World Masters Sport policy and rules established by WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency).

10.4 Accommodation

Participants are free to select own accommodation according to own preference. To assist participants, an accommodation booking section offering special room rates for the Games is made available on the official website www.mastersgamescomolake2027.it

10.5 Further information

The planning of the CoOMG27 Volleyball competition will continue throughout 2026 and early 2027. Additional sport specific operational information will be communicated to registered participants and updated in future additions of this Sports Information Guide.

All participants are encouraged to monitor the CoOMG27 www.mastersgamescomolake2027.it and other Games communication channels to find out all the latest information.

If you have any further sport specific questions, please send an email to info@omgcomo27.it