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BEACH VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS

MEN 3x3

WOMEN 3x3

MIXED 2x2

REGLEMENT BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Masculin 3x3

Féminin 3x3

Mixte 2x2

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PREAMBULE

- This regulation refers to the CSIT Championships and Technical Commissions General Regulations adopted at the latest CSIT Congress. It cannot derogate from these regulations.
- CSIT organises amateur championships and has Fair Play as one of its most important aims. CSIT Championships are strictly open for amateur sportsmen. To participate in CSIT Championships the defined eligibility criteria per sport must be respected.
- All activities of the CSIT, including its championships are open to the members of the CSIT Unions, observer members Unions and members of the international Confederations which CSIT has signed cooperation agreements according to CSIT general regulations: COPADET (American Continent) / BAWA (Balkan region) and ALSO (Central Africa); also non CSIT members and company sports teams can participate in the CSIT Championships and World Sport Games.
- CSIT Championships are organised under the principal of a Zero Tolerance Policy. Not playing for political, religious or discriminatory reason will lead to an immediately exclusion of the team/athlete.
- CSIT Championships are under the regulations of WADA. It is possible athletes can be invited for doping test. More information can be found in the CSIT anti-doping policy which can be downloaded at the CSIT website: <http://www.csit.tv/en/news-service/download-area>
- CSIT Sporting activities (championships, training, tournaments, rallies, etc.) are organised under the responsibility of Technical Commissions by sport. If there is a problem not provided in the regulations, the TC will apply the FIVB rules.
- CSIT Championships and Technical Commissions' general regulations and sports regulations can be downloaded from the download area of the CSIT website: <http://www.csit.tv/en/news-service/download-area>

1. TEAM COMPETITIONS

1.1. Beach Volleyball Championships

The following CSIT Beach Volleyball Championship can take place during the World Sports Games or the years in between.

- OPEN SENIOR 3x3 MEN and WOMEN :
age : 16 years and older
- OPEN MIXED 2x2 :
age : 16 teams and older
- MASTERS MEN 3x3 :
age: 40 years and older
- MASTERS WOMEN 3x3 :
age : 35 years and older
- ULTRA MASTERS MEN 3x3 :
age : 50 years and older
- ULTRA MASTERS WOMEN 3x3 :
age : 50 years and older

Age categories are defined on the year of birth .

1.2. Standard program

- Day 1: Arrival of the delegations
- First meeting of the Technical Commission
- Training
- Day 2: Championship
- Day 3: Championship
- Day 4: Championship
- Day 5: Championship
- Day 6: Championship Finals
- Second meeting of the Technical Commission (evaluation)
- Day 7: Departure of the delegations

2. PARTICIPATING CONDITIONS

2.1. Participating teams

Unlimited number of teams per Union can participate in each championship.

2.2. Composition of the teams

- OPEN SENIORS OR MASTERS 3x3: 5 players (3 plus 2 possible substitutes), 1 coach , 1 referee (desirable), 1 team manager. In total 8 persons.
- OPEN MIXED : 2 players (1 man and 1 woman), 1 coach. In total 3 persons.

2.3. Teams uniforms

Athletes of the same team must wear an identical equipment with the visible number of each player .

A player equipment consists in :

- for men: top (jersey or tank top) and shorts
- for women: top and briefs or shorts.

2.4. Eligibility criteria

Only amateur players can participate.

Athletes who participated during the last 2 years as representing their country in the Olympic Games or a beach volley competition organized by the FIVB or a Continental Confederation (not taking into account the age group competitions for the age categories 20 years and younger) cannot participate in the CSIT Beach Volleyball competitions.

In the case of a “not clear status” the participating federation has to clarify the status of the player by sending all relevant informations to the TC at least 2 weeks before the single Championship or the World Sport Games. It is to be decided by the TC Chairman and the Secretary of Beach Volley if the eligibility criteria are valid or not before sending the player(s) to the CSIT Championship or World Sport Games.

3. RULES OF THE GAME FOR 3X3 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championship will be played according to the current official rules of the FIVB for Beach volleyball available on www.fivb.org
http://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/RulesOfTheGame_BVB.asp
excepted the following specific rules :

3.1. Participants

Composition of a team: 3 players , plus 2 possible substitutes.

Coach: the participation of a coach is possible during a match; this coach has to be on the score sheet; this coach can be also on the score sheet as a player, beyond the limit of 5 players.

Time outs and substitutions can be requested to the referee by the coach.

3.2. Substitutions

Maximum 4 substitutions during a set. The substitution of the players are free. If a player cannot continue to play due to an injury, an exceptional substitution is possible beyond the limit of 4 substitutions.

3.3. Block

A blocking contact is not counted as a team hit. The blocking team will have three (3) hits after the blocking contact.

3.4. Time outs

There is no technical time out. In the first and second set 2 time outs (30 seconds) may be requested by each team. In the deciding third set , 1 time out (30 seconds) may be requested by each team. Time outs may be requested by the team's captain or by the coach.

4. RULES OF THE GAME FOR MIXED 2X2 CHAMPIONSHIP

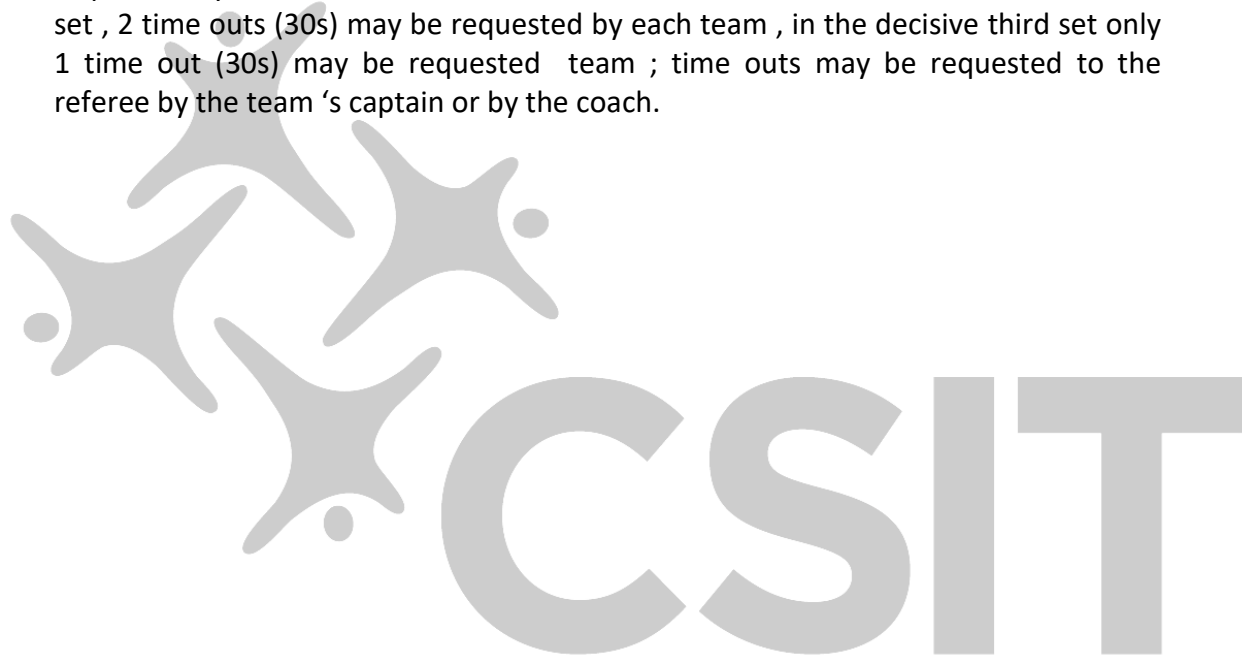
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excepted the following specific rules below.

4.1. Participants

Composition of a team : 2 players (1 female player and 1 male player) ; no substitute
Coach : the participation of a coach is possible during a match ; this coach has to be on the score sheet.

4.2. Time outs

There is no technical time out; in single set match : 2 time outs (30s) may be requested by each team ; in the best 2 out of 3 sets format : in the first and second set , 2 time outs (30s) may be requested by each team , in the decisive third set only 1 time out (30s) may be requested team ; time outs may be requested to the referee by the team 's captain or by the coach.



5. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 3X3

The system must provide 2 phases : first phase with pool play , second phase (taking in account the results of the first phase) : double elimination bracket crossing in semi finals the winners bracket and the losers bracket .

5.1. Composition of the pools

- 1) Heads of Series (team at the head of each pool) are used to compose the pools: they are selected according to their results in the previous championship. Each Union cannot have more than one head of series.
- 2) Draw , avoiding if possible to have teams of the same Union in the same pool.

Double elimination bracket: the seeding of the teams is determined according to their ranking in the pools.

Format of the matches: all matches are the best two (2) out of three (3) sets. First set and the second set are in 21 points with a margin of 2 points, Third decisive set is in 15 points with a margin of 2 points.

Each team should play every day, except the day of the final.

The exact system is determined by the Technical Commission and the organiser according to the definitive number of registered teams.

6. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION FOR OPEN MIXED

The system must provide two phases:

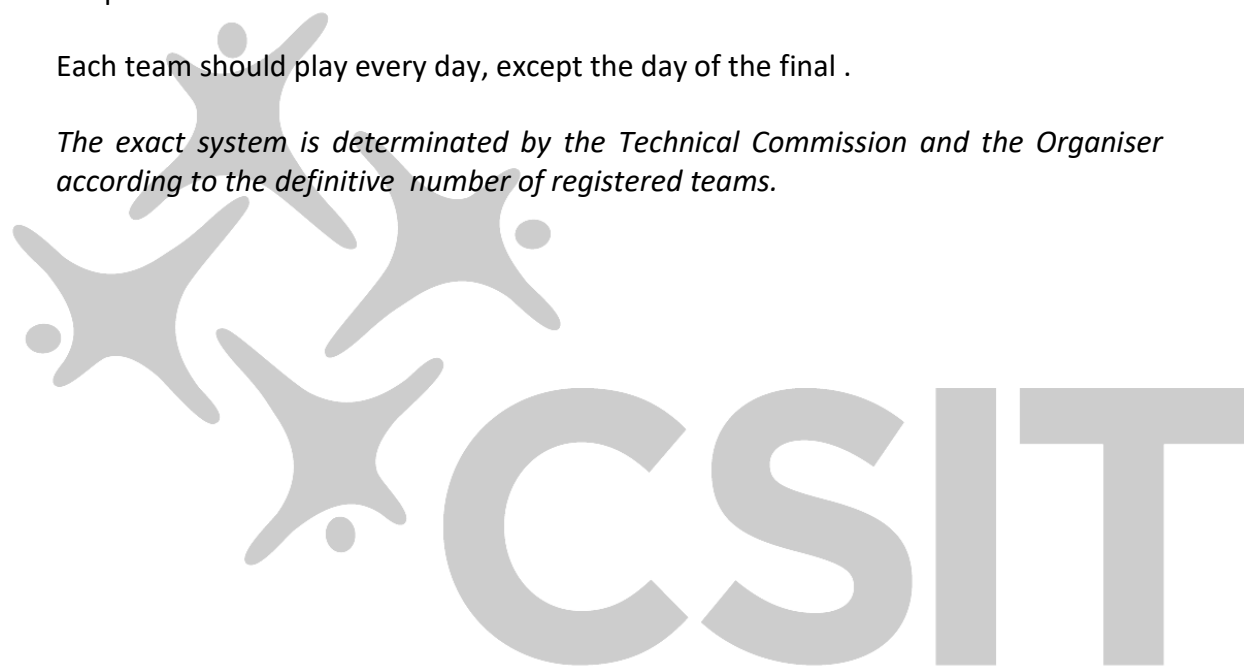
- First phase with pool play and then
- Second phase (taking in account the results of the first phase) with a single elimination bracket.

6.1. Format of the matches

- 1 single set or the best two (2) out of three (3)
- Semi-finals and finals are the best 2 out of three 3sets
- Single sets are in 25 points with a margin of 2 points
- In the best 2 out of 3 sets matches, the first and second sets are in 21 points with a margin of 2 points. The third decisive set is in 15 points with a margin of 2 points.

Each team should play every day, except the day of the final .

The exact system is determined by the Technical Commission and the Organiser according to the definitive number of registered teams.



7. TEAMS RANKING SYSTEM IN THE POOL PLAY

In the pool play, every team will play against all the others teams of its group (round robin system). In order to establish the ranking of the teams within their pool the following criteria will be implemented:

- 1) Number of victories : by the number of victories (match won, match lost) among all the teams of the pool .
- 2) Number of match points : (in case of equal number of victories)

If two (2) or more teams have the same number of victories (match won, match lost), they will be classified in descending order by the points gained by each team per match as follows:

- Match won 2/0: 3 points
- Match won 2/1: 2 points
- Match lost 1/2: 1 point
- Match lost 0/2: 0 points
- Match forfeited: 0 points (0/21; 0/21)

7.1. Set quotient

If two (2) or more teams are tied on the number of points gained, they will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost.

7.2. Points quotient

If the tie still persists based on the set quotient , the teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of points lost during all sets .

> *If the matches of the pools play are played in a single set format :*

- *match won:* 2 points
- *match lost:* 1 point
- *match forfeited:* 0 points (0/25)

In case of a tie (equal number of victories) the ranking is established according to:

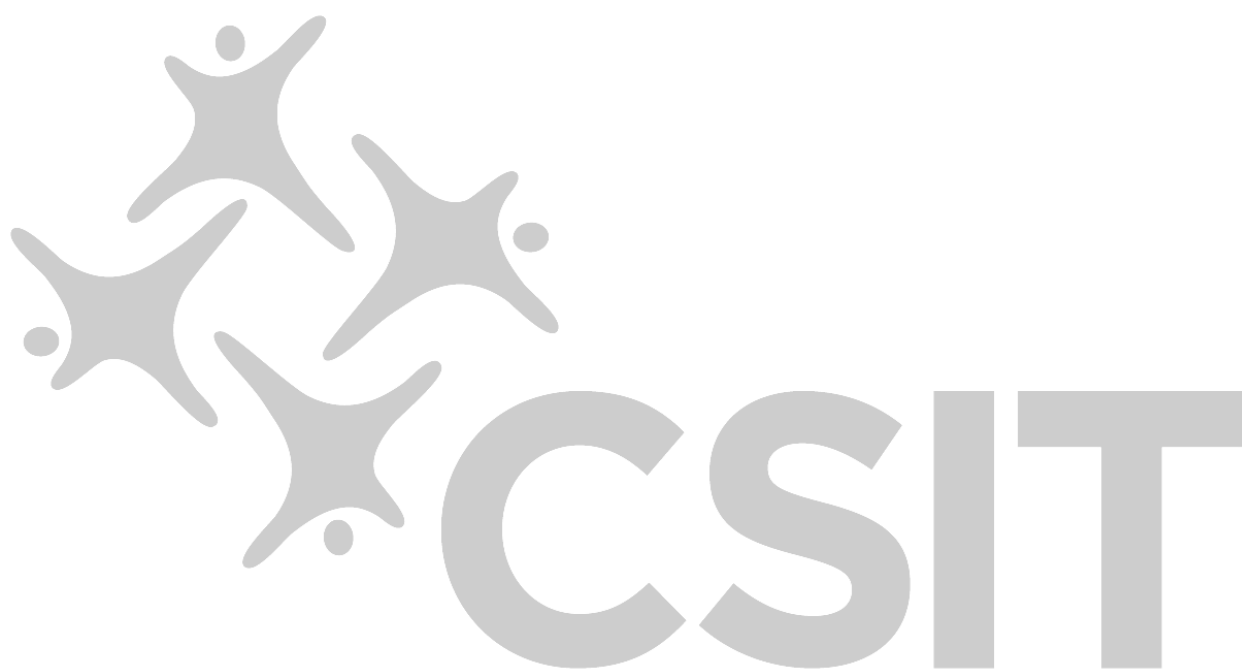
- 1) *The higher number of match points*
- 2) *The higher ratio of points (division of all points scored by all points lost) in the matches against all the teams of the pool .*

8. REFEREEING

The organiser has to provide referees and scorers for all the matches during the Championship. Each Union can participate with a referee, but it is not an obligation. The Organiser and the Unions have the responsibility to prepare all the referees suitably to the tournament in order to assure that the Rules of the Game are applied as much as possible in a homogeneous way .

During the semi-finals and finals, there must be 2 referees in each game .

Score sheet: the Technical Commission will provide to the organiser a file of the official CSIT Beach volleyball score sheet, which has to be used during the Championship.



9. ADDITIONAL POINTS

9.1. Official balls

The organiser has to provide official balls in sufficient number for the matches and for the warm up of the teams: 5 balls on each court .

The official ball for CSIT Beach Volleyball competitions is the ball **MIKASA VLS 300** . If the organiser wants to provide another model or brand, this has to be approved by the Technical Commission.

9.2. Fair play

CSIT championships are organised according the principals of Fair Play. During CSIT Championships athletes, persons and teams can be awarded for acts of Fair Play. Fair Play regulations can be found in the current version of the CSIT Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations Chapter 5.

9.3. Appeal committee

The Appeal Committee is composed of:

- The Chairman of the Technical Commission
- The Beach volleyball Secretary of the Technical Commission
- A delegate among the participating Unions (such member shall not participate in the appeals in which his own Union would be involved).

This Committee has the aim to gather the different claims or appeals and take decisions when necessary.

The claim or appeal must be sent by e-mail to the Chairman and the Secretary of the Technical Commission in one of the two official languages of CSIT (English and French) at least 3 hours after the end of the concerned match .

For more details: See the General Regulations of Technical Commissions and Championships - Chapter 4 .

9.4. Prolonged interruptions/stopped match

Should any unexpected situation and/or unfavourable or dangerous weather conditions modify the usual accepted playing conditions , the 1st referee can decide to suspend the current match . The Competition Director together with the CSIT Representative decides of the duration of the interruption or of the possible suspension of the competition

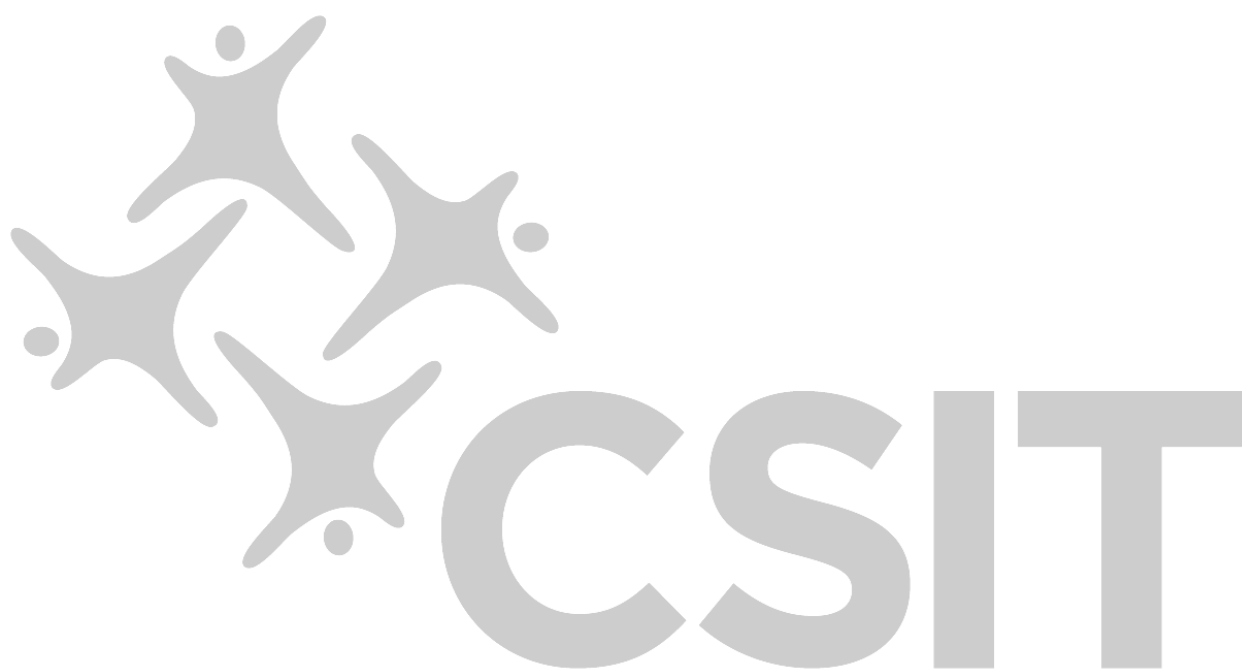
9.5. Organizing committee

The organiser has to provide for each Championship a Competition Director, a Referee Manager and all the necessary volunteers . A check list with the minimum organising requirements will be provided by the Technical Commission.

9.6. Awards

The teams classified to the 1st , 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded with gold, silver and bronze medals . The winning team will be awarded with a Cup of Champion .

See detailed information in the General Regulations of the Technical Commissions and Championships.



10. TECHNICAL COMMISSION MEETINGS

- The Technical Commission chairman or secretary is in charge of convening a meeting of the commission before and at the end of the championship. A summon containing the date and agenda will be sent to all Unions at least three (3) months ahead of schedule. The chairman, the secretary, Unions representatives, heads of delegation participate. Referees, coaches of participant Unions, members of the organising committee are invited.
- A preparation and information meeting is organised before the championships under the responsibility of the chairman (and/or Technical Committee secretary and head of the organising committee from the organising Union) to inform all delegations of the planning of the championship, to appoint referees to matches, to bring clarifications to regulations if necessary ... to make the event a success.
- The purpose of the meeting after the championships is to evaluate the championship, to proceed with the modifications of the present regulations if necessary, to prepare future events (planning of next championships) and elections, to take into account the reports on the CSIT congress.
- Once every 4 years (the year of the CSIT electing congress), the chairman and the secretary of the Technical Commission are elected during the last meeting before the congress. The chairman or secretary must send with the convocation to the meeting a call for candidatures for both functions (at least three (3) months before the meeting). The election follows championship and Technical Committee general regulations

11. REGISTRATION/FUNDING

11.1. Registration delay

- Provisional registration: at least four (4) months before the championship Starts.
- Final registration: at least two (2) months before the championship starts.
- Final registration must include the list of all delegation members (first name - last name - birth date - gender - function)

11.2. Covering charges

- Unions pay for all travelling cost to the city where the championship is organised (round way).
- The organizer Union shall take charge of the following issues:
 - Transportation of delegations from the airport or train station to the hotel on the day of arrival and departure
 - Local transportation during the stay depending on the program (between hotels and sport facilities in particular)
 - Full board accommodation (e.g. double room, breakfast, 2 meals a day)
- Every participant Union shall pay a registration fee as determined at the latest CSIT Congress to the organising Union for each member of the delegation.
- By the time of issuing of the provisional application forms, the organizer Union can collect an advance payment of 50% of the total amount to be paid by the participating Union, the remaining amount being paid at the time of the permanent registration or on the day of arrival, final deadline.

11.3. Cancellation policy

- CSIT has a cancellation policy. This cancellation policy covers the payments at preliminary and final registration and the refund payments by cancellation of a participating party or by the host of the championship.
- The article in detail can be found in Chapter 4. under I of the Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations.

12. ORGANISATION/PREPARATION

12.1 Organising committee

The organising committee by the host is in charge of the preparation and organisation of the championship. The CSIT Technical Commission and a representative of the organising committee are in charge of the management of the championship during its duration. See Chapter 4 under E of the Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations.

12.2. Invitations

The organising committee sends championships invitations to every CSIT Union (and partners), company sports organisations and guests etc. at least nine (9) months before the start of the championship. Invitations must include this

Information:

- Participation;
- Sporting activities, social and cultural program;
- Referees needed;
- Boarding facilities;
- Arrival and departure accommodations;

If possible, general program.

Detailed information can be found in Chapter 4 under D of the Technical Commissions and Championships General Regulations.

12.3. Preparation

Depending on the situation and with the CSIT Sports Director's authorization, a member of the Technical Commission (chairman or secretary) can visit the location where the championship is organised, at least three (3) months before it starts, to settle with the organising Union planning and preparation of the championship. Travelling expense can be covered under certain conditions by the funds awarded to the Volleyball Technical Commission by the CSIT.

12.4. Report

Within seven (7) days after the Championships the secretary of the Technical Commission will send the results of the Basketball Championship to the Sports Director and office of CSIT. No later than one (1) month after the end of the championship, the Technical Commission secretary must send a report about the championships and all the sport results plus the minutes of the TC meetings to the members of the Basketball Technical Commission, to the Unions, to the Sports