

### Volleyball Championship Formula

**The mixed volleyball championship, known as the Accenture Volley Cup, will involve the participation of 13 teams divided up into three 3-team brackets (BRACKET A1, BRACKET A2, BRACKET A3) and one 4-team bracket (BRACKET A4).**

In the first round, each team will go up against all the other teams in its bracket in one-way games. The length of each game will consist of 3 sets of 25 points each, with a 5-minute break between each set.

In the group round, the ranking table for each individual bracket is drawn up according to the following scores:

- 3 points for each game won 2-0 (i.e. 2 sets to 0 sets),
- 2 points for each game won 2-1,
- 1 point for each game lost 1-2,
- 0 points for each game lost 0-2.

In the event of tied scores in the ranking table, the order will be established as follows:

- a. number of games won,
- b. set ratio (sets won / sets lost),
- c. point difference (points scored - points conceded),
- d. highest number of sets won,
- e. highest number of points scored,
- f. teams drawn at random.

At the end of the group round, the teams that classify at the top of each bracket, along with the team in second place in the 4-team bracket, will go straight to the quarter-finals of the championship.

The teams that come in second and third in the 3-team brackets will then go up against each other, crossing over, in three knockout games for the preliminary round, according to the following format:

Game PREX= 2nd from A1 vs. 3rd from A2

Game PREY= 2nd from A2 vs. 3rd from A3

Game PREZ= 2nd from A3 vs. 3rd from A1

One meritocratic ranking table will be drawn up for the teams in first place in the 3-team brackets, and another for those in second place in the 3-team brackets; the meritocratic ranking table will take the following factors into account, in order of importance:

- a. number of games played in the bracket,
- b. final position in the bracket,
- c. points scored,
- d. number of games won,



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- e. best point difference (points scored - points conceded),
- f. highest number of sets won,
- g. highest number of points scored,
- h. teams drawn at random.

The meritocratic ranking will result in the following ranking, which will establish the subsequent team pairings:

B1 [first-place team from the 4-team bracket];

M1, S1, P1 [M1 best first-place team from the 3-team brackets, ... , P1 worst first-place team from the 3-team brackets];

B2 [second-place team from the 4-team bracket];

M2, S2, P2 [M2 best second-place team from the 3-team brackets, ... , P2 worst second-place team from the 3-team brackets];

For the subsequent quarter-final round, M2, S2 and P2 will be replaced and defined according to the winning teams from the preliminary rounds; the ranking will only be used in order to establish the team pairings.

The team pairings for the 4 games valid for the quarter-finals will be established as follows:

Game QRT1: B1 vs. P2 or their opponent (*winner of* PREX or PREY or PREZ)

Game QRT2: M1 vs. S2 or their opponent (*winner of* PREX or PREY or PREZ)

Game QRT3: S1 vs. M2 or their opponent (*winner of* PREX or PREY or PREZ)

Game QRT4: P1 vs. B2

The teams that get through the quarter-finals will reach the semi-finals of the championship:

Game SEM1: *winner of* QRT1 vs. *winner of* QRT4

Game SEM2: *winner of* QRT2 vs. *winner of* QRT3

The teams that get through the semi-finals will go head-to-head in the final game, which will decide the winning team of the Politecnico di Milano Championship - Student Winter Cup 2021 of the 6-on-6 Volleyball tournament.

There will be **NO** match to decide 3rd and 4th place in the final.