

“Vecaku Beach Fest 2019”
Riga Open Youth Championship, Latvian Youth Beach Volleyball
Championship 1st PART

Organizer - association “Šmēdi” in cooperation with Ltd. “O-Sands”.

Aim - to promote beach volleyball as a life style and offer equally qualitative tournament for professionals as well as newcomers. We strive to create an unforgettable event that will prove beach volleyball to be more than just ball throwing.

We aim to start a new tradition where particular emphasis will be placed on the Youth Championship encouraging them to stay faithful to beach volleyball. Youth is our future therefore we aspire to create a yearly event that will be awaited.

Time and Place – 5th to 8th of June 2019, Vecaki beach (beach volleyball stadium near the rescue station), Riga, Latvia.

5th of June U-13 U-17

8.00 – 8.45	Registration
9.00 – 10.00	Qualification games
10.00 – 10.15	Opening of the championship
10.30 – 18.00	Main Draw
18.15	Award ceremony

6th of June U-15 U-19

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9.00 – 10.00	Qualification games
10.00 – 10.15	Opening of the championship
10.30 – 18.00	Main Draw
18.15	Award ceremony
19:30	Stars’ game Plavins/Tocs vs Samoilovs/Smedins

Participants - Young people from all over Latvia and other countries can participate in the tournament according to the following age groups:

U-13 (birth year 2007 and younger)

U-15 (birth year 2005 and younger)

U-17 (birth year 2003 and younger)

U-19 (birth year 2001 and younger)

Participation Order - 32 teams will participate in the Main Draw if more teams apply, qualification games will take place. Main Draw is made of 20 teams according to the Latvian Volleyball Federation's youth rating plus qualification tournament 8 teams and 4 Wild Cards allocated by organizers.

Qualification - Teams are ranked according to the youth rating of Latvian Volleyball Federation. In case of equal points Drawing of Lots will be done. Qualification is played in a Single Elimination format.

Main Draw - is played through a Preliminary Round of 8 pools of 4 teams each. From the Preliminary Round the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked teams from each pool will be advancing to the Final Phase Single Elimination format.

‘The Cup of Hope’ - the teams that had not qualified or did not advance in Preliminary Round (4th rank) will be offered a separate tournament that will start immediately with exclusion games.

Refereeing – upon conditioned FIVB guidelines. The guidelines will be announced at the meeting before the tournament. Referees are appointed by the organizers.

Application and Registration – Application form will be announced on www.osands.lv and opened one week prior the tournament, from 27th to 31st of May 2019. Participants should be appointed by the Municipality, sports school or coach, these parties take responsibility for the athlete's arrival on the tournament.

Registration takes place on the day of the tournament in the secretariat.

Awards - winners will receive sponsors' awards, medals and diplomas.

Financial conditions – FREE OF CHARGE

Medical Provision - Each participant confirms their responsibility for their health condition. Organizers might request the participants a medical certificate. The organizers guarantee medical delegate’s or doctor’s presence for first aid.

Contact information - additional information about the tournament can be received by sending an e-mail to info@o-sands.lv or on the webpage www.osands.lv.

GDPR – by applying to the tournaments you agree that your data will be collected and stored according to the requirements of the EU legislation. By staying at the beach volleyball courts you are aware and agree that you can be filmed and photographed, these materials can be used in marketing purposes.

Disputed Situations – the situations that are not mentioned in this regulation, are treated according the Latvian Volleyball Federation youth championship regulations, any other issues not mentioned here are decided by organizers.